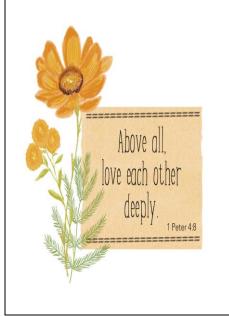


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PAST R'S SCHEDULE WEDNESDAYS WITH BILL

Pastor Bill's regular office hours will be Wednesday afternoons starting at 3:00pm unless otherwise needed. You are welcome to come by or make an appointment if you have something that you need to speak with him about. You can make appointments by calling the office 919-781-5345.



Church office information: Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater Music Director • Risa Poniros Secretary • Peggy Utley Youth Director • Anna Clark Website updates/maintenance webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Ramon Narvaez, the 19th century Spanish politician and military figure, was known for his violence and cruelty. When he was dying in 1868 a priest came to his bedside in Madrid to administer Last Rites. "Has his Excellency forgiven all of his enemies?", the priest asked Narvaez raised himself up on one elbow and replied, "Enemies? I have no enemies. I have had them all shot."

Revenge. Retribution. Retaliation. Getting even. Sounds like a playbook right out of what is happening so much these days in our increasingly polarized country where tribalism is on the rise and "us vs. them" seems the order of the day.

Abraham Lincholn was criticized for his willingness to quickly put the Civil War behind the nation. But said: "What better way to destroy your enemy than to make him your friend." Forgiveness at best is not a feeling, it is an action. Where do we begin? I always believed the place to start is prayer. If there is someone who feels like the "enemy" in your personal life or work life or family life or even political life, then pray that you might see that person the way God sees him/her. I can almost guarantee that it will be nearly impossible to pray for a person very long before you start seeing that person in a different light. Be the one who initiates reconciliation. Build bridges instead of walls.

In our world today I pray that we will lift high the banner of seeing in every person we meet someone who God loved so much He was willing to give up His Son for. The least we can do is respect and restore and reclaim the high road. So who do you need to forgive today?

Brave Journey, Bill (thanks to Don Davidson for illustration)



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 6:20pm Tarknal Toostmostors

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters MONTHLY Young Hearts Fellowship



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 Feb 18-24

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316 Sunrise of Cary 1206 W. Chatham St Cary, NC 27513

Properties for February: Randy Walker



- 3/14 Carolyn Altman8109 Marvino Lane Apt 303 27613
- 3/16 Walt Switzer 201 Waterford Park Lane 27615
- 3/17Ellen Collins225 Brandon Ct27609
- 3/24 Carolina & Jimmy Harris 4113 Weaver Dr 27612
- 3/25 Dee Bullock121 Harrison PlacePanama City, Fla 32405

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Whitt Stallings Sandi Robinson Margaret Martinez Faye Hayes 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 **OTHER:** Sonshine Person of the Week



Sermon Series "Get Out of the Boat"

February 25 Get Out of the Boat Matthew 14

March 3 Hearing God's Voice Matthew 14

March 10 How Big is Your God? Matthew 11:15-24



On Sunday at the Called Business meeting, it was approved to allow Welcome House Ministries to use space downstairs to hold weekly ESL classes for the people participating in the Welcome House program. They will be meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-3:30pm.