

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 13, 2023

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

Easter OFFERING

Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering

Our church goal: \$600.00

We will receive the Annie Armstrong North American Missions offering through Easter Sunday, April 9th. *Please note Easter offering on you check and/or envelope.*



As part of our Easter season we will be having these special services. We hope you will put these on your calendar and make plans to join us.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm.
(No Wednesday night services)

Sunrise Service
6:30am Sunday, April 9th
at the Raleigh Memorial Park

Church office information:
Guest Pastor •

Rev. Grant Gubbins

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance
webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



March Madness

It's "March Madness" at my house with three sports-crazy fans. This month, everything is about basketball. This year, Robert and a few of his sport fanatic friends are having a competition to see who can predict the most winners. There are 5 men's and 5 women's tournaments to crown 10 champions, a total of 606 games! Elizabeth is the official bracket-

master. She will calculate how many points each person earns from their predictions. No money is won, but the winner will have bragging rights for the next year. Just getting it set up required numerous phone calls, texts and e-mails, and no games had even started yet.

When the games finally start, meal times, bedtimes and other daily events are scheduled around them. Every afternoon and evening at least one TV and often a computer are tuned in to these basketball games. Often multiple games are going being viewed on the various networks. Periodically, one of my kids will phone the other with a two word message giving a network and the order "Now". This means that something exciting is happening in one of the games that you need to see immediately. The TV remote gets a work-out in an attempt to see every point in every game.

This single-minded focus made me wonder, what if we put our focus on the church with that intensity? Last week, I met some people who come close to doing just that. At a meeting of the Raleigh Baptist Association's Church Relations and Credentials committee, six churches presented the story of their church. Some were fairly new, while others had a long history. All of them were asking to join the RBA for support and guidance. The pastors and lay leaders were passionate and enthusiastic about their churches. They wanted to convey to the committee the goals and missions of their respective churches. Enthusiasm, love and determination were evident as they talked and answered questions. A life-long member of a church was moved to tears as he told about the church his father had helped to build as well as his determination to keep it open and help it grow. Another man told us about the church he had started as a memorial to his late wife, and a Brazilian pastor was passionate about providing a church for the many Portuguese speakers in the Triangle area. Church leaders from three very different cultures teamed up to talk about a church for internationals, refugees and immigrants to worship as a community. Each presenting church had dreams and goals for reaching their target populations and spreading the gospel.

What about us at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church? Are we as enthusiastic and committed to our church? Are we willing to pray, and use our times, talents and money to help support and grow our church? I see evidence that many of you are. Let's take some ideas from "March Madness" and make our church the focus of our love and enthusiasm.

Barbara Best, Deacon Chair

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 Mar 12-18

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Deacon for this week: 3/12 Sue Edwards

Deacon for next week: 3/19 Barbara Goodson

Properties for March: Gene Sherwood



We are looking for guest newsletter columnists. Articles can be about an interesting life event, an act of kindness you have received or witnessed, a blessing you have received, your testimony of faith, your reason for joining CVBC. You can also draw from books, SS lessons, devotional literature, etc. as long as your source is documented. Articles should be around 500 words and can be hand written or sent by email to cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org. The deadline for submission is each week by noon on Monday.



Deacons meeting - Sunday, March 19.

Business meeting - Sunday, March 26 immediately following worship service

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Frances Viano
Marian Brinley – knee replacement
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
Betsy Shaw – Group Home/Assisted Living: Val's Place

OTHER:

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



Raleigh Baptist Association Spring Senior Adult Rally Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Place: Trinity Baptist Church
4815 Six Forks Road

Cost: \$15.00 per person (**registration deadline is Monday, March 13**)

Menu: Beef Tips with Rice, Carrots,
Cooked Apples, Cornbread
Muffins, Assorted Desserts

Key Note Speaker: Dr. Michael
Blackwell, Baptist Children's
Homes of NC

Entertainment: The Trinity Laymen

There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

Cost for the meal is payable at the door.



Young Heart's Lunch Outing

The Young Hearts group is meeting for lunch on Friday, March 17 at Captain Stanley's, at 11:00am.