

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 16, 2020

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



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world we live in is changing hour by hour as the spread of the Coronavirus grows more serious. By Executive order, Governor Roy Cooper, declared a state of emergency on March 11, and urged organizations to cancel or postpone events drawing 100 or more people. Now the CDC recommends organizations cancel or postpone events with 50 people or more for 8 weeks. As of Monday morning, March 16, massive shutdowns are occurring across the nation and world.

At CVBC, our priority is the health of our membership which is in the highest risk category. The Deacons met Sunday afternoon, March 15, with strict social distancing, to address our response to the crisis. There are positive things that we can and must do to protect ourselves.

1. Strictly observe all recommended hygiene procedures.
2. Pray for each other, health professionals and first responders who risk their lives to help us, those who have been diagnosed with the virus and their families, etc.
3. For communication - use the telephone, email, text, mail. Report any serious illnesses of concerns to the Pastor, Family Deacon or Church Office.
4. Maintain church office hours 9 -3pm Monday – Thursday, weekly newsletter, up-dates by email, telephone and internet video.
5. Isolate ourselves from public contact as much as possible.
6. Encourage all church members to mail tithes and offerings to the church at PO Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622 or bring offerings to the church during office hours.
7. At home – increase our devotional life by reading the Bible, praying, using devotional material such as “Our daily Bread,” On our web site, read or reread “Thought for the Week”. Watch videos of past worship services. View podcasts or broadcasts of area churches such as Hayes Barton Baptist Church” etc.

The Deacons voted unanimously to:

1. Cancel worship, prayer meeting and all activities of the church for one month with hope that we can have worship on Easter Sunday. Cancel Maundy Thursday Service and the Easter Sunrise Service at Ral. Mem. Park
2. Hope Pantry will be open on regular schedule each Wednesday to serve those in need.
3. Cancel use of our church building by outside groups.
4. Funerals and receptions will be limited to family only.
5. Ask Properties Committee to have the church “Deep Cleaned and Sanitized” prior to reentering building for worship and activities.

Tough times call for tough decisions. The steps we are taking are painful and cut against the desires of our heart. But we must do everything within our power to stop the spread of this deadly virus. Your understanding, support, cooperation and prayers are deeply appreciated.

In His Love, Charles

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Please note the following activities are cancelled until further notice:

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
- 6:30am Children and Youth Mission groups
- 6:30pm Bible study & Prayer
- 7:30am Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)



We will not be meeting for the next few weeks for Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible study. To keep everyone informed we will be sending the weekly Prayer list to our members. For those who have email, it will be sent by email on Wednesdays, and for those who receive their newsletter by mail, the list will be included with your newsletter. Since we will not be sending out weekly prayer cards, please remember to keep all those on the list in your thoughts and prayers, make a phone call and/or send a card.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesdays – Hope Pantry operating normal hours.

Sunday, April 12 ~ Easter

11:00am Worship service (tentative)

Deacon for week: 3/22 Beth Jenkins

Deacon for week: 3/29 Whitt Stallings

Properties for March

Gene Sherwood

Ushers for March

Robert Best Bobby Hayes
Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of March 15-21 Anne Jenkins

Week of March 22-28 Mary Cain

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.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our church goal: \$600.00

Look for envelopes in your boxed sets and on the lobby table. Due to the current situation, we will extend this offering through the end of April.

Pandemic

Rev. Lynn Ungar

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)
Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.