

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 6, 2023

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



The church office will be closed the week of February 13-17. It will be open on Wed, Feb 15 from 9am-noon for the Hope Pantry. *There will not be a newsletter for week of Feb 13.*



Praying with the Mind of Christ



A classmate of mine from Divinity School, Katrina, told a story that illustrates how, if we are attentive, God answers our prayers in many different ways and especially how that answer might not be what we expect but is always perfect and glorifying to God. On

Friday of every week, she goes to a quiet place, a park near her home, to meditate and pray as her Sabbath, as she works in the church and is not able to really have a Sabbath on Sundays. On this particular Friday she was praying to God for direction and guidance on her oldest daughter leaving home to go to college out of state. She was very concerned for her safety and also how she would do being away from home for the first time in her life. As she sat on a bench praying, she heard the sound of a toddler and looked up to see him with his mother about 50 feet away. The toddler was pulling hard to get away from the mother's clutches, and it seemed that the harder the mother held onto her toddler, the more the child resisted and wanted to run away. This struggle went on for a few minutes, when the voice of a man, presumably the father, said "If you will just let him go, he will be fine. Nothing bad will happen." The father then appeared in Katrina's vision and he repeated this statement to the mother. So, she let him go and what did this toddler do? He meandered off a few feet away from the mom, smiling and full of joy. He didn't run away at all. He was laughing and stooped down to play in the dirt. Well, Katrina broke down crying! She realized that God had answered her prayer! The answer? Let your child go Katrina, she will be fine, and I will take care of her.

So, here we see God answering prayer by sending someone to show my classmate the answer. Pretty powerful! All Katrina said she could do was to thank and praise God for this answer and glorify his name. We see here that yes, Katrina was prayerful, but she was also attentive and able to discern where and why and how God answered her. Where does this attentiveness and therefore discernment come from? By us having the mind of Christ through the Holy Spirit as Paul exhorts in our Scripture lesson for this week's sermon, 1 Cor 2: 1-16. If you want God to listen to *you* and to hear your prayers, you must be attentive to *Him* and listen to Him. This statement of course is true because true prayer must be according to His will and purposes; and in order to know His will, we must listen to Him.

We see how my friend Katrina definitely has "the mind of Christ" and that is how she was able to discern how God was answering her and what He was saying to her. A non-Christian would have seen a child playing with their mother and thought nothing of it. 1 Cor 2:14-15 tells us exactly this, ¹⁴*The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.* ¹⁵*The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,* ¹⁶*for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" (Isaiah 40:13) But we have the mind of Christ.*

Blessings, Rev. Tim Pearce

Church office information:

Guest Pastor •

Rev. Timothy Pearce

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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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

MONTHLY

Young Hearts Fellowship



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Feb 5-11

Anne Barden – Room 106
Oak Hill Assist. Living
9767 NC 210 North
Angier, NC 27501

Person of the Week for Feb 12-18

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Deacon for this week: 2/5 Barbara Goodson

Deacon for next week: 2/12 Iva Snyder

Properties for February: Randy Walker



Join us for lunch!

The Young Hearts are going to Piccola Italia on Friday, Feb 17. We'll meet at the restaurant at 11:00am. Piccola is located at 423 Woodburn Ave. Please sign up in the narthex by Wed, Feb 15 if you plan to go so we can make the reservation.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

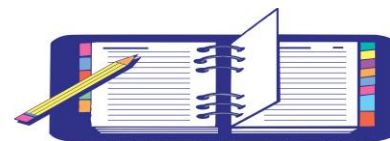
Betsy Shaw
Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – (friend of Jean Glosson)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



PENCIL IT IN

Sunday, February 26

Business Meeting and Café

Menu: BBQ sliders (BBQ from Hollands Methodist)
potatoes, slaw, desserts and drinks.

Proposed change to church by-laws

(Presented Sunday, February 5, 2023)

For discussion and vote on February 26 business meeting. Both of these changes require 20 days written notification, and a two-thirds vote of approval at two consecutive regular business meetings.

(Article X, Adoption and Amendments, CVBC Constitution.

Article II Section 1. Calling a pastor

Current: When there is a pastor vacancy, a Pastor Search Committee of seven people shall be presented by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church. The seven members will include the chairperson of deacons, WMU director, one mature involved youth, and four active adult members at large.

Proposed change: Change underlined parts above to read: When there is a pastor vacancy, a Pastor Search Committee of five people shall be presented by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church. The five members will include the chairperson of deacons, and **four active members at large.**

Proposed change to Church Constitution

Article VII. Church Membership

To add underlined phrase

Current part 1: The church membership shall be composed of those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and have experienced a believer's baptism. Members coming on profession of faith will be baptized by immersion. They will be received into the fellowship of the church **after meeting with the pastor, interim pastor, or deacons if there is no pastor, followed by** a majority vote of the congregation.