

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

November 20, 2023

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



**Thanksgiving Eve Service
on Wednesday, November 22nd,
at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.**

We are asking everyone to bring a canned food item for our Pantry as part of our "Gathering" service.



**The church office will be closed
Thursday, Nov 23 and Friday,
Nov 24 for Thanksgiving.**



Please note:

There will not be a Prayer meeting and Bible study for Wednesday, Nov 29th.

Church office information:

Pastor • Dr. Bill Duke

Music Director • Risa Ponios

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love the festive atmosphere and all the good food. I like being reminded of the words of the hymn, "Count Your Blessings": "Count your blessings name them one by one; Count your many blessings see what God hath done." When was the last time you paused in your busy life to count your many blessings? We Christians know that we have many reasons to be thankful.

Recently, I read some information about this hymn. It was written by one of the prolific gospel songwriters of the past century or so. He was a Methodist lay preacher named Johnson Oatman. In addition to his preaching and the writing of more than 5,000 hymn texts, Oatman was also a successful businessman with his father.

His father had a powerful singing voice and surely influenced Johnson's love of music. It is reported that Johnson always wanted to stand beside his father in their Methodist Episcopal Church so he could hear his singing voice.

The hymn, "Count Your Blessings," was published in a songbook for young people in 1897. It reflected Johnson's optimistic faith and has been a lesson to many ever since.

The next time you are in worship, look up the words to that hymn. Take a moment to think about the profound truths expressed by Johnson. Notice how in the opening two verses he develops the thought that counting our blessings serves as an antidote for life's discouragements and in turn makes for victorious Christian living. Then read the words of the third stanza. It teaches us that counting our blessings can be a means of placing material possessions in proper perspective when compared to the eternal inheritance awaiting believers. Finally, his fourth stanza helps us review our individual blessings. When we do so we are reminded that the provision of God's help and comfort to the end of our earthly pilgrimage is one of our choicest blessings.

The next time you are feeling despair, stress, and tension, it would be good to apply the practical teaching of this hymn to our daily living!

I hope to see you on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30 pm for our time of worship together. Come and pause to count your blessings and give thanksgiving to God. I will be thanking God for you and the wonderful opportunity we have had to serve God together here at CVBC! You are a blessing to me and Carol.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you and your family a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Freedra Poniros
Jim Weaver
Margaret Martinez
Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)
Frances Viano
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
Sandi Robinson – Hillside Rehab in Wake Forest

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



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 Nov 19-25

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Properties for December: David Jenkins



A called meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, December 17 to vote on the following recommendation from the deacons.

After prayer, study and discussion, the deacons recommend that Crabtree Valley Baptist Church discontinue our association with the Southern Baptist Convention effective January 1, 2024. We have reached the conclusion that the beliefs and practices of the current SBC are not aligned with ours and continued affiliation diminishes our witness by association. *Please see the included document from the deacons explaining their recommendation. Printed copies of this are also available at the church.*



BIRTHDAYS

- 12/13 Ashley Walker
4700 Theys Rd
Raleigh, NC 27606
- 12/16 Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place 27604
- 12/18 Marian Brinley
8810 Cypress Lakes 27615
- 12/19 Whitt Stallings
4826 Brookhaven Dr 27612
- 12/26 Barbara Best
5009 Picardy Place 27612



C H R I S T M A S C A N T A T A

“Gather at the Manger”

Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Please sign up in the lobby to help with refreshments. We have printed mini-posters available for you to pick up, use these to invite your family and friends!