

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 Sat, November 19, 9:00am till noon.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Everyone is invited to our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We will be joining our hearts and minds together as we pause to give thanks to God for all His blessings.

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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 are now down to four letters to focus on. The next letter I want to mention is the letter "W" and it stands for the word "watch". As Christians, if we are going to draw closer to God, and if we are going to encourage others, we need to make sure we are "watching" out for ourselves and making sure we are living lives that are pleasing to God.

The word watch in the scriptures talk about being alert. We have to make sure that we are constantly watching how we are living, seeing those living around us and being on alert so we are always living the way Christ would have us live. If we are not careful, then satan will try and tempt us and make us live in a way that is displeasing to God.

A scripture I would like to mention this week is found in Matthew 26:41. Jesus had talked to the disciples about how He was going to be arrested and He saw the need to go to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. He was really sad about what was going to happen and Jesus found himself at a point where he really needed to talk to His father. Before He went, He asked Peter, James and John to go with Him. He wanted them to go so they could keep watch for the soldiers who might come to arrest Him. While Jesus was praying, the disciples were tired so they fell asleep. They didn't fall asleep just once, they fell asleep twice. They were so tired they just could not keep watch when Jesus needed them. Jesus said to them, **"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."** Watching and praying are two things we all need to do to make sure we are doing what God would have us do.

So how do we watch? I think one of the most important parts of watching is the second thing Jesus asked His disciples to do and that was pray. Watching, without praying, is very difficult. When we pray and ask Christ to help us live the way He wants us to live then that allows the Holy Spirit to help us. Watching is not just with our eyes, but it is also something done with our hearts. We need to examine our hearts, by praying, and ask God if there is something we need to watch out for. Are there things we are thinking about, or things we are listening to or being a part of that might allow satan to tempt us into doing and saying bad things?

Many of us may be like the disciples and just feel too tired to watch. We take for granted that we can just fight off the temptations of satan whenever they happen. There was a reason Jesus told the disciples to watch. We never know when temptations will come. However, if we are watching, and praying, we can be prepared to make decisions in our lives that will please 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:

Wednesday, November 23

7:00pm Thanksgiving service

Thursday, November 24

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4

Business meeting following worship service



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Nov 13-19

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

Deacon for this week: 11/13 Barbara Goodson

Deacon for next week: 11/20 Iva Snyder

Properties for November: Darrell Jenkins



**The church office will be closed next Thursday,
November 24 for Thanksgiving.**

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



Operation Christmas Child
We collected 69 boxes!

Many thanks to all those who packed a shoebox, and to Whitt Stallings for delivering them to the drop off location.



We collected \$495.00 for the Angel Tree. These donations will help provide approximately 100 gifts for the Guatemalan children through Grace Ministries. Thank you!



We will have a church business meeting on Sunday, December 4th, immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the new year. There are also a couple other items that need to be voted on so please make every effort to attend on the 4th and stay for the meeting.