

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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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, October 22, 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.



Wednesday, November 2

6:30-8:00pm

Children's Fall Festival

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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

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From the Pastor's Heart...

We have eight letters left as we continue looking at words that can bring us encouragement and draw us closer to God. Today's letter is "S". The word I want to talk about is the word **strong**. I want to encourage you today by letting you know you are stronger than you may actually think you are. If you are a follower of Christ, your strength is in Him. If you are not a follower, you have the strength to ask Jesus into your heart to become

one of His children. If we are going to be the Christians God wants us to be, we must understand that we have strength within us, even when we feel weak. But what is so important about understanding we have strength? I believe there are two areas of our lives where we need strength.

One area is in *living each day*. Hebrews 13:14-16 shares the fact that, even though we live in this world, it is not our ultimate home. As believers, we have a home that is being prepared for us in heaven. One day, we will live at our heavenly home. Until then, we must live in this world and for that to happen we have to be strong. This world can be a difficult place to live at times. While it is not easy, we do have the promise of knowing that we can, and do, have the strength we need from God. Read Isaiah 41:10 and find the assurance of the strength of God. We need to understand we have the strength to live in this world.

Another area we need to be strong in is in *our dealings with one another*. A part of living in this world is dealing with other people. Some people are much easier to deal with than others. However, we must deal with even those who are difficult. So how do we find the strength to deal with even those who are difficult? Jesus gave a lesson on how to do this in Luke 6:27-36. One verse in particular we have heard from childhood. Verse 31 says to "do to others as you would have them do to you." Is it really that simple? Well, yes and no. It is simple to want to treat people as we want them to treat us, but it is difficult in knowing not everyone will live by this rule. Some people will treat others harshly. They will do this even if we treat them the way we want to be treated. So, what's the point?

The point is as Christians, we should follow the teachings of Christ, which tell us to treat others in the way Christ would. Pray for our enemies and ask God to be with them, helping them to live in the way they should. We have the strength to do this. We have the strength to pray for our enemies, because we have the strength of God. Being strong is about knowing Christ and using that strength we have in God allows us to draw closer to Him. 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

EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 30

5th Sunday Benevolent offering

Wednesday, November 2

Children's Fall Festival

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Saving Time



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Oct 16-22

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

Deacon for this week: 10/16 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 10/23 Barbara Best

Properties for October: Whitt Stallings



October 30

5th Sunday Benevolent Offering

Please come prepared to give, remember to write Benevolent on your check and/or envelope.



October Sermon Series

October 23: Getting Just a Taste of God

Text: 1 Peter 2:1-3

October 30: A Stone of Your Choosing

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-8



We are running low on the following items:

Potatoes (canned and instant)
Soup (have plenty of chicken noodle)
Chicken (have plenty of tuna)
Spaghetti noodles
Rice (prefer small bags)
Boxes of cereal



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox deadline is Sunday, Nov 13th.

We will soon have boxes, labels and brochures with packing instructions available for pickup in the lobby, we're currently waiting for supplies.