

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 14, 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 Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-7:30pm.

Easter OFFERING

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our church goal: \$600.00

If you have these envelopes in your boxed set, you may use them. If not, just note on your check Easter offering. We will receive this offering through the end of April.

—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.

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

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

For God
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in him
should not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3:16

From the Pastor's Heart...

Salvation. The process of asking Jesus to come and live in our hearts (my definition). Salvation: preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss. (Dictionary definition) As I read and re-read our passage of scripture for this past Sunday, each time it amazed me that the thief on the cross was able to be saved at the very last second of his life. He did not have to talk to a preacher, though he did have to ask Jesus to not forget him. He did not have to attend church, or go to Bible study, or do any of the things other people may have told him he needed to do to "gain" salvation.

While it is true he did not have to do any of those things, the fact is, we have the opportunity to do those things in order to help us grow in our relationship with God. I am glad the thief made the decision to ask Jesus to help him enter into paradise. But I am a little sorry that he did not get to experience any of the things we get to experience in our relationship with Christ. As I think back over the years of my life, I can remember some great experiences.

I think of homecoming services complete with "dinner on the grounds". It was great seeing friends who are living in different areas coming back to church to laugh and fellowship together. I think of Revival services. Hearing a visiting preacher share about the love of God and how we can make our relationship with God what it needs to be was exciting. I think of Sunday school and Discipleship training (Training Union) where we would pray for friends and family and study God's word. There are so many things I am thankful to God for the opportunity to experience.

While I am a little sad the thief did not get the chance to experience any of these things, I am amazed at the grace of God to allow salvation at the last second of the man's life. He was on the cross, about to die at any minute, when he decided to take a step of faith and cry out to Christ (in a weak voice) and Christ answered his prayer. What Christ did should not really surprise any of us. We all have experienced that "last minute" salvation. You may wonder what I mean. After all, I accepted Christ at the age of 9. I am now 58 so my salvation was not last minute. Or was it? Was I promised my next breath? No. Was I sure I would be alive at the end of that day? No. So, in a way, I had, and we have all had, a last-minute salvation experience. None of us are promised our next breath. "None of us are guaranteed tomorrow". We have heard this time and again. However, the thief on the cross proved that we need to take advantage of the time we have to enjoy a relationship with Christ. 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 Mar 13-19

Catherine Mullins
4505 Woodbury Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612

Deacon for this week: 3/13 Sue Edwards

Deacon for next week: 3/20 Barbara Goodson

Properties for March: Gene Sherwood



There was a lot that took place in the 40 days before Easter. Make plans to watch the weekly recorded Wednesday night Bible studies as we journey the road to the cross and the empty tomb.

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship Focus for March:

March 20: (John 19:26-27)

Seven Last Words of Christ: Relationship

March 27: (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

Seven Last Words of Christ: Abandonment



**Next Deacons Meeting
Sunday, March 20 at 12:15pm**

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Jean Glosson
Donnie Haag (Cheryl's brother)
Brittany Allen
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

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.



Business Meeting Highlights

The following items were voted on and approved:

- To resume the 5th Sunday Benevolent Offering collection. Next 5th Sunday offering will be May 29.
- To collect for the Church World Services Hygiene Kits (collection dates to be announced).
- Church van to be used to assist to transport Welcome House refugee families to various trainings. It will only be used when number of people is too many to fit in cars. Insurance was checked and approved.
- Welcome House is BUSY! Septic tank has been replaced. Afghan refugees and potential for Ukrainian refugees.

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