

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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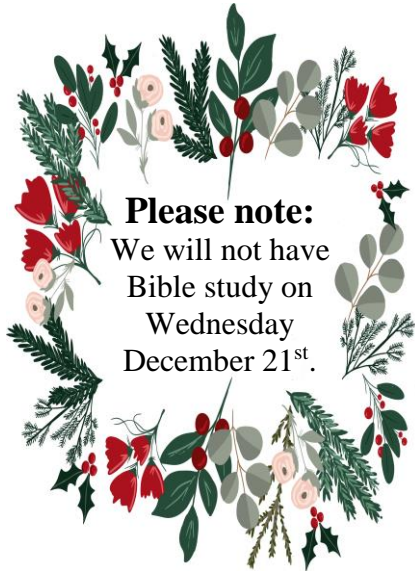
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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny's office hours this week will be Sat, December 17, 9:00am till noon.



Please note:

We will not have
Bible study on
Wednesday
December 21st.

—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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From the Pastor's Heart...

The other day I was talking with someone about television shows we used to watch. When I tell you the names of these shows, some will recognize them, but others may not. For example, I used to watch "Gilligan's Island", a show about 7 people shipwrecked on an island. One of my favorite shows, other than Andy Griffith, was "The Brady Bunch." The show about a man and a woman who each had three children and they got married to have six children, a dog, and a housekeeper. These were fun shows to watch. Not a lot to think about.

The thing I was discussing with my friend was what are all those actors that I used to watch, doing now. A few of them, off of these shows, continued in acting. Most, however, did not. Life had changed them. Whether it was because of the shows they were on or because of decisions they made in life, they just did not make it very big. They had their time in the spotlight.

At this time of year, with just a couple weeks left before Christmas, I always think about the people who are involved in the story we are focusing on, the Christmas story. Not Ralphie and the Red Ryder BB gun story, but the true and real Christmas story. Much like characters in a show, they all had their roles and they all made their appearances in the story. It was real. It was actually shepherds and Magi who saw the Christ child. But then, I really wonder what happened to them. We are told about what happened to the Shepherds, sort of. We are told that they left the manger to go back to the fields "praising and glorifying God for all they had seen and heard." (Luke 2:20) What they experienced truly changed their message. It changed their purpose. What they had seen, the Christ child. What they had heard, the angel and the silence of the night. This had changed them and they told people about it.

They had seen stables before. They were shepherds. However, they had never seen a baby born in a stable. What a sight that must have been. If I were one of the shepherds, I would have probably just stared at Jesus and looked around in silence as well, taking it all in. It would have, and still does, take on a very real and sincere evaluation of my life and what I do from here on. Christ's birth is not something we watch as a television show or holiday special. It is real and it should cause us to examine who we are and what we do for Jesus Christ. The shepherds went away and praised and glorified God, allowing others to see and hear how that day impacted them. Is that what we will do as well? Will we share with others about Jesus Christ and what His birth means to us? I pray we will. Until next week when we look at the Magi...

Peace and Blessings,
Johnny



Person of the Week for Dec 11-17

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

Deacon for this week: 12/11 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 12/18 Sue Edwards

Properties for December: David Jenkins



Saturday, December 24 at 5:00pm

Make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve service. This will be a special time of meditation, singing, communion and concluding with candle light. We hope you and your family will plan to worship with us during this special time.



The Young Hearts are having lunch on Friday, December 16 at 12:30pm at the church. Smithfield Chicken and BBQ will be catering the meal. Attendees are welcome to bring desserts if you'd like, as this will not be provided by caterer. Cost is \$12.00pp, payable at the door. Please sign up in the lobby so enough food will be ordered.



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)

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 – rec'd to date: \$70.00
Global Missions goal is \$500 – rec'd to date: \$70.00
*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. *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.** Rec'd to date: \$420.00

All 2022 contributions need to be received by Dec 25.



Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Johnny and Family Sunday January 1, 2023 following worship

Join us as we express our appreciation to Pastor Johnny for his time of ministry here with us. Please sign up in the lobby to bring your favorite cold salad. All food should be "ready to serve." A 'Retirement cake' and beverages will be provided. Donations can be brought to the church on Sat, Dec 31 between 1:00-5:00pm, or on Sunday morning. We anticipate 40 people. Due to some who have food allergies, please include a note card listing the ingredients in your item. At the luncheon there will be a basket for cards and notes, and an opportunity to share your expressions of thanks.