

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“He who has ears, let him hear” is a message repeated in the Old and New Testaments in various forms and spoken on numerous occasions by Jesus himself. The same message is found in the book of Revelation. The essence of the message is not to just listen but obey. As the book of James clearly states, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)

All indications are that a significant number of Americans have a hearing problem. And not just Americans, the problem appears to be global. I am amazed, no perhaps that is not the correct word, I am appalled that we are in the greatest health crisis of modern times and have no national plan to combat it because people in responsible positions of government refuse to listen to the scientist and they have many blind followers. Because people disregard science and truth and live carelessly, the number of new cases continues to rise as does the death toll.

A dear friend of ours died Sunday Morning, July 26, because of Covid 19 and he was taking all of the precautions. I was called to share in his graveside service. The pain of loss is getting closer home each day. I do not understand people who disregard truth and disregard the recommended precautions. People who have ears but refuse to listen to facts.

The problem is not new. Adam and Eve heard God, they just simply disregarded his message. That is how sin came into the world. The Prophet Jeremiah spoke of “foolish people, without understanding, who have eyes and see not, and who have ears and hear not” (Jeremiah 5:21). Ezekiel said, Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear, for they are a rebellious house. Sounds like today’s news about carelessness in America.

People who turn a deaf ear to scientist who tell us how to bring Covid 19 under control are part of the problem and not the solution. Perhaps they are also perhaps among the same people who turn a deaf ear to God. They are determined not to listen to facts or truth but rather to do what they want to do. They are both foolish and rebellious.

As I see it, they may hear the facts, they may hear truth, but they are deaf to what they hear and so rebellious in their heart (I have my rights) that they not only put their lives in jeopardy but the lives of others. Such determination is irresponsible, self-centered and reckless. The Bible says, “If anyone knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, It is sin for them.”

In His Love,
Charles

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SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of August 2-8

Anne Jenkins Room 132

801 Dixie Trail

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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.



Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday, Aug 6 and 13. I will not be taking vacation next week. Peggy



A SPECIAL THANKS

We are not meeting for in-person worship these days but if you happen to come to our church building, you will see a visible transformation in cleanliness. You will especially notice it in the fellowship hall and kitchen, and you can't miss it at the front entrance, in the narthex as well as classrooms and sanctuary. In part it has come about because of a new understanding with our cleaning service Jan-Pro. But by and large it is due to the extra ordinary cleaning effort of Dee Bullock and her helper Wanda. They have gone above and beyond in making our church facility sparkle. They have taken care of details that most cleaning services simply do not address. We are deeply grateful for the "new look" and the loving care that Dee and Wanda have provided.



We have just learned about the passing of one of our members, Rebecca Nassar, on Thursday, July 30, 2020. Rebecca was the daughter of Elouise Leffler, also a member, who died in 2014.

DISASTER RELIEF

HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

A word of deep appreciation goes out to all of you who participated in the Hygiene Kit Mission Project. Through your generosity 141 kits were delivered to Church World Services Monday afternoon. We came up a little short of last years' collection but given the limitations that Covid 19 has placed upon us, we have nothing but praise for our response to this critical need. With the arrival of Hurricane Isaias, the timing could not be better. A special thanks to Iva Snyder who prepared 64 kits and assisted those who were unable to shop for themselves or put the kits together. We thank our youth and children for preparing 30 kits. Also, thanks to Whitt Stallings who delivered the kits to CWS. To God be the Glory!



Deacon's Meeting

A meeting of the Deacons is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Masks and social distancing are required. Please notify Jean Glosson if you are unable to attend. It can be arranged for you to participate by telephone if you will let Jean know ahead of time.

Deacon Ordination

During the Month of July, CVBC members nominated Deacons to serve a three-year term 2020-2023. Of the top candidates nominated, Barbara Goodson and Gene Sherwood have agreed to serve. In our virtual worship, on August 23, a representative group of Deacons along with the Pastor will ordain Barbara in the most unusual way a Deacon has ever been ordained at CVBC or any other Baptist Church. You will not want to miss our internet service. **In advance, you are encouraged to send Barbara and Gene cards/letters of support to be presented at their ordination recording on Thurs, August 20. Please mail them to CVBC, PO Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622 to arrive no later than August 18.**