

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

July 18, 2022

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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 23 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.



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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

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

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From the Pastor's Heart...

As we continue our journey through the alphabet, finding words that encourage us in our relationship with God and others, we come to the letter "G". This week, the letter "G" stands for giving. If we are to grow in our relationship with God, we must be willing to give back to God. No, this isn't an article all about giving our tithes and offerings, though that is part of it. However, this is an article about giving back to God what He has given to us.

In 1 Corinthians 4:2, Paul writes, "*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*" In the NKJV these are the words; "*moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*" The idea behind this verse is that we have been blessed by God with what He has given to us and we need to make sure we are being good stewards of those gifts. Being a good steward means "*utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.*" (Wikipedia) A part of that stewardship is in giving back to God a portion of that which He gives to us. I believe there are basically three areas in our lives where God blesses us and we need to make sure we give back to Him out of these areas.

First, we need to give back to God our **time**. Each of us has been given 24 hours a day. How we are able to use this time depends upon where we are in life. The point in giving back time to God is not about what we do, but why we do it. It is about the attitude with which we use the time. Are we grateful for the time He gives us and use it in a way that pleases Him, or are we using the time we have angry, upset or causing harm to others? All of us need to make sure we are giving back quality time to God.

Another area we need to give to God is our **talents**. We all have gifts and skills we can use to serve God. There are no greater or better gifts when it comes to serving Him. It really comes down to understanding how He has gifted us and then using those gifts to encourage others and glorify God. We all have gifts and abilities and we should use them to give back to God.

Finally, I do want to say we are all commanded to give from our **finances** to God. We are called to give our tithes and offerings. By doing this, we are showing God that we are thankful for how He blesses us and we are also recognizing He is the true giver of all we have.

Growing as a Christian is not all about us, but about God and recognizing His faithfulness to us. Giving to Him draws us closer to Him and helps us realize what He means to us. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings...

Johnny



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for July 17-23

Betsy Shaw - Room 219
Sunrise of Raleigh
4801 Edwards Mill Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27612

Deacon of the week: 7/17 Sue Edwards

Deacon of the week: 7/24 Barbara Goodson

Properties for July: Ben Best

Prayer Concerns:

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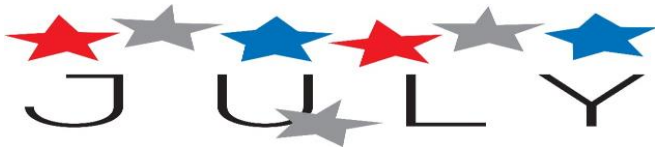
Frances Viano
Darrell Jenkins
Jean Glosson
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
Charlotte Phelps (Jean's friend)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

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

OTHER:

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



July 24: There Can Be No Doubt

Text: John 7:25-41

July 31

Guest Speaker: Keith Vaughn
5th Sunday Benevolent Offering



Last week activities were cancelled due to several COVID cases. We will resume regular activities this week. Wednesday evening we will have VBS (5:30pm) and Bible study (6:30pm), and on Sunday we will have Sunday school and morning worship. Please come if you are able.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

This week we continue our Wednesday evening studies looking at what it means to be a follower of God, not just a fan of God. Being a follower takes commitment. ***Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm for this important study.***



We are running low on these Pantry items:

Green beans
Garden Peas
Potatoes (canned and instant)
Soup
Chicken
Spam
Vienna sausages
Peanut butter
Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce (have plenty of noodles)
Rice
Cereal
Grits
Hygiene items: Soap, Toothpaste/brush