

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.



Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving time begins

*Remember to move your clocks forward
on Saturday night!*

—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



From the Pastor's Heart...

Another journey is beginning. Last November, I talked about us taking a journey to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Christ. We took part in advent Sundays as we lit candles and talked about hope, peace, joy and love. Each Sunday we were able to focus on one word that would allow us to experience Christ's birth as a time of celebration as we gave thanks to God for the gift of his Son to the world.

Now we are preparing our hearts for another gift of God. This time, we are looking at the gift of God's Son, not as a baby, but as the perfect, sacrificial lamb that died upon the cross for our sins. He was buried in a borrowed tomb and rose again three days later. We are journeying and our destination is the empty tomb. Just as we did for Christmas, each Sunday we are going to take time to focus on a word that can help prepare our minds and hearts for that special and life changing day. While the words are different, the reason behind the words are the same. I hope you will join with us during worship as we focus on the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

We have already begun the journey as we looked at the first word this past Sunday. Sunday, we looked at Luke 23:34 as Jesus said to His Father; "forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." Forgiveness isn't something to be taken lightly. There were a lot of people making wrong choices when Jesus was crucified. However, we need to understand that Christ showed us the greatest example of forgiveness when He was able to forgive so many people for so many mistakes.

I can't think of the word forgiveness without thinking of the passage in Matthew when Jesus is talking about forgiveness and Peter asked Him, "how many times should I forgive my brother and sister? Up to seven times?" Peter was willing to go the extra mile to forgive someone seven times. But Jesus knew forgiveness is more than just words, but an attitude of the heart. Jesus told Peter he was to forgive them, "seventy times seven." That's an image of no limit. We should always forgive those who hurt us, if they ask for forgiveness. But that's hard. Forgiveness is hard. It is a lot easier to do harm. But Jesus is about love and forgiveness. His life and His words were about forgiveness. He challenges us to be about forgiveness.

This Sunday we will be looking at the second word from the cross and that is from Luke 23:43. The word we will be looking at is the word "salvation". This is the reason Jesus went to the cross and we are going to talk about how salvation is always available. As long as we have breath, we have the hope and opportunity for salvation. I hope you will join us as we continue our journey to the cross and empty tomb. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings... Johnny

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



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 6-12

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

Deacon for this week: 3/6 Ellen Collins

Deacon for next week: 3/13 Sue Edwards

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 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



Announcing...

Sunday, March 13

Crabtree Café & Business Meeting

Café menu: Chicken, Broccoli, Rice casserole
Green beans and Almonds, Fruit compote
Bread, and Assorted Desserts

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 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)



Dear Crabtree Baptist Church friends,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the kindness, sympathy and condolences shown us due to the loss of our daughter, Jamie Kathleen Weaver Rusnak. It is very consoling to know that we have friends who have been so concerned with our needs and well being during this time of grief. We could never express the appreciation that you all deserve.

Thank you again, Jim and Lynda. Weaver