

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Holy Week

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week – there is no other week like it in all of history. From the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until Jesus' death on the cross and burial on Friday, it was a week packed with drama, suspense, confrontation, denial, a last supper, betrayal, mystery, horror and sorrow.

Jesus was fully God and fully man. In Him God became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus cleared up false impressions and

misunderstandings about God that had existed for centuries. All authority was His in Heaven and on earth. Yet, not once, not even on the cross, did He ever use His power and authority selfishly.

No founder of any religion has been prophesied over thousands of years with such accuracy as Jesus. No birth in recorded history had ever been like his. No other man ever spoke with such knowledge, understanding, compassion, authority and power as Jesus. He taught in parables with such simplicity that a child could understand and with such profoundness that even the most venerable priests and teachers of the law were puzzled and amazed. He cast out demons, healed diseases, restored sight to the blind, made the lame to walk again, calmed stormy seas, turned water into wine, and forgave sins.

He stood before the highest authorities on earth; high priests, the Sanhedrin, governors and kings, without fear or compromise. His poise and demeanor evoked a combination of respect, awe, astonishment, fear and trembling in the powerful.

In Jesus' trial before Pilate, the Governor of Judea, the crowd was offered to choose between freeing a murderer and insurrectionist named Jesus Barabbas or Jesus The Son of God. They chose Barabbas and shouted for Jesus to be crucified. What a choice! What a contrast!

Barabbas offered military and political salvation from Rome's bondage. Jesus offered salvation from the bondage of sin and eternal life. Barabbas offered revolution. Jesus offered regeneration. Barabbas offered to save people by shedding their blood. Jesus offered to save people by shedding his own blood.

Barabbas is set free and there is no record of what happened to him. Jesus is crucified. Yet as He is lifted up men who believe are drawn to Him. Their lives are changed forever. As Isaiah the prophet said, "Be his scourging we are healed." Jesus rose from the dead and whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. What can we say except....

Thank you Lord for saving my soul.
Thank you Lord for making me whole.
Thank you Lord for giving to me,
Thy great salvation so rich and free

In His Love
Charles

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A WORD ABOUT COVID 19

BETH JENKINS

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but does not have pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person." 1 John 3:17

Pastor Allard asked me to update the congregation on the latest regarding CoVid. CoVid19 – the new word in all of our vocabularies. I do not know the depth of all the answers to where this virus originated from or the impact it will have on our future, but as I have said to many, "This is a virus I am afraid of".

I am a nurse and I know this is real. My role has been a part of the Wake County Human Services CoVid Response Team. I have seen the CoVid virus lung x-rays; the sickness the patients experience outside the hospital; the co-morbidities and the numbers of people dying very quickly; and on and on. Can I prove *all* the data is real? No. Can I without a doubt tell you the news media is transparent? No. I can tell you until the community data curve of new positive cases turns, we still need to be very pro-active.

I was exposed. Twice. How could that be? I am not face to face with patients. I am safe! Well.... I was a primary contact to two positive CoVid19 employee cases and around two other staff members with alarming symptoms. I was called at 6pm while still at work and given the news. I immediately donned a mask to complete the plans with the remaining Response Team for continued operations, was placed in quarantine and awaited the onset of my symptoms and the results of my CoVid19 test. Every allergy cough, sneeze and headache brought me to reality of the fear of this virus. I also had the fear that I potentially exposed my husband, my sweet grandson and my precious daughters and their families. All were exposed within the previous 24 hours. My initial response was an overwhelming, paralyzing fear for my family.

Once I worked through those feelings of fear, I went back to the same statement I have used before when faced with this kind of fear. "It's up to the Good Lord". Fortunately, my test results were **NEGATIVE**. The other staff members have recovered. Once again, prayers were answered for myself, my family and my friends at work.

For those that are healthy, you can recover but it is your responsibility to protect others by staying home and not sharing the virus. For those with any pre-existing conditions, be very aware and cautious of the self-distancing and stay at home orders. For those who are >65 years, be very cautious since your immune system is not as strong as it once was.

There are many heroes in this CoVid19 response effort. I have such respect for my fellow health workers in the hospitals (all levels of staffing - cafeteria workers, cleaning crews, medical staff, etc.); Pharmacists who are still providing care; Field Nurses going into the community of homeless providing care; Those working the long 12 hour shifts at the Emergency Operations Center directing Wake County's response based on the volume of positive CoVid19 cases; Retail operators from grocery stores to hardware stores to fast food drive thru; Sanitation workers; Daycare operations so medical staff can work; Ministers reaching out through virtual services, etc. This list goes on and on. I John 3:17.

To each of my extended family at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, stay safe, healthy and at home. Love to All.



EASTER SERVICES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will not be able to have our normal Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunrise services. However, our Easter Morning Worship from the church sanctuary will be available on our website at 11:00am. We urge you to participate in this virtual worship experience as if you were sitting in the sanctuary. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors near and far who might like to worship with us. Anyone who has a computer, smartphone or ipad can access our website.

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

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

THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER PRESENTS "JESUS"

If you have ever been to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania or Branson, Missouri, you know the quality of their Biblical dramas played out on the big stage. Because of the Covid-19 crisis and the inability of churches to gather in their sanctuaries to celebrate Easter, the current Biblical presentation "JESUS" will be streamed absolute free April 10,11 & 12 (Easter Weekend). If you have a computer, Ipad, smartphone, or smartTV, download the **TBN app**. A "behind the scenes" of how the drama was produced and a trailer preview is already available on youtube & TBN. Check it out. You'll be glad you did.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/sightsoundtheatres>

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.

Vote Results for Nominations:

Thanks for responding to the recommendation of our Nominating Committee to add Dee Bullock to the Properties Committee and Ellen Collins to the Teller Committee. We had 25 yes votes (enough for a quorum) & 0 no votes.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of April 5-11 Greg Small

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.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday for the Easter holiday.