

# 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 will be in the office this week on Saturday, February 12 from 9:00am -noon.



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

### Church office information:

**Interim Pastor** • Rev. Johnny Richards

**Music Director** • Risa Poniros

**Secretary** • Peggy Utley

**Youth Director** • Anna Clark

**Website updates/maintenance**

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## From the Pastor's Heart...

One question some have asked me as I have pastored churches is "are you a New Testament or Old Testament preacher?" Well, the answer to that question depends. I have never thought much about it because I just preach from the passage or passages I feel God is laying on my heart to preach. I truly believe God has messages for us, His people, throughout the Bible. Some come from the Old Testament and some from the New Testament.

It would be like asking me if I am a warm weather preacher or cold weather preacher. Both have good parts about them.

I believe God gave us the whole Bible for a reason. Some things we need to learn are pointed out in the Old Testament and some are pointed out in the New Testament. However, they are all from God. He knows what we need to hear and He knows what can encourage us to continue living for Him on a daily basis. Today, I want to remind you of something from both. I was reminded of this lesson as I walked outside this past week. Our weather is a roller coaster. Some days the temperature is in the 20s and some days in the 60s. One day I was walking with a heavy jacket and the next day my son was skateboarding wearing a t-shirt. North Carolina weather is interesting.

Such is life. One day we are doing well, the next, not so good. One day we are celebrating, the next, we are looking for someone to cry with. This type of "roller coaster" ride in life should not take any of us by surprise. In the Old Testament, the well-known and often read passage of scripture in Ecclesiastes tells us all about it. In case you have forgotten, it begins with "There is a time for everything" (NIV), or "to everything there is a season" (KJV). Either way, it simply means each part of life has a meaning and a purpose. There is a verse in this chapter that rarely gets read. Read the words from 3:12. "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live." The writer, as most feel is Solomon, had the wisdom to know everyone is happier when things are going well. People smile more. People laugh more. Spirits are higher and better when things are going well. However, we know it is not always that way. Thus, the Old Testament lesson.

So, what can we do when things change so much? How do we handle the ebb and flow of life? Here is the New Testament lesson, found in Hebrews 13:8. Paul reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Life is a roller coaster ride, Old Testament. Jesus Christ never changes, and we need to lean on Him to keep strong and moving on, New Testament lesson. So, am I an Old Testament preacher or a New Testament preacher? The answer is yes. 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 6 - 12**

Bonnie Wright  
The Reserve at Mills Farm  
2000 Mills Chase Loop – Villa A  
Apex, NC 27523

#### **Person of the Week for Feb 13 - 19**

Catherine Mullins  
4505 Woodbury Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
(Catherine's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is Feb 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Deacon for this week:** 2/6 Barbara Goodson

**Deacon for next week:** 2/13 Keith Harris

**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  
Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro  
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex  
Jean Glosson – Rex Rehab

### **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 as we continue to practice safety measures until the COVID numbers go down.

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!

If you are involved with the children and youth programs, please contact Cheryl or Anna as to their schedules. Please continue to pray that the numbers of cases go down, our friends stay healthy and we can once again return to Sunday School and Wednesday night activities.