

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

July 24, 2023

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



**Dr. Bill Duke will be our guest speaker for July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Dr. Duke earned his Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of several churches in NC and Virginia.



**July 30<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Benevolent Offering**

Please come prepared to give, remember to write Benevolent on your check and/or envelope.



**DON'T  
FORGET  
TO VOTE**

**It's time to nominate Deacons  
for the upcoming year.**

Please be in prayer about who will be chosen for these positions. **All ballots are due Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### Church office information:

**Music Director** • Risa Poniros

**Secretary** • Peggy Utley

**Youth Director** • Anna Clark

**Website updates/maintenance**

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**“Holy,  
holy, holy  
is the Lord God  
Almighty,  
and is, and is  
to come?”**

Revelation 4:8

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If we are going to be the Christians and followers Christ calls us to be, we must be holy. This may sound a little bit impossible since we know that God is holy. Are we called to be like God? In a way, yes.

I think we need to break down the two “holies”. First, the holiness of God is much different than our calling of being holy. The holiness of God is a level of holy no one will ever come close to understanding, much less reaching. When we think of God, we think of the one who is like no other. He created the world and all

we have in it. We think of the word “perfect”. We think of someone who can do anything He wants to do at any time. That is God’s holiness. We are not called to God’s level of holiness. There is no one like God. However, there is an area where our holiness should be like God’s.

In the book of Leviticus, chapter 19 and verse 2, God gives Moses the following message to be shared with the Israelites as he is building His relationship with them. Here are his words to Moses. **“Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, are holy.”** This is the command for the people of Israel and for us as well. They were to be holy. We are to be holy. Why? Because God is holy. The one thing that is the same about the holiness we are commanded live out is the idea of being different, or set apart.

As we think of God, we know there is, and never will be, anyone like Him. He is not like any other man or being. For us, we need to be different from the world around us. The people of Israel needed to live a different type of life than the neighboring communities around them. If others were going to recognize them as God’s people, they were going to need to be more like God and less like others. This is how we are to be holy like God. We are to be different than those who are non-believers. So how do we do this?

The first, and most important part of being holy is to have a relationship with God. We can’t be like God if we do not have a personal relationship with Him. Next, we have to work to keep in contact and relationship with God, as we have discussed in earlier articles. Staying in relationship with God is hard, given the world we live in. If we find ourselves living according to the world’s standards, we will find ourselves falling short of living up to God’s standards. We must keep our eyes on Christ and follow His leading. If we do, others will see we are different, and God will see that we are holy. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings... Johnny  
(reprinted from July 25, 2022)

## 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**

*Share the Sonshine is an outreach ministry. We can all be a part of this ministry by praying for these individuals, sending cards, making phone calls or a visit.*

### **Person of the Week for July 23 - 29**

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

**Deacon for this week:** 7/23 Barbara Goodson

**Deacon for next week:** 7/30 Iva Snyder

**Properties for August:** Randy Walker



### **Called Business Meeting – August 13<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Called Business Meeting on Sunday, August 13 immediately following our Worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to present the candidate that the Search Committee has selected to serve as our Part-time Pastor.

1. The search committee unanimously agreed to move forward with Reverend Bill Duke as a candidate to be our part time pastor (20 hours per week, including Sunday preaching and Wednesday evening Bible study).

2. Reverend Duke accepted this nomination.

3. Based on the nomination and his acceptance, we would like to schedule a church wide vote on August 13 to determine whether Reverend Duke will become our part-time pastor.

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Margaret Martinez  
Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)  
Charles Allard (surgery 7/26)  
Gene Sherwood  
Frances Viano  
Sandi Robinson  
Walt Switzer  
Jane Williams

Jetta Lewis (recovering from a fall)

### 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



## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 8/3 Faye Hayes  
1112 Shetland Ct, 27609
- 8/3 Barbara Goodson  
7829 Coach House Lane 27615
- 8/8 Betsy Shaw  
4910 Morehead Dr 27614
- 8/12 Beth Jenkins  
8109 North Creek Run, 27613
- 8/25 Frances Viano  
4805 Ludwell Branch Ct 27612
- 8/19 Tom Brinley  
8810 Cypress Lakes 27615
- 8/26 Aladine Rogers  
308 Springmoor Dr 27615
- 8/28 Gloria Allard  
960 Carolina Bell Rd  
Apex, 27502



### **Congratulations to Brian and Hannah Walker on the arrival of their baby girl!**

And to the proud grandparents, Randy and Cheryl!  
Katie Ann Walker was born Saturday, July 15  
at 3:44am, weighing 6lbs 9oz and 20in long.