

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

September 4, 2023

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



Pastor Duke would like to get to know all of you better. On Wednesdays, he is in the office by 1:30pm and would welcome the opportunity to set up visits with you at 2pm, 3pm, or 4pm. He is available to drop by your home, visit with you at the church office, or meet you at a fast-food restaurant for coffee or tea. You can set up these appointments by calling or texting him at 336-344-0575 or emailing him at whdukejr@gmail.com.

Many thanks to those who have responded, it's been a pleasure getting to know each of you better!



Please note the church office will be closed the week of Sept 11-15. The church will be open Wed, Sept 13 for Hope Pantry. There will not be a newsletter next week.

Church office information:

Pastor • Dr. Bill Duke

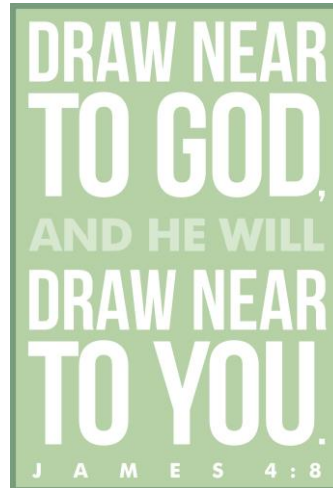
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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Over the next few weeks, I want us to think together about the following Spiritual Discipline: the importance of making the Bible an essential part of our daily lives. To do so will require diligence and discipline.

No Spiritual Discipline is more important than Bible intake; that is, the intake of God's Word. Nothing can substitute for it. There simply is no healthy Christian life apart from a diet of the Holy Scripture. None of the needed eternally essential information can be found anywhere else except in the Bible. Therefore, if we would know God and live Godly lives, we must know the Word of God – intimately. We need to honor God's Word by taking it into our lives.

The easiest of the Spiritual Disciplines related to the intake of God's Word is simply hearing it. Obviously, hearing the Word of God on a regular basis is important for our transformation and growth in godliness. For most of us, disciplining ourselves to hear God's Word means developing the practice of steadfastly attending a church where the Bible is faithfully preached and taught.

Jesus said in Luke 11:28, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Merely listening to God-inspired words is not the point. The purpose of all methods of Bible intake is obedience to what God says and the development of Christlikeness. The method Jesus encouraged in Luke 11:28 was hearing God's Word.

Another passage emphasizing the importance of hearing God's Word is Romans 10:17: "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Often our initial faith in Christ comes from hearing the inspired Word of God. Likewise, much of the faith we need for day-to-day living comes from hearing the Bible's message. Gifts of faith are often given to those who discipline themselves to hear the Word of God.

There are a variety of ways to hear the Word of God preached and taught. Audio and video tapes are available. All types of preaching and teaching can be heard on the radio or TV.

Notice how the Apostle Paul instructed his young friend in ministry in I Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching." It was important to the Apostle Paul for God's people to hear God's Word. Likewise, it must become a disciplined priority for us to hear it.

Taking time to prepare to hear the Word of God is important. We are not there to listen merely passively. We are there to be transformed by hearing the Word of God. Prepare yourself to be transformed.

Blessings, Bill Duke

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 3-9

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316

Sunrise of Cary

1206 W. Chatham St

Cary, NC 27513



Properties for September: Ben Best

Deacons meeting: Sunday, September 17

Guest Speaker: Rev. James Keating, September 17



Relief for Today, Hope for Tomorrow.

Week of prayer Aug 27 – Sept 3

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.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Charles and Gloria Allard
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:

Jim Weaver – Duke (recovering from heart surgery)

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week

Be
Nourished



Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.

Weekly adult Bible study and prayer meeting.
We hope you will make plans to join us!



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.

LAST CALL TO SIGN-UP!

Registrations due by Monday, September 11

You can sign-up in the lobby, by email or by calling the church office.