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PA:

Pastor Johnny will be on vacation this weekend so he will not have his Saturday office hours. If you need to speak with him, he is available by phone at 919-691-1701. You can also meet with him after Wednesday evening Bible study if needed.

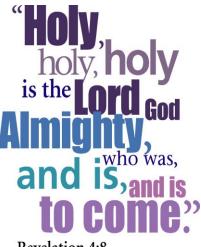


The office will be closed Thursday, August 11 through Monday, August 15.

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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 Website updates/maintenance webmaster@crabtreevallevbaptist.org



From the Pastor's Heart...

This week's letter of encouragement and growth is the letter "H". The letter "H" stands for **holy**. If we are going to be the Christians and followers Christ calls us to be, we must be holy. This may sound a little bit impossible since we know that God is holy. Are we called to be like God? In a way, yes.

I think we need to break down the two "holies". First, the holiness of God is much different than our calling of being holy. The holiness of God is a level of holy no one will ever come close to understanding, much less

Revelation 4:8 reaching. When we think of God, we think of the one who is like no other. He created the world and all we have in it. We think of the word "perfect". We think of someone who can do anything He wants to do at any time. That is God's holiness. We are not called to God's level of holiness. There is no one like God. However, there is an area where our holiness should be like God's.

In the book of Leviticus, chapter 19 and verse 2, God gives Moses the following message to be shared with the Israelites as he is building His relationship with them. Here are his words to Moses. "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, are holy." This is the command for the people of Israel and for us as well. They were to be holy. We are to be holy. Why? Because God is holy. The one thing that is the same about the holiness we are commanded live out is the idea of being different, or set apart.

As we think of God, we know there is, and never will be, anyone like Him. He is not like any other man or being. For us, we need to be different from the world around us. The people of Israel needed to live a different type of life than the neighboring communities around them. If others were going to recognize them as God's people, they were going to need to be more like God and less like others. This is how we are to be holy like God. We are to be different than those who are non-believers. So how do we do this?

The first, and most important part of being holy is to have a relationship with God. We can't be like God if we do not have a personal relationship with Him. Next, we have to work to keep in contact and relationship with God, as we have discussed in earlier articles. Staying in relationship with God is hard, given the world we live in. If we find ourselves living according to the world's standards, we will find ourselves falling short of living up to God's standards. We must keep our eyes on Christ and follow His leading. If we do, others will see we are different, and God will see that we are holy. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings... Johnny





SHARE THE SONSHINE Person of the Week for July 24-30 Anne Jenkins 801 Dixie Trail Room 132 Raleigh, NC 27607

Deacon of the week: 7/24 Keith Harris **Deacon of the week:** 7/31 Barbara Goodson

Properties for August: Randy Walker



Our pastor will be on vacation next weekend (July 30-31). In his absence, Rev. Keith Vaughn will be with us. Keith has been with us before and we welcome him back. Please be in prayer for Keith as he prepares to share with us what God is laying on his heart to say.



July 31 5th Sunday Benevolent Offering Please come prepared to give, remember to write Benevolent on your check and/or envelope.

Prayer Concerns: HOME

Frances Viano Darrell Jenkins Jean Glosson

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 Rm 249 **OTHER:**

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



We are running low on these Pantry items: Green beans, Garden Peas Potatoes (canned and instant) Soup Chicken (have plenty of tuna) Peanut butter, Jelly Spaghetti Sauce (have plenty of noodles) Rice Cereal, Grits Hygiene items: Soap, Toothpaste/brush



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.