

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 29, 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

—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

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



From the Pastor's Heart...

We are getting closer to the end of the alphabet as we continue focusing on words that can encourage us and draw us closer to God. This week's letter is the letter "T", and the word I want to talk about is the word "transform". In order for us to grow closer to God we must transform our minds. Read the words of Romans 12:2: **"do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."**

This is a very challenging verse for us in light of the society we live in today. When I was growing up, I remember my mother buying dress patterns at the store. She would pick out a pattern based on what she wanted the dress to look like. She would then lay out the pattern and follow the instructions. The pattern was very clear and she followed it.

There are many "patterns" that are being laid out for people to live by today. It doesn't take long to hear someone's opinion as how we should live, both inside the church walls and outside in the community. We hear folks say we should accept this group, or exclude this group. We should support this group or oppose that group. It seems we are told each and every day as to how we are live. That's fine to listen to, but as Christians, we must make sure we follow the pattern of Christ.

Jesus warns us about conforming to the patterns of the world. Conform is a word which means to behave in a way that is accepted by others standards. Mainly, the world's standards. Instead, Jesus says to transform our minds. We are to transform our minds, or be transformed by renewing our minds. But what is Paul talking about when he says we are to "transform" and renew our minds? Basically, Paul is saying in order to follow Christ and live closer to Him we must change from living for ourselves and turn to living for Christ. This involves how we think, how we act and how we talk to/with those around us.

So, what is the pattern we are to follow that would cause us to transform our minds? The example and perfect pattern is Christ himself. A verse that tells us exactly what the pattern should be is found in Matthew 25:40. Jesus is teaching a parable about thinking of others when he says, **"whatsoever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me."** Simply it is called seeing others through the eyes of Christ. Seeing people who need to be accepted and appreciated for who they are, not by the world's standards, but God's standards. God's pattern. When we focus on others as God's creations it helps us transform our minds off of us and onto God. This is not easy to do, but it is something we must do if we are going to draw closer to God. 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

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 23-29

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Deacon for this week: 10/23 Barbara Best

Deacon for next week: 10/30 Jean Glosson

Properties for November: Darrell Jenkins



11/6 Gene Sherwood
1300 Medfield Road 27607

11/25 Kathryn Nunery
2904 Mark Oak Court 27610

11/30 Bobby Hayes
1112 Shetland Court 27609

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



We are running low on the following items:

Potatoes (canned and instant)
Soup (have plenty of chicken noodle)
Canned meats (chicken, tuna)
Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce and 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 are currently waiting for labels/brochures, we have boxes.



October 30

5th Sunday Benevolent Offering

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