

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

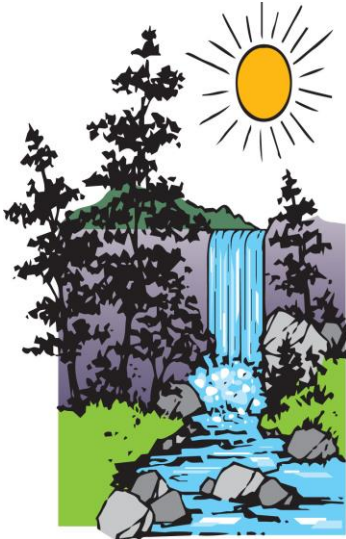
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*"Surely the
LORD is in
this place."*

Genesis 28:16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The parents of today's seniors grew up in the days of silent films when one of the famous actors was Charlie Chaplin. Chaplin was an English comic actor, filmmaker and composer known around the world. He was considered one of the most important figures in the history of the film industry. Chaplin grew up in hard times with a mentally ill mother and an alcoholic father. His success is a remarkable story of strong will, determination and hard work. Of his childhood he said, "I was hardly aware of a crisis because we lived in a continual crisis; and being a boy, I dismissed our troubles with gracious forgetfulness. Out of tough times, he developed a philosophy of survival consisting of 4 statements:

1. Nothing is forever in this world, even our problems
2. I love to walk in the rain because no one can see my tears.
3. The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh.
4. Six of the best doctors in the world are sun, rest, exercise, diet, self-respect and friends.

Keep them in all stages of your life and enjoy a healthy life. If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God. If you see the sun, you will see the power of God. If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So believe it.

We are all tourist, God is our travel agent who has already defined our routes, bookings and directions. Trust Him and enjoy life. Life is a journey! So live today! Tomorrow may not be.

Ponder these thoughts and remember Ephesians 5:16, "Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." (NLT)

In His Love,
Charles



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SHARE THE SONSHINE
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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.



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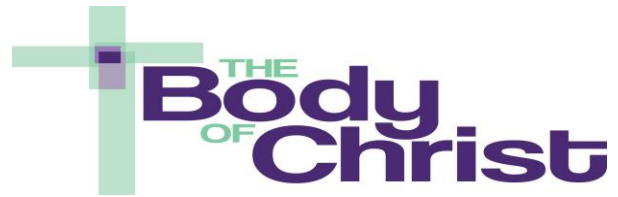


Last week we switched our phone and internet service provider to AT&T at a significantly reduced monthly cost. In order to install this new service, it was necessary to run a new fiber cable across our driveway going to the rear parking lot. Access to this area has been blocked off until the cable can be put under ground. **Please do not attempt to drive across the cable as it will be severely damaged. AT&T hopes to complete their work and bury the cable within the next two weeks.**

We also had to replace the office computer because it crashed last week. Thanks to Elizabeth and Yilong, we were able to keep the office up and functioning by using the laptop computer that the church provides for Risa's office. The new computer is being installed this week.



Monday, May 25
Church office closed



THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Governor Cooper announced last week that on Friday, May 8, at 5pm, North Carolina would be entering phase one of the reopening process. Businesses, parks, beaches, malls, etc. can now function under restricted guidelines. Churches can hold outdoor services in parking lots or old drive-in theaters but neither restaurants nor churches are permitted inside services.

Some have asked, "When can our church reopen?" It is true that CVBC like all churches have had to discontinue congregational gatherings on Sundays and at all other times. But the truth is, CVBC never closed. You see, our building is closed for the time being, but our church is not the building, it is the people. As a church, we closed our building to public gatherings, but the church has not closed. We are alive, open and functioning but in a different manner to which we are accustomed.

We are **open to pray** for one another, to contact one another by phone, text, email and even facetime. We are **open to feed** the hungry through Hope Pantry. We are **open to worship** together on Sunday or any other time by means of internet. We are **open to receive tithes and offerings** to maintain our church ministry at home and abroad. **Our staff is open to receive your calls, prayer concerns, and to receive your suggestions on how we can better meet the needs of our congregation.**

Certainly, we all long for the day when we can worship together in person. But, don't let anyone tell you that CVBC is closed. **We, the people, the body of Christ, are alive, well and open to serve the Lord, glorify His name, encourage one another and reach out to those in need.**



It is essential that you let us know of prayer needs during this time of extended separation. The Church Staff and members of our congregation cannot automatically know your needs or the needs of others unless you let us know. Please don't assume that we know your needs or that someone will let us know for you. Please call, text or email your prayer request because we are genuinely concerned about your welfare. While we cannot visit the hospital, assisted living homes or even your home, we can do the most powerful thing – PRAY.