

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 21, 2022

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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 Saturday, from 9am until noon.



Sunday School will resume Sunday, March 6th

At the Deacons meeting last Sunday, it was decided that we will begin having Sunday School again starting March 6th, at 9:45am. At this time, we are going to hold off on resuming our Wednesday evening Prayer meeting and Bible study until the next Deacons meeting in March. Until then, the Bible studies will continue to be recorded and posted on our church website. These should be posted each week by Thursday. Be on the lookout for the reminder!

Tune in weekly for our Virtual Worship Service at 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

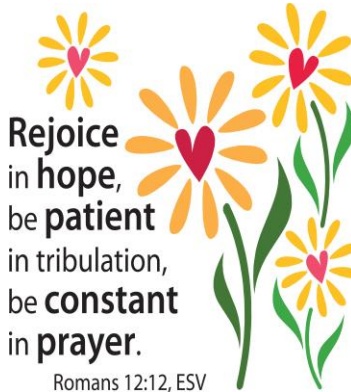
Music Director • Risa Poniros

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Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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From the Pastor's Heart...

In last week's article, I began talking about some of the things the church should be doing. These are things we are presently doing, but also things we might be able to do better. Last week I talked about how the church should be a church that worships, both as individuals and also as a corporate body. I truly believe if each individual will worship Christ throughout the week, then we will come more ready to worship as a church family on Sunday and Wednesdays.

Another thing I believe the church should be about doing is praying. Praying is something most of us were taught as a child. Whether it was saying our night time prayers, or saying the blessing at the meal table, or just praying to God when we were hurting. Praying is one of the foundational parts of the Christian life. Without prayer, we are taking away communication from our relationship with God. If we do not communicate with God, while He may know our hearts already, we will not be able to actively pursue a stronger and closer relationship with Him.

Some people may feel that prayer is just us talking to God. We share with Him our needs and our wants. We pray for people who are hurting and need Him to be a part of their lives. However, prayer is more than just talking to God. Prayer is also us listening for Him to speak to us. Prayer is a two-way street. We must talk to Him, but we also need to listen to Him. God may have something very important to share with us and if we do all the talking, we will never be able to hear His voice.

If prayer is so important in the Christian life, why do some people fail to pray? It may be because they don't believe God will answer their prayers. God, in His word, promises us that He will answer our prayers. In Psalm 91:15, David writes, "*He shall call upon me (God) and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.*" God promises to answer our prayers. The answers we receive may not be what we want to hear. When we want a "yes", God may know we need a "no". When we ask for a door to open, God may know the door must close so another one will open for us. God knows what is best and will answer our prayers according to His will.

Knowing this about prayer, and the importance of prayer makes it a vital part of the church if we are to be what God would have us to be. Without prayer, especially for one another, we are like those who are stuck on an island, all alone and with no hope. However, as long as we have people praying for us, and praying with us, God can do whatever He so desires. I encourage you to pray for others and pray for your pastor. I know this pastor will pray for you. 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 20-26

Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607

Deacon for this week: 2/20 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 2/27 Ben Best

Properties for March: Gene Sherwood



- 3/14 Carolyn Altman
8109 Marvin Lane
Apt 303 27613
- 3/16 Walt Switzer
201 Waterford Park Lane 27615
- 3/17 Ellen Collins
225 Brandon Ct 27609
- 3/24 Carolina & Jimmy Harris
4113 Weaver Dr 27612
- 3/25 Dee Bullock
7543 Wellesley Park South 27615
- 3/27 Anne Jenkins - Room 132
Morningside of Raleigh
801 Dixie Trail 27607

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

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
(cards can be sent to Jean's home address)

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.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Jo Haag, who passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Jo and her husband, Tom, were longtime members of CVBC. Family members include Randy and Cheryl (daughter) Walker; grandchildren Brian Walker and his wife, Hannah; Ashley Walker Humphries and her husband, Tyler. There will be a service at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church on Saturday, February 26 at 11:00am, with visitation at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to CVBC.

We also express our condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver for the loss of Jim's daughter, Jamie Kathleen Rusnak, of Baytown, Texas, who was born in Durham, NC. She passed away on February 19, 2022.