

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny is feeling better, and will be in the office this Saturday, January 29 from 9:00am -noon.



We are currently experiencing problems with our automated answering and voicemail systems for the phones at the church. Therefore, if you call after hours, the phone will ring but you will not get the answering message and cannot leave a message. We are in the process of looking at options as our current system cannot be fixed. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. Please call the office between 9am-3pm or send an email if you need something.



From the Pastor's Heart...

Our family took the down time this week-end to put together a 550 piece puzzle. We started on Thursday evening and finished up Sunday afternoon. We didn't do it all at one time. Instead, when someone felt the desire to work on it, they spent time at the table working. They would work a while and then take a break. Sometimes one person would work and at times all four of us were working. We

laughed and helped each other with the sections we were working on. Now I won't say there weren't times of tension. The tension was brought on by the fact that there appeared to be pieces of the puzzle missing. I can't think of anything more frustrating than attempting to complete a puzzle, only to feel as if a piece, a main piece, is missing. This was a feeling we experienced a couple time during the process.

Experiencing the frustration allowed me to think about the people in the world who are going through life not having Christ in their lives. Not having Christ living in your heart does not mean life will not be good. There are plenty of people living good and happy lives without claiming to be Christ followers. You can still live life without Christ. Those pieces of puzzle we thought were missing were not causing us to not continue working on the puzzle. We could still have fun and work.

However, there would have come a point where not having the puzzle pieces would have affected the outcome. The puzzle would have never been completed and we would have never really finished what we started. For the Christian, living on this earth is just working on the puzzle of life. One day, the ultimate goal is to live with Christ in Heaven. When we are no longer on the earth, our goal is to hear Christ say, "well done thy good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23) Or, as we hear read at funeral services, Paul says to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7-8) Completion, just like when working a puzzle, is about working until the end. But we can't do that if a piece is missing. Living eternally with Christ is the ultimate goal for all of us. However, that cannot happen if a piece is missing. That piece is having Christ living in our hearts. Without accepting Christ as our Savior, we do not have that one piece that assures us eternal life.

If you have not accepted Christ, you can do it today. All you have to do is pray, ask God to forgive you and to live in your heart. Thankfully we found the missing pieces to complete our puzzle. I pray you have Christ in your life so when that day comes, you will not be missing the key piece to eternal life. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings..
Johnny

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards

Music Director • Risa Poniro

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Share the Sonshine is an outreach ministry. We can all be a part of this ministry by praying for these individuals, sending cards or making phone calls.

Person of the Week for Jan 23-29

Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607

Person of the Week for Jan 30 – Feb 5

Anne Barden – Suite 330
Oak Hill Assist. Living
9767 NC 210 North
Angier, NC 27501

Deacon for this week: 1/23 Ellen Collins

Deacon for next week: 1/30 Sue Edwards

Properties for February: Randy Walker

*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Be sure to tune-in and join us for our virtual worship service on Sundays at 11:00am. We can worship together in spirit if we all make the effort to view the video at the same time. Once it is "ONLINE" it can be viewed anywhere, anytime by anyone who has access to the internet. Spread the word! Every effort is being made to provide a CVBC weekly worship experience to encourage you in these times. Past sermons and choir specials can be viewed here as well. The video can be found on our website at <https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/>.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Sandi Robinson
Jean Glosson
Walt Switzer
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
Charlotte Phelps (Jean's friend)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail
Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we are unable to meet weekly for Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible study, please keep in touch with Pastor Johnny and/or your Deacon about any concerns you may have. If you want to be added to the prayer list, you may call or email the church office directly.



In light of recent Covid concerns, all services will be suspended for the remainder of January. This includes Sunday School, Worship, Wednesday Night Prayer, Choir practice, and the Hope Pantry. The office will remain open for normal hours. The situation will be reevaluated at the end of the month.

