

# 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 5 from 9:00am -noon.



Rejoice  
in hope,  
be patient  
in tribulation,  
be constant  
in prayer.

Romans 12:12, ESV

## —STAYING— CONNECTED

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

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### From the Pastor's Heart...

This past week, there were several days when I sat at my hospice desk thinking about the future. I don't normally do this, but this week I did. I thought about the fact that I am in my fifth year with my current hospice company. I thought about the fact that I am no longer in "full-time" ministry, after being a full-time minister in some

capacity since 1985. I also thought about the fact that I am 58 years old and have less than 10 years to go before I can retire, hopefully. No, this is not an article meant to be sad and looking at the end of life. Actually, it is just the opposite. I thought about these things with a very grateful heart. God has blessed me in many ways.

However, what I want to do is evaluate and ask God what He wants me to do from this point in my life. Unlike being 18 or 19, the things I can do in life have been limited with age (or my demographic). But God can still use me in some very special ways, if I am open to His leadership. That is what I was thinking at my desk. I want to make sure I am staying open to God's leading in my life. As a church, we too should want to stay open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Maybe this is a time when you sit, pray and ask God for His guidance.

I think it is really important to consistently ask God for His direction and for His vision, both as individuals and as a corporate body. In Isaiah 30:21 the prophet says, "whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'this is the way; walk in it.'" God always wants to direct us in the direction He wants and needs us to go. Whether we are living in the middle of God's will, or whether we have strayed away from Him, God is still wanting to lead us. In Isaiah 30, the people had decided to try things their own way and seek their own direction instead of trusting God. He pretty much told them how he felt through the prophet. But still, His mercy and grace was showing as He shared with them that He would lead them, if they would listen.

I want to listen. We all should be willing to listen to the leadership of God. We need to ask God what He wants from us when it comes to our worship services, our ministries with the Welcome House, our attempts to show Christ to our neighbors or the children and young people that come on Wednesday evenings. Whatever we do, we must ask God, "what is your will for us?" He wants to lead us and guide us in doing things His way, because He knows what is best. Are we listening? Better yet, are we willing to listen? 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 Jan 30 – Feb 5**

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

#### **Person of the Week for Feb 6 - 12**

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

**Deacon for this week:** 1/30 Sue Edwards

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

**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

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

#### HOSPITAL:

Jean Glosson – Rex (had surgery Mon afternoon)

#### 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.



### Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**We will be worshipping in person this Sunday!**

After taking a couple of Sundays to pause our indoor worship, we will once again meet in the sanctuary for worship on February 6<sup>th</sup>. **If you do not feel comfortable attending please know we understand and encourage you to watch the live stream of our service on Youtube.** We are still having some Covid cases popping up, so there are a couple adjustments that will be made just to practice social distancing. First, we will only be having morning worship at 11:00am. There will **not** be Sunday School or a choir. Masks are not required, but are encouraged. For **Wednesday nights**, we will **not** be having adult Bible study, prayer time or choir rehearsal at this time. 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.