

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

October 31, 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 5, 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.



**Next Sunday, November 6**

Daylight Saving Time ends  
Remember to set your clocks on  
Saturday night!

## —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

Website updates/maintenance

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*Christ*  
*the POWER of*  
*GOD and the*  
*WISDOM of*  
*God*

1 Corinthians 1:24

## From the Pastor's Heart...

There are six letters left in the alphabet that we have not looked at as we continue to look at words that can encourage us and draw us closer to God. The next letter I want to mention is the letter "U", and it stands for unlimited. If we want to strengthen our relationship with God we must understand who God is. When we understand who God is, we will then understand the unlimited power we have within us, through the Holy Spirit, to serve Him. But, the first step is in understanding who God is.

Within the writings of Psalm 139 are the three characteristics I like to think about when I think about who God is to me. I'm not going to write the whole chapter, but I would highly encourage you to read the chapter to see what I am talking about. One characteristic of God is that He is **omnipotent**, or all powerful. God can do anything God wants to do. There is nothing He can't do. Because He is omnipotent, He can do through us what He wants to do. He created us and

gives within us His power. Another characteristic of God is He is **omniscient**. This means God is all knowing. He knows all about us. He knows our thoughts and our actions. How? He knows this because He created us and knows our very being. He is omniscient. Thirdly, God is **omnipresent**. God is everywhere. God has always been and will always be. Psalm 139 tells us this.

So, to understand God is to know He is everything. He is all knowing, all present and all powerful. Let's think about what that means for you and me as we try to serve Him each day. When we accept Jesus into our hearts, He gives us Himself through the person of the Holy Spirit. If He gives us Himself, then we can do the things He wants us and calls us to do each day. He knows our abilities and strengths and, I believe, will not call us to do something we cannot do with His help. His will can be made known through us. Will everybody be able to do anything and everything? No. That is why we have the spiritual gifts. However, we can do what He calls us to do because of the three characteristics of God I just mentioned.

So how does understanding the characteristics of God help us know our abilities are unlimited? It is in knowing and understanding we have the strength and presence of God within us through the Holy Spirit that should enable us to step out in faith and trust Him. Is this always easy? No. Does it always feel safe? No. If we think of the words of Paul in Philippians 4:13 it can help us get a better picture of what I am talking about. Paul writes, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." That was Paul's case. He could not do it on his own, but He could do what God called him to do through God. Our abilities are unlimited through Christ. 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, November 6

Daylight Saving Time

##### 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



#### **SHARE THE SONSHINE**

#### **Person of the Week for Oct 30-Nov 5**

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316  
Sunrise of Cary  
1206 W. Chatham St  
Cary, NC 27513

**Deacon for this week:** 10/30 Jean Glosson

**Deacon for next week:** 11/6 Sue Edwards

**Properties for November:** Darrell Jenkins



**On average we provide food for 14 families/30 people per month. We are still running low on many items. *Many thanks to those who have already contributed!***

Potatoes (canned and instant)

Soup (have plenty of chicken noodle)

\*Canned meats (chicken, tuna) only a few cans left

Canned vegetables

Spaghetti sauce and noodles

Rice (prefer small bags)

Boxes of cereal

Boxes/packets of grits or oatmeal

## 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**

#### **Shoebox deadline is Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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.**