

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

July 31, 2023

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

A Warm Welcome

Dr. Bill Duke will be our guest speaker for the month of August.



Please note that the office will be closing at noon this Thursday, August 3.



Church office information:

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

While thumbing through a copy of “Our Daily Bread,” I came across this devotional, “Qualified in God’s Eyes,” written by Jennifer Benson Schuldt. Intrigued by the title, I began to read the article. We always view our abilities (and limitations) on what we think we are “qualified” to do and not what God will enable us to do.

Jennifer shared with readers her experience when she was a young college graduate. She was hired by a technology-consulting firm even though she felt her abilities to do the job left a lot to be desired. She must have been grateful to realize that the company recognized her personal qualities for problem solving, exercising good judgment, and being a team player. They assumed new workers could be taught the necessary skills.

Then Jennifer focuses on Noah and quotes this scripture from Genesis 6:9: “[Noah] walked faithfully with God.” Noah didn’t have the right resume for the job God was asking him to do—Constructing the ark! What was God thinking? Noah wasn’t a boat builder or even a carpenter! Noah was a farmer, a man who was comfortable with a plow in his hands and dirt on his clothes. But God had other plans for Noah. As God decided how to deal with the evil of the world at that time, Noah stood out because “he walked faithfully with God.” God valued the teachableness of Noah’s heart—the strength to resist the corruption around him and to do what was right.

Oftentimes when opportunities to serve God come our way, we may not feel qualified for the work. Thankfully, God is not necessarily concerned with our skill set. God prizes our character, love for Him, and willingness to trust Him. When the Spirit is developing these qualities within us, He can use us in big or small ways to accomplish His will on earth. To doubt that this is true would imply that we doubt the power of our God.

Jennifer poses this question: What character qualities do you need God to develop in you? Ask Him.

This devotional closes with this prayer: Dear God, give me a heart that’s willing to serve you in any way. Equip me in the areas where I lack experience, and fill me with your Spirit so that I can honor you.

Norma Rossouw in her book, “The Pocket Bible Devotional for Women,” says it this way: God created you with unique abilities to make a difference. You cannot do everything and be everything to everyone, but you can serve others with your God-given abilities. You won’t be successful in your own strength, but God gives those He has called the ability to improve the lives of others.

YOU, like Noah, may be surprised by what God asks (and equips) you to do!

Walk faithfully with God.

Jean Glosson (reprinted from April 12, 2021)

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

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 30-Aug 5

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Deacon for this week: 7/30 Iva Snyder

Deacon for next week: 8/6 Gene Sherwood

Properties for August: Randy Walker



Raleigh Baptist Association

Fall Senior Adult Rally

Tuesday, September 19th

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hosted by: Central Baptist Church

11109 Poole Rd, Wendell

Cost: \$15.00/person

Catered lunch: Hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread muffins, dessert, beverages.

Registrations due by Monday, September 11

Details and sign-up sheet are on the lobby table.

Keynote Speaker: Clay Warf of the NC Bapt. Foundation.

Clay is a gifted speaker, his insight, humor and wit are a blessing to all.

Music and Entertainment: Eric Horner has a real talent for telling the story of Jesus in a song. Eric toured with many talented artists before returning to his gospel roots in 2002.

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

HOSPITAL:

Jim Weaver – Duke (recovering from heart surgery)

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



Called Business Meeting – August 13th

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.

