

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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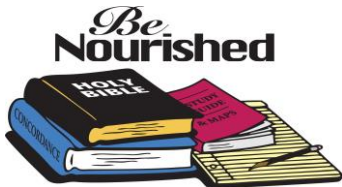
PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Duke is in the office on Wednesday afternoons and is available to meet with you if you would like to setup an appointment. You can set up an appointments by calling or texting him at 336-344-0575 or emailing him at whdukejr@gmail.com.



Young Hearts lunch Friday, Sept 22

We will meet at Winston's Grille on Friday, Sept 22, at 11:00am. Please sign up at the church or by calling or texting the church office



Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.

Weekly adult Bible study and prayer meeting. Make plans to join us!

Church office information:

Pastor • Dr. Bill Duke

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Last week I wrote about the importance of the Spiritual Discipline of Bible intake; that is, hearing God's Word. This week I want us to focus on a second way to have Bible intake by reading God's Word. We need to discipline ourselves to read the Bible. Jesus often asked questions about people's understanding of the Scriptures, beginning with the words, "Have you not read ...?" He assumed that those claiming to be the people of God would have read the Word of God. When Jesus said these words in Matthew 4:4, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God", surely, He intended at the very least

for us to read "every word." Since II Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness", shouldn't we read it?

Remember this: If you want to be changed, if you want to become more like Jesus Christ, discipline yourself to read the Bible for heart transformation. In Hebrews 4:12 we read these words about the Word of God, "For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as to divide soul, spirit, joints, and marrow; it is a judge of the ideas and thoughts of the heart." For the Bible to infiltrate us, we need to come to the reading of the Bible in the following three ways. First, come with a sense of Holy Expectancy. When reading the Bible, we need to expect God to meet us in the written words.

Second, we need to come Attentively by reading the Bible on its own terms. We need to remember that the Bible is a story of God's divine purposes being worked out through the messiness and sprawl of human history. It tells about a vast array of characters and events. It is a grand story of God's dealing with human beings. It is better to read chunks of the Bible instead of just isolated verses here and there.

Third, we need to come Humbly with an open mind and an inquiring heart expecting to encounter the living God when reading the Bible. Reading with a constant attitude of repentance helps us turn away from our own perspectives so that we can seek God's perspective. Perhaps even begin your time of reading the Bible with a few minutes of prayerful silence. Invite God to speak to you through His written words.

Since I know we are all busy and often feel we can't find the time for this Spiritual Discipline, here are a few practical suggestions for consistent success in reading the Bible. First, find the time, and don't get discouraged! The Bible is a long book, but it can be read. Read at your pace. Discipline yourself to find the time to read the Bible.

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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 and 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 Sept 17-23

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



Deacons meeting rescheduled to:
Sunday, September 24

Properties for September: Ben Best



Sunday, October 1
Café and Business Meeting

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Margaret Martinez
Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)
Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer

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:

Christopher Altman (Carolyn's son) Wake Med
Jim Weaver – Duke (recovering from heart surgery)

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

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Second, find a Bible-reading plan. Many inexpensive Bible reading plans are available. Find one that works for you. I prefer to read 3 chapters in the Old Testament and 1 chapter in the New Testament each day. That works for me and enables me to read through the Bible each year. What works for you?

Third, find at least one word, phrase, or verse to meditate on each time you read the Bible. This will help you apply the Word of God to your life.

Blessings, Bill Duke



Received to date: \$475.00

Sunday, Sept 24 is the deadline for this offering.

This is a special offering received during the month of September that brings relief to those in need, helps plant churches and mobilizes N.C. Baptists for missions. All the money collected for this offering goes to support local and state missions. There are envelopes in the narthex and in your envelope boxes. Please note "Missions" on your check.