

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Why is it important to be a member of the church? I'll be the first to admit that I can find nothing in the Bible that says you have to be a member of the church. Church membership does not save you, assure you of salvation or a home in heaven. Likewise, the ordinance of baptism or the Lord's Super does not give you a license to eternal life. We are saved by God's grace and by faith and not by membership with any organization or institution.

The absence of a church membership requirement in the Bible does not by any means suggest that church membership is irrelevant. Church as we know it today did not exist in the early centuries. Christians gathered in homes voluntarily and freely to worship and fellowship together. They were truly a community of believers.

Neither Jesus, Paul or any of the Biblical writers state specifically that you must join a church. But the writer of Hebrews said, "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another."

Church has evolved from those early centuries so that today the community of believers and the church as an institution are more clearly recognized, accepted and identified in society.

Being a church member today clearly identifies you as a Christian and follower of Jesus Christ. It gives you a sense of belonging to a group of people of like faith. Jesus established the church. He said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

Being a member of the church gives us public recognition of who we are. Membership in a church gives us a legitimate way to publicly confess Christ before men. Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33).

In our modern culture membership is closely identified with big box stores like Costco, Walmart and BJ's or social clubs. You have to join to take advantage of their benefits and privileges.

The Biblical concept of membership is quite different. The Biblical teaching is that we are "the body of Christ". Paul sees it in medical terms like the various members of our physical body (foot, hand, ear, etc.) We function much better when we have all our parts connected and useful. If by accident we lose a finger, foot or eye, we are dismembered and handicapped.

Christ is the head of the church and individually, as Christians, we are members of his body. If we refuse to be members of the body of Christ, we are dismembered and separated from the body. Biblically and spiritually speaking – that is a tragedy. How can a person claim to be a Christian and choose to be separated from Christ's body? Christians need membership commitment because they need to be connected to a Christian community. Finally, the church, the Christian Community is "the family of God." We all need family. In family we are nurtured, encouraged, instructed, cared for and prayed for. In family we grow physically and spiritually. In the family there are also privileges and benefits. Do you see now why it is important to be a member of the church?

In His Love, Charles

## june BIRTHDAYS

6/5 Sue Edwards  
13201 Norwood Road  
27614

6/18 Cheryl Walker  
4700 Theys Road  
27606

## Church DEACONS Elections

During the month of June, members will be asked to nominate 4 individuals that you feel meet the qualifications to serve as Deacons. Envelopes with voting ballots will be available in the Narthex this Sun, May 26 for each church member or family to pick up. Those not picked up by June 2 will be mailed. Ballots are due back by Sun, June 23.

### Church office information:

**Pastor • Charles Allard**

Office: 919-781-5345

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**Music Director • Risa Poniros**

Office: 919-781-5345

**Secretary • Peggy Utley**

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**Website updates/maintenance**

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## Weekly Church Calendar

### EACH SUNDAY:

- \*9:45am Sunday School
- \*11:00am Worship Service
- \*Child care provided downstairs.

### EACH TUESDAY:

6:30pm Triangle Toastmasters

### EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
- 6:30pm Bible study & Prayer
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

### EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

### MONTHLY: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

## Calendar of Events:

### Monday, May 27

Church office closed for Memorial Day

### Sunday, June 2

Graduate Recognition and Luncheon  
Called Business meeting following worship service.

### Sunday, June 9

3:00pm Concert with Ernie Rushing

### Wednesday, June 12

Ice Cream Social following Prayer meeting

### Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

### Monday, June 17

7:00pm Deacons meeting

### Attendance                      5/19

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| Sunday School      | 22 |
| Worship Attendance | 47 |

**Deacon for week:** 5/26 Iva Snyder

**Deacon for week:** 6/2 Beth Jenkins

### Properties for June

David Jenkins

### Ushers for June

Randy Walker Ben Best

Cecil Brown Frances Viano



## *SHARE THE SONSHINE*

Week of May 19-25 Johnnie Grubbs

Week of May 26 – June 1 Anne Jenkins

Lists are available on lobby table.

Share the Sonshine is an outreach ministry to those who are unable to attend church on a regular basis due to health reasons. We can all be a part of this ministry by praying for these individuals, sending cards, making a phone call or a visit.

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

George Shore  
Sandi Robinson  
Gregg Small

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC  
Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615  
Anne Jenkins - Morningside of Raleigh Room 132  
Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro – Rm 208



Dear Crabtree Family,

It is wonderful to know we still have a church family at Crabtree Valley Baptist. We sincerely appreciate all the cards, calls, texts and prayers we have received during the last few months. I am feeling much better and praying the aneurysms will shrink as the doctors think they will. Although we are no longer in Raleigh we still feel a part of the Crabtree family and appreciate all you have done for us.

In Christian love, Janet and Charles Martin



## **Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be recognizing our 4 graduates: Ayanah Boynes, Kevin Diaz-Padilla, Andy Garcia, and Ithamer Ames during our morning service, with a luncheon afterwards for them and their families. During the month of May we are collecting funds with which we will purchase Visa gift cards for each graduate. Please place your gift in the collection plate and mark your check or envelope "graduates". *Thank you for your contribution!*



**There will be a Called Business meeting on Sunday, June 2 immediately following the Worship service.** This meeting is to vote on some changes that need to be made to the church checking account.