

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 19, 2024

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

PASTOR'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.



The Power of Forgiveness

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 Lincoln 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)



Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater

Music Director • Risa Ponirof

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

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 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 Altman
8109 Marvino Lane Apt 303 27613
- 3/16 Walt Switzer
201 Waterford Park Lane 27615
- 3/17 Ellen Collins
225 Brandon Ct 27609
- 3/24 Carolina & Jimmy Harris
4113 Weaver Dr 27612
- 3/25 Dee Bullock
121 Harrison Place
Panama 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



CLASSES

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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.