

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 14, 2022

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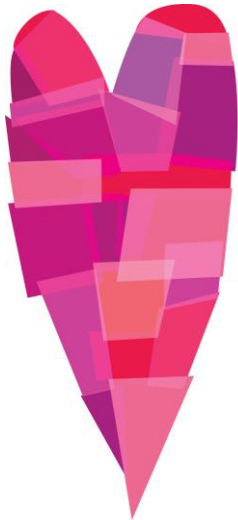
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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny will be in the office this week on Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:00-7:30pm.



I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

Tune in weekly for our Virtual Worship Service which is released by 11am on Sunday

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/> You can also find current and past sermons on Youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards

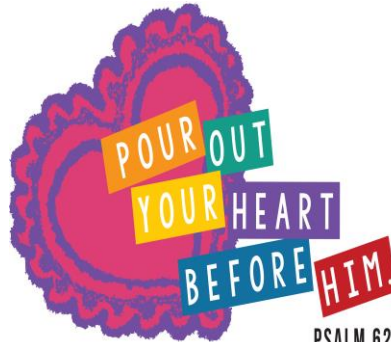
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From the Pastor's Heart...

As you know, during this month I am focusing my Sunday and Wednesday messages on the church. Specifically, the seven churches written about in the book of Revelation. Jesus wanted the churches to be encouraged, yet be challenged. It is important to feel you are doing what you should do, but more important to be challenged to do what you are capable of doing.

In my newsletter article for the next few weeks I want to share some of the things the church should be doing, and I honestly believe they are also things we can be doing better. The first thing the church should be about doing is simply worshiping. But what is the definition of worship? Webster's dictionary defines worship as: "to honor or show reverence for as a divine being or supernatural power; to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor or devotion".

When it comes to worship, there really is no way we can show God truly how wonderful and great He is. The only way we can do it is to worship Him. So, if worship is showing reverence for and to God, how do we do it adequately? How do we do it in a way that pleases Him? I think the Bible gives us clear direction in how to worship God. In John 4:23, Jesus is talking to the samaritan woman when he says, "true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." That is a pretty clear guideline of how to worship God. We need to worship in the Spirit and in truth." But what does that mean?

Sam Storms writes in the The Gospel Coalition, and in his article, he says "it has to originate from within, from the heart; it must be sincere, motivated by our love for God and gratitude for all He is and has done. It (worship) cannot be mechanical or formalistic." This is what Jesus is telling the woman at the well. Worship is not about a place. It is about our hearts and what is inside. When we understand what Jesus means to us and how much he cares for us, it should cause us to naturally, more like a natural reaction, humbly and sincerely worship Him. It's not about great singing, as much as I like great singing. It's not about good preaching, though I hope the preaching is good. It is about why we sing and why we preach and teach. These things should be done out of a natural appreciation of who God is to each of us.

When we think of worshiping God, each individual should worship Him, each day. When each individual does their part to worship God, it will naturally become a corporate reaction to worship. It will not be about where and when but about the desire to truly show God how much we love Him. My prayer for the church is for us to truly worship God each day, so our Sundays will be a culmination of week-long worship. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings, Johnny



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 Feb 13 - 19

Catherine Mullins
4505 Woodbury Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612
(Catherine's 91st birthday is Feb 14th)



Next Deacons meeting:
Sunday, February 20th at 2:30pm

Deacon for this week: 2/13 Keith Harris
Deacon for next week: 2/20 Gene Sherwood

Properties for February: Randy Walker



Sermon Series for February

Each church has its reasons to celebrate and some things to work on. The churches mentioned in the Bible were no different. During the month of February, we will be looking at four of the churches mentioned in the book of Revelation. My prayer is that God will help us be reminded of reasons to celebrate, but also help us see some things we need to work on to be the church God would have us be. Here are the upcoming sermon topics for this month:

February 6: The Church at Ephesus
Revelation 2:1-7

February 13: The Church at Smyrna
Revelation 2:8-11

February 20: The Church at Pergamum
Revelation 2:12-17

February 27: The Church at Thyatira
Revelation 2:18-29

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Jo Haag – under Hospice Care
Sandi Robinson
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
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex
Jean Glosson – Brian Center in Clayton

OTHER:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we are not meeting 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.



Wednesday Night Bible Study update

We are currently not meeting for our Adult Bible study and prayer time on Wednesday night. However, the Bible studies will be recorded and posted on our church website. We are looking at four of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation on Sunday mornings. During February, our pastor will be looking at the other three for the Wednesday Bible study. These should be posted each week by Thursday. Be on the lookout for the reminder!



We extend our sympathies to the family of Mrs. Johnnie Grubbs, she passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at the age of 93. Johnnie and her husband, Bill were charter members of CVBC. A funeral was held Monday February 14 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to either SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (or) Cool Waters Springs Baptist Church, 1850 Asbury Church Rd, Sanford, NC 27330.