

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

May 22, 2023

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



Monday, May 29

Memorial Day – office closed



Sunday, June 4

Business meeting and Cafe



Vacation Bible School
Wednesday evenings
from 5:30-8pm

Meeting each Wed for 5 weeks.
June 21 thru July 19



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The task seemed daunting, even overwhelming. Against a wall in my garage were fourteen moving boxes filled with pictures. Some were in frames and others in photo albums, but the vast majority were unsorted. I thought I knew what awaited me, since I knew my mom kept every photo she ever touched.

There were the predictable shots spanning the childhood of me and my three siblings. However, I could not have imagined what else awaited me. I was surprised to discover photos that spanned at least six generations.

The vivid colors of recent photos gave way to the black and white of previous eras. The pictures traced my mother's family back to the hills outside of Chattanooga. They depict a simple life on a small family farm that struggled to meet daily family needs. These photos invited me to gaze in on significant family moments that shaped those in photos, and by extension, me. As I perused I was drawn to the reality that a faith spanning the generations was interwoven in our family story.

Psalm 100 is titled, A Psalm of Thanksgiving. It is the only Psalm that carries this title. As I wandered through the pictures I could not help but think about this great psalm. It reads; *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

This has always been one of my favorite psalms. It begins with the grand invitation into the presence of God. We come with songs and shouts of joy celebrating all that God shaped and made us – that through faith we belong to God. The psalm welcomes us to a heart of thanksgiving. Then, summons us to remember God's faithfulness across our stories and across the generations.

It is easy to get so caught up in the doing of the day, in the living of our lives, that we can miss God's work. When Jesus commissioned the 72 disciples to go out into the villages and across the countryside he told them; *"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."* (Luke 10:23-24) Jesus wanted them to see that they were witnesses to the great work of God on display. We too are invited to have eyes to see that God is still at work doing remarkable things. God's faithfulness is on display in our lives and across the generations.

A quick word – For the next two Wednesdays we will look at the Lord's Prayer. Come and join us.

Grace and Peace, Tom Ogburn

Church office information:

Music Director • Risa Poniros

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 May 21- 27

Betsy Shaw
4901 Brookhaven Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27612

Deacon for this week: 5/21 Barbara Best

Deacon for next week: 5/28 Jean Glosson

Properties for June: David Jenkins



Upcoming events and changes.

Sunday, June 4 and 11

We welcome back Rev. Charles Allard

Sunday, June 18 and 25

We will welcome Ms. Taylor Edwards,
a graduate divinity student at Campbell Divinity School.

Wednesday, June 7

Cheryl Walker will be sharing about her Guatemala mission trips. We will meet downstairs, refreshments to follow.

Wednesday, June 21

Vacation Bible School starts

We will not be having Bible study or other adult events for the rest of the Wednesday nights in June.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis

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

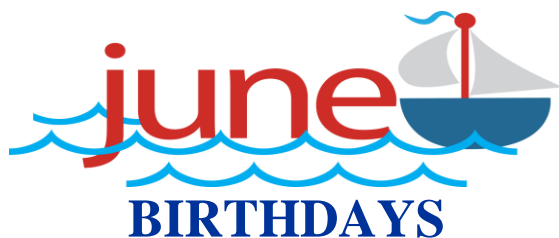


Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 11

Our Graduate Recognition for Carolina and Jimmy Harris will be on Sunday, June 11 during our morning worship services

We would like to honor our grads with a small gift, or gift card and/or cards of encouragement for their accomplishments and future goals. Gift baskets are in the lobby to collect these items. Please write their name on the outside of the gift or card.



6/5 Sue Edwards
13201 Norwood Road
Raleigh, NC 27614

6/18 Cheryl Walker
4700 Theys Road
Raleigh, NC 27606

6/20 Jane Williams
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