

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

September 12, 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 17, 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.



#### Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following worship. Business meeting, Crabtree Café and Deacons meeting. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Caesar Salad, Heavenly Fruit Salad, Dessert and drinks.

### —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

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*"If you obey my voice and  
keep my covenant,*



*you shall be my  
treasured possession  
out of all the peoples."*

Exodus 19:5, NRSV

and we are His followers. He is the one who leads us and guides us, not the other way around.

Everyone reading this probably knows the story of Moses' reluctant obedience to God in Exodus 3. His agreement to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt is the story we know. However, within that story are times when Moses needed to practice obedience on a smaller scale. For example, when Moses approached the burning bush, God told him to take off his sandals because he was on holy ground. Moses did. When speaking of leading the people, God told him Aaron would go with him and Moses agreed. These aren't big obedience's, but they are a part of the bigger picture of obedience. In order to obey God in big things, we need to obey God in smaller things.

Maybe God is speaking to you about encouraging someone. Maybe God is speaking to you about doing something for the church. Maybe God is speaking to you about singing in the choir or teaching Sunday school. Maybe God is wanting you to do something that does not seem that big, but He is still wanting you to do it. Obedience is always something that grows our relationship with God.

Why is obeying God so hard? I believe it is because we don't want to be told what to do. It's hard for us to have someone say to us "do this" or "do that", without it causing a negative feeling to swell up inside of us. But don't we do this every day in our jobs? If you have a job, you probably have a boss who tells you what to do each day. If you are married, there are probably times in your relationship when your spouse needs to tell you what you need to do that day. We all have times when someone, or some people, need to tell us what to do, and that may be part of the problem. I believe, when we are not working, we want to have "our" time. In other words, we want to have a time when we do what we want to do. No one telling us what to do.

That is fine as long as we understand we need to be obedient to Christ in everything we do. There is no time card, there are no certain work hours. Being obedient to Christ is a 24 hour/7 day a week life of living. For some, if not most, that is hard to understand and even harder to practice. In our relationship with God, "me" time should always be seen as "we" time. God is always with us and He may want us to do something when we have not scheduled it. We must be willing to be obedient, if we want to grow in Christ. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings,  
Johnny

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

We continue this week looking at words we need to act on if we are going to grow closer to God. This week, the letter is "O" and the word I want to talk about is the word "obedience". I guess if there is one thing we need to make sure we practice in our walk with God it's obedience. It is in practicing this word that we understand where we are in our relationship with God. We are His children

## 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

### EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

### SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters



*SHARE THE SONSHINE*

### Person of the Week for Sept 11-17

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

**Deacon of the week:** 9/11 Barbara Best

**Deacon of the week:** 9/18 Jean Glosson

**Properties for September:** Gene Sherwood



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

**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 presented by Rev. Pepper Choplin.** Pepper is well-known as a composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. His anthems consistently appear in the top seller lists of publishers and distributors since his choral music has sold several million copies.

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

More information is available on the lobby table and on their website: [www.raleighbaptists.org/](http://www.raleighbaptists.org/)

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Iva Snyder  
Frances Viano  
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



Everyone is invited to join us for Wednesday evening Bible study this Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our study this week looks at 2 Timothy 1:3-7 as we will be talking about conquering fear, when it comes to living for Christ. I hope you will come and study with us. --Pastor Johnny



**The Filipino Fiesta was postponed due the weather this past Saturday. This event has been rescheduled for October 15.**



**That All May  
Know Him**

**Relief for Today, Hope for Tomorrow**

**Received to date: \$50.00**

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 receive the North Carolina State Missions offering through the end of September.