

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 6, 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

This week is the Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong North American Missions offering. We will receive this offering through Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Please note Easter offering on you check and/or envelope.



**Daylight Saving time
begins Sunday, March 12**



What Does a Church Need?

Recently I found an article written by an organization of churches and community service agencies in Colorado. It was titled, *5 Core Ministries Your Church Needs*, listing these areas:

1. Praise and Worship
2. Local outreach
3. Preaching and Teaching
4. Guest Services
5. Children's Ministry

As I read the article, I thought specifically of Crabtree Valley Baptist. How are we doing in these areas and what do we need to improve? Are there other ministries that should be added to the list? How would you evaluate our church on these ministries?

I think we do well in the praise and worship and preaching area. Crabtree Valley has a long history of exceptional pastors and Bible teachers. We have enjoyed and been challenged by pulpit messages. Participation in studies and discussions at this church have increased our understanding of the Bible. I appreciate all the faithful members who attend regularly. I really appreciate our choir director, choir, and musicians who do an excellent job leading us as we praise God.

I do hope that more people will join the Wednesday night Bible Study group, and our Sunday School has still not returned to the pre-pandemic numbers. We would like more students and teachers added to our regular members.

Local outreach provides church members an opportunity to show faith and love in action to the community. Two examples sponsored by Crabtree Valley are the Hope Pantry and Welcome House. Thanks to loyal volunteers and generous members, the pantry is stocked and food is distributed to families in need. The Welcome House provides temporary housing and friendship to refugees who come to our area. We also support programs such as the Christmas Shoebox ministry and Church World Service's collection of hygiene kits.

The fourth ministry is guest services. I have watched members make a special effort to speak to and welcome guests who come to the services. Guests have commented about our friendly group. However, we need to do more, inviting friends and neighbors to come to Crabtree Valley. We need more visitors to welcome!

Most of you never see the children and youth involved in our children's ministry. They rarely join the worship services upstairs and few of their parents come to worship. However, thanks to the Walkers who pick them up every week, we have a growing group meeting downstairs on Wednesday nights. Each week they come to hear Bible stories, learn Bible verses, participate in mission projects, do crafts and play games. We believe this is preparing future church members.

Looking at this list, I think Crabtree is trying to engage in all these ministries, but there is always room to improve. Ask yourselves, who can I invite to church and what can I do to make Crabtree Valley even better? Most importantly, please pray for the church and the person God will send us to be our next pastor.

Barbara Best, Deacon Chair

Church office information:

Guest Pastor •

Rev. Timothy Pearce

Music Director • Risa Poniro

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

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 March 5-11

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

Deacon for this week: 3/5 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 3/12 Sue Edwards

Properties for March: Gene Sherwood

**We Need
Your**



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 noon on Monday.

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
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



Fun for Seniors

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.