

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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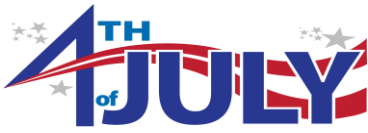
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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny's office hours will be Saturday, July 2 from 9am - noon. He is also available on Wednesday evening after Bible study if needed. You can also contact him by sending a text or calling 919-691-1701, or e-mail to jkrich6@hotmail.com.



The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th.

The office will also be closed the week of July 11, except for Wed morning, for the Pantry.

—STAYING— CONNECTED

If you're unable to attend our Worship services, you can watch the weekly Virtual Worship Service on Sundays at 11am.

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org>

Church office information:

Interim Pastor •

Rev. Johnny Richards

Music Director • Risa Poniros

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Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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Be devoted to one
another in love.

Romans 12:10, NIV



From the Pastor's Heart...

As I continue looking at words that can help us grow in our relationship with God, this week the letter is "D" and the word is "devotion". Being devoted to God means that we put His will and His desire above our own wishes. In our world today, more than ever, the Christian is under the microscope in all we say and do. Just this past week, events have taken place that cause, not just our own country, but the world to judge how Christians view others.

In Matthew 22:37-38 we read the words of Christ that tell us what devotion should look like for the Christian. Jesus said; **"love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."** True, Jesus goes on to talk about how we are to love others. However, to be perfectly honest, if we don't love God with all of our heart, loving others the way we should is going to be difficult, if not impossible. So how do we know if we are being devoted to God and loving Him the way we should? I believe there are two times in our lives when we need to make sure we are doing what God calls us to do instead of doing what we, or others, say we should do. I believe events this past week have shown we, as a country, struggle in these two areas.

The first time we need to be devoted to God is when **we are alone**. This is probably the most difficult time to be devoted to God because we feel no one knows what we are doing. True, while others may not be able to see us, or watch us, we do need to understand God knows our hearts and minds and knows what we are up to. Knowing we are watched, whether working at our jobs, or working in school, easily motivates us to do what we are supposed to do. No one wants to get caught being lazy or not working. If we understand God is always with us, not in a judging way but in a loving way, it should motivate us to think and act in ways that put Him first in our lives, even when we are alone.

Another time we need to make sure we are devoted to God is when we **see others who need us to help them**. Christ taught a lot about serving others and making sure we share Christ with those around us. Honestly, as I write this article, I struggle with this part because of events that have taken place this week. I think decisions have been made to both help and harm others. I think we need to do a lot of praying about what God would have us do to help our friends, and even those who we do not call friend. I think we need to work on this area as Christians.

Being devoted to God, and loving Him with all we have, can draw us closer to Him. Let's make sure we are living for Him and not for ourselves or others. Until next week..

Peace and Blessings..
Johnny



Person of the Week for

June 26 - July 2

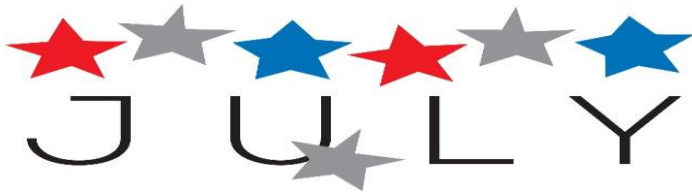
Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607

Deacon for this week: 6/26 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 7/3 Ben Best

Next Deacons meeting: Sun, July 17

Properties for July: Ben Best



Upcoming Sermons

July 3: The Freedoms in Battle

Text: John 8:36

July 10: More Than A Symbol

Communion

Text: Luke 22:1-6; 20-22; 31-34

July 17: You Can Have God's Best

Text: John 3:16

July 24: There Can Be No Doubt

Text: John 7:25-41

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Every sports team has those people who go to the games and cheer their teams on, hoping the outcome will be a win. As long as wins take place, the fans are happy. But what happens when a team loses? For the most part, fans get upset and either want players to be taken off the team or a coach fired. As Christians, we all want things to go the way we wish. As long as they do, we consider ourselves fans of God. But what happens when things don't go our way? For some, we might question if God is real or if He really loves us. In our Wednesday evening studies in July, we are going to look at what it means to be more than a fan. Being a follower of God is more than just being a fan of God. Being a follower takes commitment. *Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for this important study.*

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

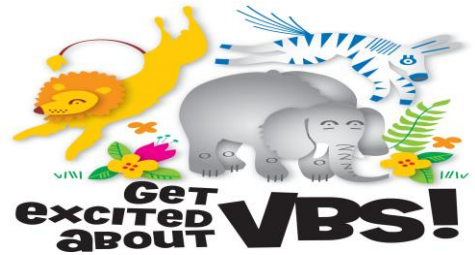
Frances Viano
Darrell Jenkins
Jean Glosson
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams – having eye surgery on Tues.
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
Charlotte Phelps (Jean's friend)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail
Betsy Shaw – Sunrise of Raleigh on Edwards Mill Rd.

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



Vacation Bible School and Science Camp
Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8pm

STARTS WEDNESDAY!

We will meet weekly for 5 weeks.
June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20 and July 27
Please see Cheryl Walker if you would like to volunteer for any or all nights!



Mark your calendars for Friday, July 15
The Young Hearts are going to Pam's Farmhouse Restaurant at 5111 Western Blvd for lunch. Meet there at 11:30am, or if you plan to ride the van, meet at the church at 11:00am. Please sign up in the lobby.