

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

October 3, 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, October 8, 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.



**Saturday, October 15th
from 3:00-6pm**

Everyone is Welcome!

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

— 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

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From the Pastor's Heart...

Our next letter of the alphabet is the letter "R". This letter stands for the word "real". If we are going to grow in our relationship with God, and have a positive impact on the world around us, we must be real and sincere. Being real is something that is pretty difficult to do. Now, saying we are real is something that is easily done. However, for the purpose of growing closer to Christ and having a positive impact on others, being real is more than just words. Todd Wilson, in his article "What Does It Mean to Be Real?", (Website is Desiring God) says "*when Christians are confused about what it means to be real, the spiritual decline of the church will follow.*" So, what does it mean for the Christian to be real? Is it something we need to say more, or is it something we need to do more?

One of the struggles faced by the church today is this idea of being real. For a lot of people, hearing the church say it is real is something that is hard to understand or believe. The church is seen as a group of people who say one thing, but yet do something else. So, I guess being real is about how others see us. Therefore, what is the key to being, and living real? I think Jesus told the disciples, and tells us as well, what being real means when he told the parable in Matthew 13:1-23. In the parable he talks about a farmer sowing seed on a field. Three different types of soil with three different results. One soil allows the seed to grow but yet get choked out. One soil has the seed just sitting on it and allows the birds to come and eat it. One soil, the only soil that is real, allows the seed to grow and produce a crop. Actually, it produced a lot of crop. What's the difference in Jesus' eyes? The difference is in hearing the word of God, allowing the word of God to penetrate our hearts, and then allowing the word that is in our hearts to cause us to live real lives that impact others and show them the love of God. When this happens, we will bear the fruit of the spirit. When this happens, others will see that we are not just saying we are real, but we are living lives that are real.

Being real is about sharing with others what we have inside our hearts and that is Christ. Being real is about being the hands and feet of Christ as we serve others and care for others. Being real is about being burdened for those who are hurting. While we may not be able to physically "fix" their struggles in life, we can at least pray that God will help them. Being real is about allowing those around us to see Jesus Christ in our actions. Being real is not just important for the future of the church. Being real is a necessity. Let us be real, so others will see Him and we will grow 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



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Oct 2-8

Catherine Mullins - Rm 316

Sunrise of Cary
1206 W. Chatham St
Cary, NC 27513

Deacon of the week: 10/2 Barbara Goodson

Deacon of the week: 10/9 Iva Snyder

Properties for October: Whitt Stallings



October Sermon Series

October 9: Christian Togetherness

Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25

October 16: How to Get Along With People

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

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

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



Office Hours

Please note that the church office will be closed Tuesday, October 4 through Tuesday, October 11. The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, October 5 from 9am-12pm if you need to come by the church for anything. There will not be a newsletter next week.



On January 1, 2023, I will be retiring from church ministry, and will complete my role as interim pastor of Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. Since 1985, God has allowed me to minister in just about all aspects of church work, and all across North Carolina. Now, 38 years later, I feel it is time to step back, care for myself and serve God in different ways. As I do, I want to thank Kathy and my family for journeying with me and supporting me through everything a pastor goes through. It is not an easy ride, but we have grown to appreciate a lot of people and have tried to love and accept in the way God has taught us. I could not have ministered this long without their love and support. I want to thank Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. I appreciate you calling me to serve as interim pastor, the last pastorate I plan to have in my journey. You allowed me to preach and minister in a way I have not done before, as an interim pastor. I will pray for your future as you pray for mine. Now, we still have a few months together so we need to work and allow God to lead and guide us in what we do. There will be time for good-byes and good wishes in the coming months.

May God bless you and be with you.
Pastor Johnny