

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)



Next Sunday, January 31st, we will welcome back Rev. Johnny Richards as our guest preacher.



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

01/24 Ellen Collins

01/31 Jean Glosson



Tune in weekly for our Virtual
Worship Service which is released by
11am on Sunday

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/> You can also find current and past sermons on Youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church

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Everyday Saints

The name Mother Theresa is synonymous with self-sacrifice and kindness. She was recognized and revered around the world for over half a century of ministry to the poorest of the poor and the sickest of the sick in Calcutta, India, as founder of the Missionaries of Charity. Despite her

years of service and despite being recognized as a Saint by the Catholic church in 2016, it is clear that she suffered through years of darkness and doubt. In a collection of her personal letters published posthumously in a 2009 book called *Come Be My Light*, she expressed her doubts about God and feelings of hypocrisy, despite her lifetime of service.

We lost my Aunt just after Christmas of last year. I grew up just across the yard from her house. To me, she was a constant source of unconditional love and unwavering support. Without her generosity I would never have experienced such a happy, stable childhood or been afforded opportunities for education and home ownership. Despite all of these traits, it became clear over time that she was not a perfect person, even though, in my mind, she was a saint.

In his 2018 book *Reason for God*, Timothy Keller describes the holier-than-thou attitudes some Christians take and how the rest of the world rightly sees those attitudes as hypocritical. The Apostle Peter not only denied his Lord three times, but also hypocritically refused to associate with Gentile believers.

The works of Flannery O'Connor, as well as those of the Apostle Paul both point out that, as Christians, we are both sinners and saints at the same time.

Paul wrote in a somewhat convoluted passage in Romans 7:15-20 (NIV) that: I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

What is the common thread running through all of these brief anecdotes? They all point to the fact that even “extraordinary” saints have quite ordinary failings and imperfections. Is this an excuse to throw our hands up and say, “Oh well, nobody’s perfect!” and continue on our way? By no means! While we seek, with God’s help, to follow Christ’s perfect example, it brings comfort to us (or at least to me) to know that even those recognized for their saintly lives had ordinary, garden variety, everyday faults and concerns. It is good to know that all saints are everyday saints.

Submitted by Keith Harris



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person for week of Jan 24-30 *Anne Jenkins*

801 Dixie Trail – Room 132

Raleigh, NC 27607



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Ellian Jenkins Buck
132 Rand Road 27603
- 2/5 Iva Snyder
11404 Dunleith Dr 27614
- 2/9 Bonnie Wright
The Reserve at Mills Farm
402 Mills Chase Loop Apex 27523
- 2/14 Catherine Mullins
4505 Woodbury Dr 27612
- 2/20 Elizabeth Gyori
2620 Constitution Dr 27615

We Need Your



We are looking for guest newsletter columnists. Articles can be about a life-changing event, an act of kindness you have received or witnessed, a blessing you have received, your testimony of faith, your reason for joining CVBC. You can also draw from books, SS lessons, devotional literature, etc. as long as your source is documented.

Articles should be around 500 words and can be hand written or sent by email to cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org. The deadline for submission is noon on Monday.

We are also in need of one or more volunteers for the Hope Pantry. Our Pantry is open each Wednesday from 9am-noon. The number of people that we help varies week to week. Basically, you greet the person, ask a few questions and prepare bags of food.

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities and contact the church office if you are able to help.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

- Whitt Stallings
- Norwood Walker – Randy’s father, under Hospice care
- Armando and Margo Martinez
- Anne Barden
- 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:

- Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail - Room 132
- Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro – Room 208
- Greg Small –Atria Oakridge- Apt 214
- Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex

OTHER:

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



“BRIGHT & SHINY”

A very special “thank you” to Dee Bullock for facilitating and contributing to the cost of thoroughly cleaning and waxing the basement halls. This much-needed cleaning was provided at an additional charge by our maintenance service.

All of the work accomplished by the Properties Committee and others in our church who assume responsibility for cleaning and maintaining our church building exemplifies the love and respect we have for our “House of Worship.” Our well-maintained church and grounds are welcoming to not only people passing by, but especially to those who stop by the church. We certainly look forward to that time in our future when we can return to church services and see all of the improvements and worship and fellowship together once again.

Our Properties Committee has other projects on their “To Do List.” If you are able to assist with any of the “home improvement tasks” on their agenda, please contact Ben Best, Chairman, Properties Committee.

