

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

November 7, 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, November 12, 9:00am till noon.



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.

—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

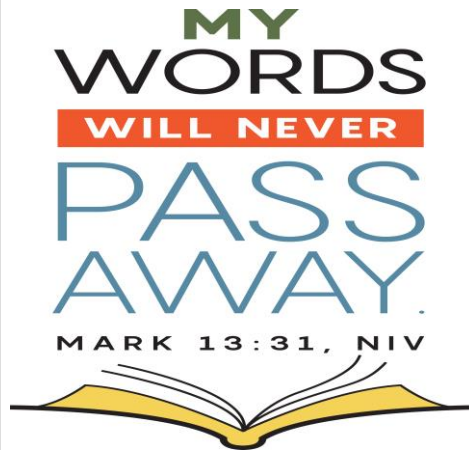
Music Director • Risa Poniros

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Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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From the Pastor's Heart...

The letter we are using this week is the letter "V" and the word I want to focus on is the word "valid". As Christians, if we want to grow closer to Christ, and if we want to show Christ to others, we must make sure that what we say about Christ, through our words and actions, is **valid**, or true. The definition of the word valid is "having a sound basis in logic or fact." When it comes to sharing Christ with others, we need to make sure our discussions are grounded in scripture and have a very solid foundation.

I know there are some who do not believe that God's word, the Bible, is true or what should be guiding our lives each day. However, the truth of the matter is that the Bible is a collection of God's words to His people. Yes, they were written down by man, but gave men the words to write, What is our foundation for this belief? What is it that makes this statement valid? 2 Timothy 3:16 is my foundation for this statement. **"All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness."** When it comes to preaching, or teaching or discussing the Bible, as long as we are basing our thoughts on God's word what we say will be valid. How can we apply this learning to our lives as Christians?

As we try to live our lives on earth in a way that is pleasing to God, the way we live must line up with the teachings of God, from God's word. If we say one thing, and yet act, or live, in another way, then our words will not be seen as valid to those who are watching us. When we do this, we are basically seen as a "hypocrite".

Titus 1:16 says, **"They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good."** When we say we love God and do not act that way, then what we are saying is not valid. God's word says it is also "detestable and unfit for anything good". Not being valid in living for Christ is not only wrong, but it can also hinder someone coming to know Christ as their Savior. How is that? It is possible because someone may not want to be known as a Christian if the Christians they know are not being honest and truthful in their walk with God.

So how do we make sure we are "valid" Christians? We do a few things. First, be honest with ourselves about being a sinner and needing God's forgiveness. Next, be honest with God about being sorry for our sins. Third, be honest with others about living for Christ. Finally, be honest and sincere in worshipping God. Being a valid Christian is all about honesty and truthfulness. Being valid can draw us 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

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

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, November 13

Deadline for shoeboxes and Giving Tree donations

Sunday, November 20

Deacons meeting following worship service

Wednesday, November 23

7:00pm Thanksgiving service

Thursday, November 24

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Nov 6-12

Betsy Shaw - Room 219
Sunrise of Raleigh
4801 Edwards Mill Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27612

Deacon for this week: 11/6 Sue Edwards

Deacon for next week: 11/13 Barbara Goodson

Properties for November: Darrell Jenkins



Sermons for November:

November 13: Being Your Own Boss
(Hebrews 13: 6-9)

November 20: Unshakable Thanks
(Hebrews 12:28-29)

November 27: "First Sunday of Advent"
Bringing Hope in Small Ways (John 4:1-15)



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox deadline is Sunday, Nov 13th.

We have boxes and brochures with labels and packing instructions available for pickup in the lobby. Please remember to include the \$10 per box shipping donation. You can put this in the box or mail it in the postage paid envelope that is provided.



Our Giving Tree is in the lobby to represent donations needed for Grace Ministries and the Guatemalan ministries that Cheryl Walker is a part of. Each year Grace Ministries provides a Christmas party for over 600 Guatemala area children. Each Angel on the tree represents a donation of \$5.00 (or more) to provide toys for these children. You do not have to remove an angel when making your donation. Please make checks payable to CVBC and we will write one check for the total received. Please note 'angel tree' on your check and/or envelope. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov 13.**



The Young Hearts are going to lunch at Pam's Farmhouse on Western Blvd on Thursday, November 17. Please sign up by Sun, 11/13 if you plan to go. Meet at Pam's at 11:00am. Van transportation is not being provided for this outing.