

# 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 Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-7:30pm.



This Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day set aside for Christians to focus their hearts on repentance and prayer. As we begin to focus our minds and hearts on the things that took place leading up to Easter, I encourage you to take time on this day to meditate and pray and make sure our hearts are clean before God.

## —STAYING— CONNECTED

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.

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## From the Pastor's Heart...

Over the past two weeks I have talked about two things that I believe are important for the church to do if we are going to be the church God has called us to be. One is to be a church that worships in spirit and truth. The other is to be a church that prays and speaks to God and allows God to speak to us. Prayer is indeed a two-way street.

This week, I want to mention the third and final thing the church must be and that is a church that serves. There are two groups of people the church must serve in order to be serving God. The first group is the *church family*. Serving those who are a part of the church is a way of showing we care about one another. The church, with God as our heavenly father, is brothers and sisters in Christ. With that in mind, it should help us understand the importance of encouraging and loving one another as we do our own family.

One of the important functions of the church is to encourage each other in what we do. Cards, phone calls and visits are ways we can encourage one another. For some folks, Sunday and Wednesday may be the only times they hear words of encouragement. There are times I am saddened by how little the world encourages each other. We, as the church, must take on the "mind of Christ" as we serve the church family.

Another group of people we are to serve are *those outside the church walls*. Those who do not attend our church fellowship are also creations of God. He loves them and because He does, we need to do our best to minister to them and show them the love of God. It really doesn't say much to the world if we are only loving and ministering to those inside the walls of the church. It is easy to do that. The hard part, and the part that the world will see most, is when we reach beyond the walls and show Christ to those who are hurting.

There is a hymn I used to sing in my father's church that talks about caring for others. Let the words fall on your heart as you read them. *I look around in the place where I live, and I see people with so much to give, Yet, there are those who are dying to know, just that somebody cares; People lost in darkness, searching for the way, But, do you know of someone, that you can help today? Oh! Do you really care? Do you know how to share with people everywhere, do you really care?*

It really is true. Whether we are talking about people inside the church or people outside the church, they will know we care when we share Christ to them through our words and actions. Serving is about loving. God wants us to be a church that serves to show His love. What is our answer to Him? 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](mailto: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 Feb 27- Mar 5**

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

**Deacon for this week:** 2/27 Ben Best

**Deacon for next week:** 3/6 Ellen Collins

**Properties for March:** Gene Sherwood



### **Sunday School will resume Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited to share that this Sunday, March 6, we will once again gather for Sunday School at 9:45am! It will be good to get back with one another for this special time of Bible study. However, we will **not** be gathering in-person on Wednesday evenings for prayer time and Bible study. We are hoping to do this in April. We will still have our Wednesday night Bible study, but it will be recorded and posted on the website. We have a Daily Lenten Bible Reading available at the church for pickup, or we can mail it to you upon request. This Wednesday we will begin preparing our hearts and minds for Easter. There was a lot that took place in the 40 days before Easter. Make plans to tune in as the pastor helps us journey the road to the cross and the empty tomb.

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Studies for March (to be recorded and posted on website)**

#### **March 2: (John 3:22-36)**

Recognizing Your Purpose with Christ

#### **March 9: (John 6:32-33)**

Believe in What You Have Seen

#### **March 16: (John 6:53-66)**

Understand Following Jesus is Hard

#### **March 23: (John 7:16-18)**

Learning from the Master

#### **March 30: (John 19:28)**

Seven Last Words of Christ: Thirst

### **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.



#### **Sunday Morning Worship Focus for March:**

March 6: Seven Last Words of Christ: Forgiveness  
(Luke 23:34)

March 13: Seven Last Words of Christ: Salvation  
(Luke 23:43)

March 20: Seven Last Words of Christ: Relationship  
(John 19:26-27)

March 27: Seven Last Words of Christ: Abandonment  
(Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)



#### **Sunday, March 13**

Crabtree Café and Business Meeting  
Café menu to be announced soon!