

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The first diagnosis of the coronavirus occurred in the State of Washington January, 2020. Now the world is reeling from its devastating effects and a vaccine to prevent it may not be available until sometime next year. The lives of everyone have been dramatically altered and what we have known as normal may be a thing of the past.

By mid-March, we were forced to cease public worship and rely on internet worship. Seniors, and that is 95% of our congregation, are in the most vulnerable category. We now know that no one is exempt from the disease.

Before the virus hit, Gloria and I had been praying about our ministry at Crabtree. Both of us recognize the special blessing that God has given us over the past five years to serve first as a supply pastor, then as interim pastor for 9 months and since March, 2016 as Pastor. Our love for you has grown as we have shared the challenges of bringing stability to the church, feeding the sheep, caring for one another and involving our church family in fruitful mission endeavors. We have accomplished those goals. Financially we are stronger. Spiritually we have seen people grow in the Lord. In Missions we are serving more people through Hope Pantry, our hygiene kit project for hurricane victims is in its 3rd year and perhaps the most notable ministry of all is establishing the Welcome House for refugees. And we have restored the Youth Ministry thanks to God's leadership in the life of Ashley Walker.

After considerable thought and prayer, Gloria and I feel that the time has come for us to pass the mantle to younger leadership. We have served the Lord in ministry either as pastor or missionary for 61 years. Both of us have health issues that put us at great risk in these uncertain times. Originally, we thought of stepping down at the end of December 2019, but somehow we felt the Lord saying "no". I had actually written a retirement letter which I planned to present to the church on March 29, with an effective date of April, 30. Then, Covid 19 struck with force. Under the circumstances, we could not proceed with retirement plans. Our thought was that in three to four months things would return to normal, we could get back together and then step down. But as we all know that hasn't happened.

Recognizing our physical limitations and realizing that we cannot possibly hold out until in-person worship is feasible again, we feel that we must now announce our retirement effective August 23, 2020. We did not want our ministry to end in this way. But we are not in control. As you have heard me say on numerous occasions, "We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." Those are words uttered many years ago by Dr. George W. Truett, one of the greatest Baptist ministers and statesmen our country has ever known. They are words of truth.

Our future and the future of CVBC is not in our hands but in God's. Both of us must lean on Him. We must trust Him with all our hearts, lean not unto our own understanding but in all our ways acknowledge him and He will direct our paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Thank you for your understanding and prayers. Thank you for the love and support that you have given Gloria and Me. We have always been partners in ministry. Second to God, Gloria has been the wind under my wings. Nothing I have ever accomplished could have been done without her love, wise counsel and support. You will certainly be in our thoughts and prayers as you move forward to better days. God Bless you.

In His Love, Charles & Gloria



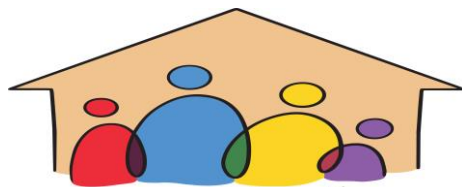
SHARE THE SONSHINE
Week of July 26-August 1
 Johnnie Grubbs Room 208
 Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro
 140 Brookstone Lane
 Pittsboro, NC 27312

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 only be open Mon-Wed for the next 2 weeks (July 30 & Aug 6). I will be using my vacation time/days to take these Thursday's off to help my son's family with babysitting because their regular sitter was exposed to Covid and she will be self-quarantining during this time. I may also be taking the entire week of Aug 10-13 but those plans have not been finalized. I appreciate your understanding and I hope this won't be too much of an inconvenience for any of you.

Peggy



#separatetogether

Remember in Prayer

Pray for our internet worship ministry which is now reaching more people than we had in worship before Covid 19. Tell family, friends and neighbors about the worship opportunity. Pray for those who may not have a church home. Pray for those who do not know Christ as their Savior.

DISASTER RELIEF

HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Hygiene Kits are due in the Church office by this Wednesday. Originally, we had said Thursday, July 30, but the Church Office will be closed this Thursday so please bring your kits by ASAP. In advance, thank you for participating in this mission project. Thank you for your generosity. These kits will be welcomed and appreciated.



- 8/3 Alli Acevedo
545 Cooper Rd 27610
- 8/3 Faye Hayes
1112 Shetland Ct, 27609
- 8/3 Barbara Goodson
7829 Coach House Lane 27615
- 8/6 Elena Acevedo
545 Cooper Rd 27610
- 8/8 Betsy Shaw
4901 Brookhaven Dr, 27612
- 8/12 Beth Jenkins
8109 North Creek Run, 27613
- 8/25 Frances Viano
4805 Ludwell Branch Ct 27612
- 8/26 Aladine Rogers
308 Springmoor Dr 27615
- 8/28 Gloria Allard
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