

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

July 3, 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 9 and 30th.

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



**Wednesday evenings
from 5:30-8pm**

July 5, July 12 & July 19



The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

The office will also be closed the week of July 17, except for Wednesday morning, for the Pantry.



*Blessed is the
Nation whose God
is the Lord.*
Psalms 33:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As we celebrate the Birthday of our Nation a question keeps ringing in my mind: Is America a Nation Under God? In our pledge of allegiance to the US Flag we say, "One Nation Under God". Stamped on our currency are the words, "In God We Trust" Does a phrase in our pledge to the flag or an inscription on our money make us a Nation under God? Inscriptions, slogans, phrases or stamped words on paper or metal may look good in print, they may even be idealistic or hopeful, but if they are not backed up by action, they are only hollow sayings. An old saying comes to mind, "sound and fury signifying nothing."

Have we really thought about what we are saying when we repeat the words, "One Nation Under God" in our pledge to the flag? Do we really give thought to what the words, "In God We Trust" on our currency mean? The phrase "under God" was not even in the original pledge to the flag. It was added by Congress in 1954. We all know that saying it doesn't make it so.

Israel was a "nation under God" because God chose it. There is nothing in the Bible to indicate that God ever chose another nation in the way he chose Israel. The United States of America nor any other nation in the world can be a "nation under God" in the way that Israel was. However, our nation or any other nation can be a "Nation under God" if the people choose to believe in God and follow his commandments.

God told Israel what he expected of them if they were to be His Nation (Exodus 19: 5-6) "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." It seems logical to me that for the USA to be a "Nation Under God" we must obey and keep his covenants. While individuals choose to obey and keep His covenants, it does not appear at the present time that we as a nation are doing so. To be a "Nation under God" we must do what God requires? Otherwise our slogans and mottos are empty words.

In His Love, Charles
(reprinted from July 2018)

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

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 2-8

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Deacon for this week: 7/2 Barbara Best

Deacon for next week: 7/9 Jean Glosson

Next Deacons meeting: Sunday, July 16

Properties for July: Ben Best



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

It's time to nominate Deacons for the upcoming year. There are envelopes for each church member or family on the lobby table with a letter explaining the process and a ballot(s). Those not picked up by Sun, July 9 will be mailed. Please be in prayer about who will be chosen for these positions. **All ballots are due Sunday, July 30th.**

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)
Charles Allard (recovering from heart cath)
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

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we are not meeting weekly for Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible study this summer, please keep in touch with your Deacon about any concerns you may have. If you want to be added to the prayer list, you may call or email the church office directly. We will continue to have weekly prayer cards that will be available for signing on Sunday.



We appreciate those who have donated items for our Hope Pantry. We also welcome monetary donations to offset the on-going costs that our volunteers spend to keep things stocked. Just note on your check/envelope 'pantry'. With summer and the kids out of school, we expect to be even busier.



The Young Hearts are going to The Peddler Steakhouse on Thursday, July 20. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:00pm. Please sign up at chuech