

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

July 5, 2022

Please mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622

Church location: 4408 Lead Mine Rd Raleigh, NC 27612 Phone: (919) 781-5345

Email: [cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org) Website: [www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org](http://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

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

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny's office hours will be Saturday, July 9 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](mailto:jkrich6@hotmail.com).



The office will be closed the week of July 11, except for Wed morning, for the Pantry.  
No newsletter next week.

## —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

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

[webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)



## From the Pastor's Heart...

We continue to look at words of encouragement that can help us draw closer to God as we look at the letter "E" and the word is **encourage**. You may wonder how the word encourage can help us grow in our relationship with God? When we encourage each other we do, what I believe, is one of the most important things to show Christ and that is to lift one another up. Those who are hurting and those who are struggling need to be

encouraged to keep on going. Paul said it best when he said in Hebrews 10: 24-25; *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

The many times I have preached on these two passages of scripture, I mainly focus on helping others who, as I mentioned, are hurting or struggling. However, as I read this passage today, I think it could also talk about making sure we do not become complacent as a church. It's not as much about becoming complacent in attending church, as Paul points out, but my prayer would be we do not become complacent in being the church. How do we show Christ to a world that is moving away from Him?

In trying to keep up with the modern society, I will read social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook. Needless to say, those who comment about things taking place in the world today are not commenting in a positive way about the church. Most of the conversations are about how the church is the cause of all that is taking place, which I strongly disagree with. Some even go as far as to say the events of the world show another reason why there is no God, which I also strongly disagree with. I even feel that if not for the love and compassion of God, the world would be in a much worse spot, but that's for another discussion.

I do feel, however, and am concerned that we can get to the point of taking what we do have for granted. The fellowship of the church, the times of Bible study and prayer and the opportunities to be the church family can be overlooked. This is not just about on Sundays and Wednesdays. Encouraging others and appreciating what we get to enjoy is something that needs to be done every day of the week. When we see each other in passing, we should make sure things are going ok. Families need to make sure family members are doing ok, and help if there is need. Encouragement is more than a command for the church. It is a command for friends and family as well. When we practice encouragement, we are showing Christ through our words and deeds, which is what we are supposed to be doing. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings...

Johnny



## SHARE THE SONSHINE

### Person of the Week for July 3 - 9

Anne Barden – Suite 330  
Oak Hill Assist. Living  
9767 NC 210 North  
Angier, NC 27501

### Person of the Week for July 10-16

Catherine Mullins  
4505 Woodbury Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27612

**Deacon of the week:** 7/3 Ben Best

**Deacon of the week:** 7/10 Ellen Collins

**Deacon of the week:** 7/17 Sue Edwards

*Next Deacons meeting: Sun, July 17*

**Properties for July:** Ben Best



## Upcoming Sermons

**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

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.*



Greetings Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued generous support of the Church World Services hygiene kit ministry. Your gifts will be used to provide help and support to God's children in crisis. Thank you for your witness and your partnership as we love our neighbors.

Blessings, David Mallory, CWS Kit Coordinator

## 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



## Sign up to join us 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.



John Hagler passed away Saturday evening, July 2, 2022. Mr. Hagler is the father of Kathy Richards, and father-in-law of Pastor Johnny. We express our sympathy to Mrs. Willa Dean Hagler, his wife of 58 years; to Johnny and Kathy, and to all the family upon his passing. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 from 1-2 pm at Mitchell Funeral Home. Funeral Services, officiated by his son-in-law, Rev. Johnny Richards, will be held at 2 pm in the funeral home chapel, with interment to follow at Raleigh Memorial Park. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed. To send cards to Willa Dean, this is her address: 502 Vick Ave, Ral 27612  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/john-hagler-10816540>

Carolyn McClendon passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022. Carolyn was the former Director of the Raleigh Welcome House ministry, and had been fighting cancer for an extended time. A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday, July 10 at Millbrook Baptist Church at 2:00 pm.