

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Is God Calling You?

We are limited in this COVID Pandemic by health restrictions, hopefully common sense, and our concern for ourselves and others from doing many of the things we have always taken for granted. We have had to adjust our routines and prioritize our “wants” and “needs” which has caused us to do some re-evaluations.

Our guest minister last week, Rev. Marc Wyatt, challenged us in his sermon to give consideration to the pause (“down-time”) we have in our lives as a result of our isolation. He encouraged us to think about what we might do to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

Are we using our COVID isolation in a positive way?

Have we considered ways to use that time to draw closer to God and to listen to His call to us to reach out and witness for Him?

In church circles we talk about someone’s calling, generally referring to a minister. God calls ALL believers to serve Him.

Have you thought that your “calling” might be to check on a family member, friend, neighbor, or a new friend who may be lonely or even more isolated than yourself?

Maybe your “calling” could be an extra bit of time spent at the grocery store or pharmacy to pick up some items for a shut-in.

Maybe your “calling” might be a knock on someone’s door with a gift of home-cooked food, a takeout, or a good book, puzzle, or game.

Maybe you have a gift for words and you can best share your beliefs and the reassurance you feel from God through cards and letters. Or perhaps our newsletter! We’re still looking for contributors.

As Christians we feel the peace and joy that comes from our relationship with God. Being encircled by the loving arms of God is our comfort in the midst of every storm in our lives. Isn’t that news worth sharing? Think about it and pray so that when your “call” comes you will be ready to respond. Our opportunities to witness and serve even in the midst of COVID are limitless. Everyone responds to “I care”. There are lots of “needy” people around us, not just for lack of food and basic necessities. Maybe you are the one God has in mind to help meet those needs.

The next time opportunity knocks on your door or you feel a tug at your heart think about these words before you say “NO”.
I could, I might, I can, I should or I will.

The Bible says “God loves a cheerful giver”. I don’t think there are any limitations on the choice of a gift. YOU are gifted by God. There is a saying—“God doesn’t call the qualified; He qualifies the called”.

Is your response to His call “I Will”? We are never too young or too old to be used by God.

Blessings, Jean

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SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of September 13-19 Bonnie Wright

Woodland Terrace

300 Kildaire Woods Dr Apt 127

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.



The Youth Group has been meeting again for a few weeks now. We're meeting on Mondays at 6:30. It is so great to see everyone! In August, we went on a youth retreat to Lake Gaston since Passport Camp was canceled due to the pandemic. At the retreat we had Bible study in the morning and in the afternoon we enjoyed boat rides, tubing, water skiing, and swimming. In the evenings we enjoyed Mrs. Cheryl's good cooking and played some of our favorite games. It was great to spend some quality time together.

Before the pandemic, we were doing 'Speed Friending' with the adults at Bible study on Wednesday night. We are going to continue Speed Friending by writing letters to our church members. The goal of Speed Friending is to get to know each other better and to unite our church family during a time when it is easy to feel disconnected from our community. The youth group would love it if you wrote back to us and answered some questions about yourself so we can become pen pals! Expect to find letters from members of the youth group in your mailbox soon!



SUPPLY PREACHERS & SPEAKERS

Next Sunday, Sept 20th, Rev. Brent Rector will be our guest. Brent is a native of Mt. Airy, NC. He completed his degree at UNC Greensboro and then graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brent has served as Associate Pastor in 4 different churches both in Virginia and North Carolina, with the last 17 of his 40 years in ministry at Woodhaven Baptist Church in Apex.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

- Bonnie Wright
- Frances Viano
- Armando and Margo Martinez
- Anne Barden
- Betsy Shaw
- Faye Hayes
- Jetta Lewis
- Charlotte Phelps (friend of Jean's)
- Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
- Teresa Smith – recurrence of brain tumor (friend of Peggy's)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

- Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst Living
- Gertrude Harris – Universal Health Care – Fuquay-Varina
- Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail - Room 132
- Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro – Room 208
- Louise Shore – Spring Arbor of Cary Rm 115
- Greg Small – Apt 226 Atria Oakridge

OTHER:

- Sonshine Person of the Week
- The Price family – Missionaries in Wales
- Our church – Pastor search

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

- 9/13 Peninah Brown
- 9/20 Ellen Collins



We express our sincere sympathy to the family of Mary Cain who passed away on Sept 8, 2020. Mary was a very active member since 1986 (34 years) until her declining health limited her church attendance. We are so grateful for the difference Mary made in the life of our church and its members. A graveside service will be held on September 19, 2020 at 2:00pm at White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery in White Oak, North Carolina. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Crabtree Valley Baptist Church, P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, North Carolina 27622 or AnimalKind, P.O. Box 12568, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605. Condolences may be sent to her family in care of her sister,

Mrs. Juliette Singleton
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Make Someone smile

I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it. Groucho Marx