

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“You don’t change the world by looking at it. You change the world by the way you live in it.” That quote comes from the movie “Aeronauts”, which by the way, is worth watching during this time when we are homebound. The quote couldn’t be more timely. It all boils down to one thing – responsible living.

Responsible living was assigned to mankind when God created man in His own image, placed him in a beautiful garden, gave him “dominion” over it and told him to take care of it. The word “dominion” is very significant. It means “rule or power to rule, sovereign Authority”. In simple language, God put man in charge of the earth to manage it, to be responsible for it. In Christian circles we say that God made us stewards of the world and of our life and holds us accountable for what we do with both. From the word steward, we get the word “stewardship”. It all has to do with responsible living.

In his insightful commentary on Hebrews, William Barclay explains the history behind the author’s statement, “It is by faith that we understand that the world was fashioned by the Word of God, so that that which is seen came into being out of that which is unseen.” In other words, God made the world out of nothing. Barclay says that it is an act of faith to believe that God made the world. “Hebrews insists that God did not work with existing material: God created the world from nothing.”

The logic is clear. If God created the world out of nothing then everything in it is God’s. God is the undisputed owner of the world. No wonder the song writer was inspired to write, “He’s got the whole world in His hands!” And if God is the undisputed owner of the world, He has the authority to authorize mankind to be the manager of it.

And therein lies the problem with so much that has gone wrong in our world. Man has proved to be a very poor manager. The first man and woman, Adam & Eve disgraced themselves and put us all in jeopardy by disobeying God’s orders on how to take care of the Garden home he gave them. Willfully and deliberately they ate the forbidden fruit and brought sin and spiritual death into the picture.

Mankind has been missing the mark of God’s high calling since that day of disobedience. We are paying the price now for our careless and thoughtless stewardship of the earth. Our own poor habits along with selfishness, self-centeredness and greed have impacted our environment, trashed our oceans, polluted our rivers and streams, and spread diseases across the planet. The world’s inequality of wealth and food is man’s doing. There is enough of everything in this world for everybody but everybody doesn’t have enough of everything because of man’s selfishness.

In this Season of Lent we are celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. He came to earth to die for our sins, to save us not just from our sins but from ourselves. God still owns this world and He is still in control. He still holds us accountable. I know that in times like these people might question that truth. But as Barclay put it, “If we believe that this is God’s world then there comes the faith and the hope which enable us to do the most difficult thing in the world – to accept what we cannot understand. And if we truly believe that this is God’s world we must also accept our responsibility in it. “You change the world by the way you live in it.”

In His love, Charles

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EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunrise service at Raleigh Memorial Park has been cancelled.

All services and activities at CVBC are cancelled until further notice.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of March 29 – April 4 Louise Shore

Share the Sunshine 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.



Hope Pantry Ministry

We will continue to minister to those in our community that need our help with food and other listed necessities. We realize that many of us are not venturing out to the stores unless it's absolutely necessary – but if you happen to be out and can pick up some extra items for the pantry, we'd appreciate it.

We are in need of the following items:

Rice, Potatoes (canned, instant)
Beans (baked, pork-n-beans, black, kidney)
Soup
Tomatoes, Corn
Vienna sausages, Spam
Canned chicken & tuna (packets are good too)
Fruit (cans & cups) very low
Fruit juice (small sizes or juice boxes)
Crackers (saltine, ritz, peanut butter, etc)
Peanut butter and jelly
Snacks (crackers, pudding cups)
Spaghetti sauce

Canned spag & meat balls, Ravioli, Spag O's (very low)
Mac and Cheese

Soap, Travel size toiletries
Packs of baby wipes (our homeless use these for bathing)

We do not need more of these items, we are well stocked. Grits, Oatmeal, Green beans, mixed veggies



WORSHIP SERVICE AUDIO & VIDEO

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE & YOUTUBE

Take advantage of our CVBC virtual worship via internet. Each week's service will be released on Sunday Morning before the normal 11:00am worship hour. We are asking our church family to participate in the worship experience as if we were gathered together in our sanctuary. We can worship together in spirit if we all make the effort to participate in worship at the same time. At your convenience you can read any of the posted "Thought for the Week" messages or view in any of the previous worship experiences via audio or video on our website and youtube. **SPREAD THE WORD!**

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhW2gyB7cPU>

REMEMBER YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We truly appreciate those who have either mailed or brought by their contributions. To date we have received a total of \$5,799.00 since the last time we met. We thank Peggy Utley for keeping our Church Office open Mon – Thurs from 9am – 3pm. You may bring your tithes and offerings during these office hours or mail it to CVBC, PO Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622.

Recommendation from Nominating Committee:

Our quarterly business meeting is scheduled for April 26. Since we may not be able to meet because of the coronavirus crisis, The Pastor, Jean Glosson, Chairperson of the Deacons and Beth Jenkins, Moderator have agreed for the Nominating Committee to move forward with two recommendations by email, mail or phone. **Your response is requested by Wednesday, April 1.**

The Nominating Committee recommends adding Ellen Collins to the Teller Committee and Dee Bullock to the Properties Committee.

You may vote Yes or No in one of three ways:

email cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Phone: 919-781-5345 (if after office hours, when you get the recording, press 0 to leave a msg)

Mail: CVBC PO Box 30954 Raleigh 27622

PRAYER REQUESTS

While we are unable to meet weekly for Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible study, please keep in touch with Pastor Charles, your Deacon or the church office of any sickness, emergencies or other important needs. If you want to be added to the prayer list, you may call or email the church office directly.