

# 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

Claiming to be a Christian and living the Christian life are two different things just as being a member of a church and being saved are two different things. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

Jesus said, “By their fruit you will recognize them” (Matthew 7:16). Judas, who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, was a disciple and treasurer of the group and yet the evidence is clear, his allegiance to Christ was fake. He was a hypocrite, a liar and filled with greed. He’s the one who condemned Mary for pouring expensive ointment on Jesus. Jesus called him “The Son of Perdition” (John 17:12) meaning that he was totally lost. Judas walked with Jesus but lived for himself. He was a member of Jesus’ closest followers, yet there is no evidence that he ever had a transformation of life, or ever preached a sermon, taught a spiritual lesson, wrote about his experiences or truly believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

Jesus used his strongest words against the religious establishment of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Chief Priests and religious leaders to condemn their hypocrisy. They were religious but they weren’t spiritual. They burdened the people with their laws but failed to practice what they preached.

John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and admonished his hearers to “produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” (Luke 3:3,8) As the old spiritual says, “It’s not my brother or my sister but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Paul said, “So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” (Romans 14:12)

In the context of partaking of the Lord’s Supper, Paul had in mind the transformation of one’s life and serving Christ with the whole heart when he said, “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). As someone wisely said, “It is the practice and not the verbiage that makes a man Christian.”

In His Love  
Charles

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### SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of April 12-18 Johnnie Grubbs

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.



### THREE GOOD BOOKS FOR OUR TIMES

In these troubled times with so much bad news coming at us, it is essential that we guard our intake. These are times when we need to feed our souls and strengthen our relationship with the Lord.

There are many good things that we can do while sheltering in. Here is a suggestion among your many choices: Find a quiet place and spend time with God.

There are 3 good books that can help us in these dark days. First, there is **the Bible**. Read the Bible daily, meditate and pray. Second, if you are serious about deepening your spiritual life, you cannot find a more helpful, insightful, thought provoking, devotional book that Oswald Chambers, **“My Utmost for His Highest”**. Third, if you are in to reading, a good book for our times **“The Life God Blesses: Weathering the Storms of Life That Threaten the Soul,”** by Gordon MacDonald.

Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. Keep your eyes on Jesus in this storm, or like Simon Peter, you will sink in the turbulent waters.



We thank all those who have donated items! Below are some items that we are in need of.

- Soup, Tomatoes, tomato sauce
- Garden Peas, Canned potatoes
- Pork-n-beans, beanie weenie, Ravioli, Spag O's, etc
- Meats (chicken, tuna, roast beef, Vienna sausage, spam)
- Saltine, Ritz crackers
- Fruit (cups or cans)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice
- Cereal
- Toilet paper



### WORSHIP SERVICES

Our services are available on our website each Sunday at 11:00am. We urge you to participate in this virtual worship experience as if you were sitting in the sanctuary.

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/>

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

### REMEMBER YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your tithes and offerings during this critical time in our country. You may bring your tithes and offerings during office hours or mail it to CVBC, PO Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622. Save time and postage by just sending one check for your monthly contribution instead of weekly.



### *Thankful* IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES

The Psalmist prayed, “Be at peace again, my soul, because the Lord has been good to you (Psalms 116:7). Let this Psalm and a thoughtful poem by Reese Cowan calm your anxiety and rearrange your priorities as we adjust to conditions beyond our control.

I only have the things I need, and I can't boast of wealth,  
But many other folks I know don't even have their health.  
My neighbors oft have pains and griefs,  
while they are not my lot;  
So this year, I'll be thankful for the things I haven't got.

Some folks today have heavy hearts,  
and tears some eyes make dim;  
And some today must lie in bed, and nurse a broken limb;  
Tho' they may have fine homes and wealth,  
thy happiness have not;  
So, I will just be thankful for the things I haven't got.

I own no yacht nor limousine, no stocks and bonds and such;  
No gang is apt to kidnap me; folks know I haven't much.  
If I were wealthy they, perhaps, would put me “on the spot”.  
So I will just be thankful for the things I haven't got.

If you have nothing wrong with you in body or in mind,  
If you are not all crippled up, nor deaf, nor dumb, nor blind;  
If you no burden to have to bear, why man, I tell you what –  
You'd better just be thankful for the things you haven't got.