

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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"We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love." 1 Thess 1:2-3



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

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

Church office information:

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Wednesday evening, I will close my time with you. We will finish our short look at the Lord's Prayer. I am thankful for my weeks with you. You are a good and loving church family. This week I leave you with an encouraging word. My prayers go with you as you move forward into your future in life and ministry.

What is a masterpiece? Is it perhaps something that floods our minds and imaginations with emotion? Perhaps one of the following come to mind: Beethoven's *9th Symphony*; Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*; Leonardo's *The Last Supper*; Van Gogh's *Starry Night*; Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*; Tennessee Williams' *A Street Car Named Desire*; Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*; Twain's *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn*; Michelangelo's statue of David; or *The Thinker* by Rodin. These are debatably some of the greatest works of art and literature ever and are particularly striking to mankind. And, that is the mark of a true masterpiece – they transcend eras and cultures and move us in deep and profound ways.

We think of a painting, or a piece of music, or a play, or a sculpture as a masterpiece, but when we look in the mirror, we tend to see only our flaws and our failures, our blemishes and places of blame. But I bring you a very different word; you are one of God's great works of art.

In the first book of the Bible, we hear an incredible pronouncement in the midst of God's great creative work of making all that is. We listen in on the creation story and hear; **So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Gen. 1:27)** I love these words. When I think of all there is and its wonder and beauty, I think of the work of God's hand. But here we learn that we are not simply one of the created; we were created in the very image of God. What is good and best in us is a reflection of the face of God. In the New Testament we hear a similar theme. Ephesians 2:10 tells us **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Paul tells us we are God's workmanship. The word "workmanship" emerged from the everyday life of people. It was used to speak of a person's very best work. It represented the height of who they were in their craft. Paul uses this work to convey we are God's best work, a work of art, in the story of creation. Paul also wants us to know we are art for a purpose.

On my first trip to Oklahoma City, I saw the downtown landscaped dotted with painted bison statues. Each one was uniquely remarkable. They were not hidden away in a museum or private collection. Instead they were on display. This is the kind of artwork God intends us to be. You are some of his very best work, and God calls you and me to be out there in the midst of the world, doing the good God has for us to do. That way everyone glimpses the kind of art you are and the God that created you.

Grace and Peace, Tom

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 28 – June 3

Anne Barden – Room 106

Oak Hill Assist. Living

9767 NC 210 North

Angier, NC 27501

Deacon for this week: 5/28 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 6/4 Sue Edwards

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.



Sunday, June 4

Café with Business meeting to follow.

Crabtree Cafe menu: Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy,
Green Beans, Watermelon Salad, and Desserts.



Thank you to all those who prepared or contributed to the Church World Services hygiene bag collection.

Our goal was 200 bags and we collected 201!