

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

August 29, 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, Sept 3, 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.



### QUARTERLY Meeting

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.

### —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 Ponios

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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*"For all those who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
and those who  
humble themselves  
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14, NIV

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

This week's letter of focus is the letter "M" and it stands for **mirror**. I'm not talking about mirror as a noun. What I am talking about is to mirror something. As Christians, if we are going to grow closer to Christ and allow others to see Christ in us, we must mirror Him. Paul said it best when he wrote to the church at Philippi in Philippians 2:5-11. I encourage you to read all of the verses, but

today, I want to focus on just one verse and that is verse 5. Paul writes: **"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."** What is Paul telling the church? Paul is saying that our dealings with other people should mirror the way Jesus dealt with people. But how was Jesus able to do this, other than obviously being Jesus? There are a few things He did that we can do to make sure we are mirroring Jesus to those around us.

One thing Jesus did was to make sure He viewed everyone on the same level. These are the words in verse 5: *"who being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage."* Jesus had every right to see Himself as being above others. After all, He was God, in the form of His son. He did not have to do what He did. However, He did so others could see that example and mirror it in their own lives. So, what does it look like to put yourself on the level of others?

Well that's the next thing He did, which is mentioned in verse 7. "Jesus made Himself nothing". As great as Jesus was, He allowed Himself to become nothing. That's sounds strange because Jesus, in the form of God, was everything. There was nothing He was not. But in order for Him to show us what humility looked like, so we could mirror it, He had to become nothing. The lowest form of a human was a servant, and that is what he became. (V:7) He humbled Himself so we could relate to Him. (V:8)

The final thing He allowed us to see Him do so we could mirror Him was He became obedient. (V:8) Though He was equal with God, He obeyed God, all the way to the cross. Obedience can take on a negative look, if we allow it. Servanthood can take on a negative image, if we allow it. If we mirror Christ, humility and servanthood are images that are positive and not negative. Servanthood and humility are all about taking our focus off of ourselves and placing them on others, through the power of Christ. We can't do this on our own, but we can do it through the power of Christ. Jesus did it to obey His Father. We should do it to obey our heavenly Father. Mirroring Christ is a way to show others who we truly follow. It also allows us to draw closer in our relationship with Him. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings...Johnny

Please note the church office will be closed Monday, Sept 5 for Labor Day

## 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



### SHARE THE SONSHINE

#### Person of the Week Aug 28- Sept 3

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

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

**Deacon of the week:** 9/4 Gene Sherwood

**Properties for September:** Gene Sherwood



Several events are being offered by the RBA in September.

**Saturday, Sept 17 ~ 9am-12pm**  
A “Day of Service” needs volunteers.

**Thursday, Sept 29 ~ 10am thru lunch**  
Fall Senior Adult Rally

Deadline for registration is Sun, Sept 18. Cost is \$15 for lunch and program, payable at the door.

**Information on these events are available on the lobby table and their website: [www.raleighbaptists.org/](http://www.raleighbaptists.org/)**



**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 3:00-6pm**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

Come out for some fun and food, and get to know our Filipino ministry partners!

This event is being hosted by the Point Filipino Church in hopes of connecting with other Filipino families and friends in the Triangle.

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Iva Snyder (having surgery Fri, 9/2 for kidney stones)  
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

### OTHER:

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



We extend our sympathies to the family of Mrs. Anne Jenkins. Anne passed away Friday, August 26. She was a member of Crabtree Valley Baptist for 47 years. A funeral service was held Monday, August 29 at 2:00 pm at the church. Memorials may be made to CVBC, PO Box 30954 Raleigh, NC 27622



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| 9/6  | David Jenkins<br>8109 North Creek Run 27613 |
| 9/9  | Cheryl Jones<br>700 Benchmark Dr 27615      |
| 9/12 | Virginia Dixon<br>2732 Cottage Circle 27613 |
| 9/13 | Randy Walker<br>4700 Theys Rd 27606         |
| 9/24 | David Cromartie<br>1120 Blenheim Dr 27612   |
| 9/26 | Risa Poniros<br>107 Gary St 27606           |