

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The complexity of human nature is difficult to explain and difficult to understand. The Apostle Paul would certainly agree. Eugene Peterson has put Paul's words in the 7th Chapter of Romans into everyday language. It goes like this, "What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise....I decide to do good, but I don't really do it. I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. It happens so regularly that it's predictable."

There are so many areas in our lives where we continually amaze ourselves at our failure. For example...

We set standards for ourselves and then fail to live up to them.

We choose the worse when we know better.

We deceive ourselves by thinking we can avoid temptation on our own strength.

We demand a standard of living for others that we do not meet in our own lives.

We are slow to see the good in others and slow to see the evil in ourselves.

We can have a hard heart toward the faults of our neighbors and yet find excuses for our own faults.

Recognizing the greater extent of his own struggles and his own ability to overcome his shortfalls, Paul goes on to say, "I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me?" And then he responds, "The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different."

In our own strength we falter and fail. But in Jesus Christ we have understanding, forgiveness, help and strength to overcome. Our victory is in Jesus.

In His Love,
Charles

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SHARE THE SONSHINE
 Week of June 7-13 Louise Shore
 Spring Arbor of Cary Room 115
 1705 Kildaire Farm Rd
 Cary, NC 27511

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.



Guatemala Mission Opportunity

Guatemala has been impacted by COVID-19 and it continues to get more desperate. GRACE ministries is an organization that is now feeding 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



DEACON'S MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 28

There will be a called meeting for Deacons at 2pm, June 28, in the Fellowship Hall. The main purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the ministry of our church in the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and steps we need to take moving forward. Please enter the fellowship hall through the lower entrance, wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you are unable to attend the meeting or do not feel safe in coming, please notify our Chairperson of the Diaconate, Jean Glosson at 919-851-0820.



Receiving and Giving – The Hope Pantry Way!

Do you believe someone when they say “It’s a God thing!” One of our recent visitors to the Pantry was a woman from another state who is temporarily in Raleigh. She has always been so very grateful for our responses to her needs. Recently she came to the church bringing several bags of fresh produce which she had been given by another agency that she knew she couldn’t use before it would spoil. Her intent was that we could share her donation with someone who needed food. We thanked her for sharing and gave her a few nonperishable items that she could use.

Since it was almost “closing time” for the day, we did not know whether we would even be able to distribute the food that day. One telephone call was our answer! Peggy received a call from a young woman with a family who had heard about our Hope Pantry and desperately needed help. When she arrived she was overwhelmed by the produce (which we explained we do not usually have available) and the other items we were able to give her. She told me she had been so reluctant to ask for help because she had always been able to work and provide for her family but was currently without a job because of the pandemic. She shared how difficult it was to humble herself to ask for assistance, but we both agreed that God hears and answers prayers. Her comment that this experience had increased her faith was a very meaningful “thank you” to us and to God. It was a very good day at the Pantry.

We thank all of you who volunteer and support this ministry through your time and donations. We are glad we have been able to provide this service throughout this pandemic crisis.

Hope and blessings, Jean Glosson



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 You can also find current and past sermons on Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church