

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

August 22, 2022

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

### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny's office hours this week will be Saturday, Aug 27, 9:00am till noon. 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.



### REMINDER

There will be a Called Business meeting this Sunday, August 28 immediately following worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the nominees for next year's church leadership roster provided by the Nomination Committee.

### —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

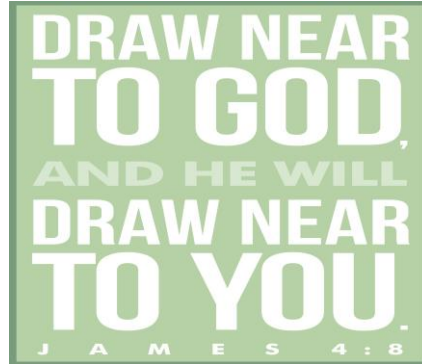
Music Director • Risa Poniro

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### From the Pastor's Heart...

This week I want to talk about the letter "L" and the word that goes with this letter is longing. If we want to live a life that would please Christ, and draw us closer to him, we have to **long** to want to be close to him. So, what does this word long mean to us as Christians? When we long for something it means that we have a deep desire that something will happen. This is not the same as

us hoping something will happen. When we hope something happens, we basically feel that it can, but we also wish that it does. The main difference between hoping and longing is when we long for something to happen, we might attempt to make sure it does.

With this definition in mind, what are some reasons we should long for our relationship with God to go deeper? I found an article titled **13 Amazing Benefits of Drawing Near to God.** This article simply gives 13 reasons we should long for God. I would encourage you to read it since I am only sharing three of the reasons.

One reason is because God wants to be closer to us and this happens when we draw closer to Him. James 4:8 says "draw near to God and He will draw near to you." It is a simple fact that the closer we get to someone, they get closer to us. Now for people, this can be a little tricky because there are some people who push away when others want to get closer to them. But not God. His desire is for us to be near to Him. So, we should long to draw closer to Him so He can draw closer to us.

Another reason to draw closer to God is so we can hear him in a clearer voice. John 10:4 says "...and his sheep follow Him because they know His voice." There are a lot of voices we hear each day on the radio, on the news and on the internet. Sometimes the voices can be so loud that we fail to hear the voice of God as He tries to lead and guide us. When we draw closer to God, we will be able to hear His voice more clearly so we can follow Him.

A final reason we should long to draw closer to God is so He can give us the strength we need to follow Him. Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." We are not able to do the things God wants us and needs us to do on our own. We have weaknesses. Paul shared this with the church at Philippi. He wanted them to know we need God to help us and we can find that strength as we grow closer to Him.

Let me ask you today, do you hope to draw closer to God or do you long to draw closer to Him? Drawing near to God is so beneficial, but we have to long for it and make the effort for it to happen. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings...

Johnny

## Weekly Church Calendar

### EACH SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
2:00-5:00pm Point Church (Filipino)

### EACH WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open  
6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups  
6:30pm Bible study & Prayer meeting  
6:30pm Point Church (Filipino)

### EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

### SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

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

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier  
Betsy Shaw – Sunrise of Raleigh on Edwards Mill Rd.  
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary

**HOSPITAL:** Anne Jenkins - Rex

### OTHER:

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



**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

### Person of the Week for August 21-27

Anne Jenkins  
801 Dixie Trail Room 132  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**Deacon of the week:** 8/21 Ellen Collins

**Deacon of the week:** 8/28 Sue Edwards

**Properties for September:** Gene Sherwood



### **Relief for Today, Hope for Tomorrow.**

We will receive the NC State Missions offering through the end of September. All the money collected for this offering goes to support local and state missions. There are envelopes in the narthex and in your envelope boxes. Please note "Missions" on your check.



We will be having our Quarterly Church business meeting on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, after church along with our Crabtree Café. More information about the meal to be announced.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Raleigh Baptist Association Baptist Day of Service**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022 ~ 9am- 12pm**

There are 5 host churches with service projects planned for this day, with several projects at each church. Most will be helping to sort and bag food and other items for distribution.

- Piney Grove Bapt Ch, 3217 Piney Grove Wilbon Rd, Fuquay Varina,
- Rolesville Baptist Church, 203 E. Young St, Rolesville
- Trinity Baptist Church, 4815 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh
- Wendell Baptist Church, 3651 Wendell Blvd, Wendell
- Woodhaven Bapt Ch, 4000 Kildaire Farm Road, Apex

### **Raleigh Baptist Association Fall Senior Adult Rally**

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

***The Secrets to Effective Prayer: led by Dr. Ed Rose of Central Baptist Church*** There is so much about prayer that can be a mystery. In our time together, we will deepen our understanding of prayer, learn the secrets of effective prayer, and be equipped to be on mission with God through prayer. ***Music and Entertainment: Rev. Pepper Choplin*** Pepper is well-known as a composer, conductor and humorist, he moves audiences with his powerful ballads and his hilarious humor. Deadline for registration is Sun, Sept 18. Cost is \$15 for lunch and program, payable at the door.

**More information on both of these events is available on the lobby table and on their website: <https://www.raleighbaptists.org/>**