

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

November 28, 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 Sat, December 3, 9:00am till noon.



**Business meeting this
Sunday, December 4th**
Following worship.

—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



From the Pastor's Heart...

There are two letters left in our "alphabet series." The next to last letter I want to focus on is the letter "Y". Y stands for the simple word "yes." Moses, Noah, Joshua and many others said yes to God's calling and reaped the benefits. We need to say yes as well. Now I know people say that we need to say "no"

more because we need to take care of ourselves and make sure we are putting limits on how much we do. We do need to take care of ourselves. I get that. However, I also believe we need to be more open to saying yes when it comes to serving God and ministering to others.

I want to share with you some of the benefits of saying yes. Now, these benefits are mentioned in Forbes magazine relating to saying yes in the business world. But looking over the benefits, I can definitely see the same benefits for us as we try to grow closer to God and encourage others.

One benefit of saying yes is that it **opens up the door to new opportunities**. There are times when we get to the point where we are comfortable the way life is going. We go through the same routine and do the same things, sometimes each and every day. If we are not careful, we can get in a rut, taking for granted what will happen. If we say yes to serving God, it gives God the chance to do something new in our lives, which can be exciting and, yes, a little scary.

A second benefit of saying yes is it **can allow others to help us**. No one can do everything all their own. We all need each other. I have mentioned about using our spiritual gifts. When we allow God to work through us, we can help one another be the individuals and church He has called us to be, together.

A third benefit of saying yes is it **helps others (encourages) by letting them know we are hearing what they say**. If someone needs some assistance, and we say yes, that means we heard what they asked of us. Even if the answer is no, if we acknowledge we heard them, it helps them feel better about themselves.

A fourth benefit of saying yes is it **puts us in a safe place to try something, and maybe even learn in the trying**. I have often heard, and do believe, there is no safer place than in the center of God's will. Saying yes to God and obeying His leadership helps us understand He is in control and we can do what He asks us to do. Even if we mess up, He is still with us and loves us.

A final benefit to saying yes is that it **makes life more joyful**. There is nothing that can bring greater joy than doing something for someone that can bring us into the presence of God. It makes the Christian life worth living. I encourage you to say yes to God and draw closer to Him this season.

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 Nov 27-Dec 3

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316

Sunrise of Cary

1206 W. Chatham St Cary, NC 27513

Deacon for this week: 11/27 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 12/4 Barbara Goodson

Properties for December: David Jenkins



You will find on the table in the hallway an Advent Devotional packet. This is our gift to each family to help you focus more on this Advent season. There is a devotional for each day of the week (except Sunday). Our prayer is that

this will guide your hearts and minds during the busyness of the season and help you put the proper focus in place. This is indeed a special time of the year and we pray God's blessings upon you and your family!



With Sincere Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Emily Small and her family for the passing of her mother, Mrs. Janet Raab, who died Wed, Nov 23, 2022. A memorial service will be held at Mitchell Funeral Home on Sat, Dec 3, at 2pm. Visitation and reception will follow 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Emily now lives in Asheville, here is her address if you'd like to send her a card: 16 Holland St, Asheville, NC 28801
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/janet-raab-11033018>

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



Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings

Lottie Moon goal is \$500

Global Missions goal is \$500

*Make checks payable to CVBC – note LM or
Global on your check and/or envelope.*

We will collect this offering through Sun, Dec 25.

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff. This year's **Staff Love Offering** will include Pastor Johnny; videographers, Elizabeth Best and Yilong Wang; Treasurer, Liz Mills; Secretary, Peggy Utley; Director of Music, Risa Poniro; Pianist, Cheryl Walker; and our Youth Director, Anna Clark. *Please mark your check or envelope "Love offering."* **This offering needs to be received by Wed, Dec 21 as these gifts are given out at the Christmas Eve service.**

All 2022 contributions need to be received by Dec 25.



Messages for December

December 4th: The Plan for Peace
(Matthew 14:22-33)

December 11th: The Search for Joy
(John 15:1-17)

December 18th: The Power of the Gift of Love
(Acts 3:1-10)

December 24th: A Service of Pondering
(Matthew 1:18-25)

December 25th: The Pleasant Surprises of Christmas
(Luke 2:1-20)