

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 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, March 26 from 9:00am- 12:00pm.

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

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From the Pastor's Heart...

Relationships. All of us have had relationships with other people. Husbands and wives; children and parents; boyfriends and girlfriends; friends. Relationships are an important part of a person's life. Without relationships, we don't have support, and love and care. These are the important parts of life. The very first part of the word tells us the purpose of relationships is to relate to other people.

"Relation" is from the Latin word, *relationem*. It means "to bring back, or restore." When you add the suffix "ship" to it the meaning becomes "to connect". When we have a relationship with someone we are connecting with that person in some way. Maybe it is through a friendly relationship or a loving relationship. Relationships help us connect with other people. Such was the case in our word for this past Sunday. "Relationship" was something that was important to Christ. He wants us all to have a relationship, to connect with one another. He wants us to find that support, encouragement and strength we need to make it through another by having that relationship. He also wants us to have a relationship with Him, our creator and our Lord. That relationship is far more important than any earthly relationship we can experience.

Sometimes the relationships we have with others is even more important than we thought. While you might have been doing something for someone because you felt the need to do so, the person truly came to love you and appreciate you and lean upon you for their strength. This was the case with Jesus' mother and as we learned on Sunday, the most important thing for Jesus was to make sure his mother was taken care of after He was gone. Isn't that just like Jesus, caring for others more than Himself? I love what Jesus said to John and His mother. To John he said, "this is your mother." In other words, take care of her. Make sure she does ok. Love her and help her when she needs help. Sometimes we don't think we need help when we really do. Jesus wanted John to make sure she was cared for. He was to relate to her as a son.

To Mary, "this is your son." In other words, allow him to care for you. Jesus knew His mother was going to need to be cared for, but He also knew she would probably not want to be cared for. Most adults are like this. We are independent. We don't want people caring for us. Jesus knew she would feel this way. For this reason he pointed out that this was her son, from this point on. John would be caring for her and she was to allow that to happen. John and Mary's relationship changed at the foot of the cross.

Relationships are important and needed. Our relationship with Christ is the most important relationship of all. Until next week...

Peace and Blessing...

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 20-26

Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607

Deacon for this week: 3/20 Barbara Goodson

Deacon for next week: 3/27 Keith Harris

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

Seven Last Words of Christ: Abandonment



As part of our Easter season we will be having these special services. We hope you will put these on your calendar and make plans to join us as we remember Christ's death on the cross.

Good Friday Service

on Friday, April 15th at 7:00pm.

Sunrise Service

6:30am Sunday, April 17th
at the Raleigh Memorial Park

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.



Anna Clark, our youth director, has experienced some significant losses during the past few weeks. Due to storm damage to her and her daughter's home, a lot of things they owned had to be thrown away. She is now in the process of trying to replace those items. Our deacons have asked the church to help them with this process. If you would like to make a donation to help her, you can bring a check to give to the benevolent fund. Any amount will help. If you would like to help with staple items for their kitchen, you can purchase a gift card from Harris-Teeter or Food Lion and put it in a card. Monetary donations can be made on Sunday (just note benevolent on your check/envelope) gift cards can be dropped in the offering plate or at the church office. Thanks so much!

Bridal Shower



The ladies of the Faith Sunday School Class will hold a bridal shower for Peninah Brown on Saturday, April 2nd from 2:00-4:00pm. All the ladies of the church are invited. Peninah has requested that instead of gifts, please make a donation to CVBC in her name.