

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The writer in the devotional guide “Reflections” for Friday, May 29, said “When we find the future unclear or foreboding, finding the motivation for today’s tasks is often difficult.” Aleta Payne wrote in her News & Observer Editorial on May 29, “Pews are empty, but belief is full,” “We need to love each other enough to miss each other a little longer.”

Against the backdrop of news that the US death toll from Covid 19 has passed the 100,000 mark, that the number of people contracting the virus is rising, that this virus may be with us for years to come, that unemployment in the US has reached 40 million, That riots are going on in Minneapolis and across the USA including Raleigh because of police brutality and the death of George Floyd, and a multitude of other discouraging events, it is difficult to see a bright future. These are dark days.

Did not Jesus say, “In the world you will have tribulation”? The sad condition of the world and man’s inability to resolve his own sinful problems is the very reason that God sent his only son into the world. Jesus came to save us from our sins, to save us from ourselves, to give us a purpose and meaning for living, to offer us eternal life with Him.

Jesus came to show us God’s love, to demonstrate grace, kindness, forgiveness, to offer us peace and a better way to live. If current events and conditions do not cause us to turn to God, get on our knees, repent and ask for God’s forgiveness and direction, what will? What is going to happen to America if we don’t?

Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Our future is in Christ. As Christians, Jesus’ death and resurrection and our belief and commitment to him assures us of eternal life. Right now, on earth, Satan is alive and well, he is powerful and destructive and many people are falling into his hands and being led to do his evil work. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

Our motivation in these turbulent times is God’s Love. We need to love each other not just to protect us from a virus, not just to give us patience until we can meet together in worship again but to love each other and even those who do not love us as we plead for men and women across this land to turn to Jesus.

In His Love,  
Charles

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**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

**Week of May 31 – June 6 Mary Cain**

806 Springmoor Circle Raleigh, NC 27615

*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.*



Our goal is to make sure that all of our leadership positions are filled for the coming year so that our church can run smoothly and effectively as we go forward.

We are asking each person who is currently holding positions to continue those job duties for another year if at all possible. If you feel that you cannot commit to another year in one or more of your current positions, please call a member of the committee (Sue Edwards 919-345-5981, Faye Hayes 919-782-1349, or Betty Perry 919-781-1219) so that we can search for a replacement. **If we have not heard from you by June 8 we will assume that you agree to remain in your present position for the coming church year.**

We are exceedingly grateful for all of you who serve so diligently, and you have our sincere thanks!

Sue, Faye & Betty



- 6/5 Sue Edwards  
13201 Norwood Road 27614
- 6/18 Cheryl Walker  
4700 Theys Road 27606



Access to the lower parking area is still blocked off until the cable can be installed underground. **Please do not attempt to drive across the cable as it will be severely damaged.**



**Guatemala Mission Opportunity**

Guatemala has been impacted by COVID-19 and it continues to get more desperate. GRACE ministries is now feeding over 500 people per week, more than double the number of students they were feeding at school. As food gets scarce and prices rise, they are asking for help to continue this ministry. If anyone is interested in helping, you can send a check to the church, made out to CVBC and we will send one check to GRACE ministries. This collection will be ongoing until the COVID crisis gets better. Thank you, Cheryl Walker

**Hope Pantry Update**

For the month of May we had 34 people come to the pantry needing assistance. Some of these were large families (5-7 people) so in total we fed 92 people. Every week it seems we see new faces, many of whom have never been in this position before, needing help to put food on their table. We appreciate all of you who have contributed food items and sent checks to help cover purchased expenses. We are very thankful for our volunteers, Jean Glosson, Gene Sherwood and Catherine Mullins for their continued dedication to help others during this time.

**Financial Report**

Since we missed our Quarterly meeting in April, here is a brief report on the current church finances. Overall we have been doing well. We very much appreciate all those who continue to send their contributions. As we all know the monthly bills continue to come even during this crisis. But our electric bills have seen a decrease as we have turned off the HVAC for most of the building while not in use. Also, we switched our phone/internet service provider which will lower that utility bill. And, we have received checks from our two outside groups that usually meet weekly, even though they are unable to meet.

**Expenses highlight:**

- 1.) One of our largest expenses was the payment of our yearly insurance (includes building, umbrella policy, auto, and workers comp) - \$4,630.00
- 2.) HVAC spring maintenance and some repairs right before the shutdown. - \$1,532.00
- 3.) Purchase of a computer for the church office as we were experiencing problems with outdated equipment. \$900

**Contributions and Expenses March 15 – May 31**

Beginning BB&T balance as of March 13	\$51,622
Average weekly contributions for 12 weeks:	\$2,411
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>\$45,191</b>