

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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

### GUEST PREACHER

On Sunday, Jan 10, David Mallory will be our guest speaker. He is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master's of Divinity Degree from Texas Christian University. He served fifteen years as Senior Minister at Hillyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh retiring in March, 2018. He currently does pulpit supply, clergy coaching and part time work for Church World Service as well as part time tennis coach for Franklin Academy Middle School.



#### DEACON OF THE WEEK:

01/03 Iva Snyder

01/10 Ben Best

Be sure to 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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church)

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### Thought for the Week

Well, it's finally here. The end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. Do you think there is anyone who is not glad to see 2020 pass? I wonder how many people are looking to the new year for a fresh start? I know I am. To say this has been a difficult year, well that would be the understatement of the year. We now look to 2021, though we really don't know what it has in store for us.

As difficult as 2020 has been, we can be encouraged by the fact that God has always been with us. It may have seemed like He was distant at times, but His promises always tell us He has always been with us. He also was not caught off guard by anything that happened during the past year. While thinking about the past year, and looking ahead to the new year, I think about the promises of God's word. One of the many promises we read is found in Isaiah 43:18-19. "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." What a wonderful passage as we head into the new year.

Within this one verse we have a challenge, a promise and look at a new hope. First the challenge. We are challenged to not dwell on the past. This is indeed hard. The past has been difficult for all of us. It is hard to forget and not dwell on the past when the past seems so present. For nine months we have been reminded of how difficult life can be without people. Church and school have been so different. We probably never knew how much we needed to be with people at both places. We have done the best job we can of being safe. However, I am sure we are all looking forward to the time when we can all be together again, in full force. That brings me to the promise.

Notice what God promises. I am doing a new thing! New is a great word. All of us enjoy new things. We probably received some new things over the Christmas season. Some things we needed. Some things we wanted. New is always good. God promises us, through the prophet Isaiah, that He is doing, presently, a new thing. He is making us new creations. He is showing us new strength. I dare to ask, how many people learned to do something new as we have been in the pandemic. Church has been "new" for quite a while now. God's mercies are "new every morning". (Lamentations 3:23). I look forward to the new things that God will do for all of us in the coming year. This brings me to the hope we read.

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**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

**Person for week of Jan 3-9 Bonnie Wright**  
The Reserve at Mills Farm  
402 Mills Chase Loop  
Apex, NC 27523



The church staff and volunteers thank you very much for your generosity and love shown to us through the love offering. We appreciate your love and support all year long.

*Peggy, Risa, Cheryl, Ashley, Elizabeth & Yilong and Liz*

**Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings**

Lottie Moon goal was \$500 - received: \$688  
Global Missions goal was \$500 - received: \$478



**Thought for the Week – continued**

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Notice the words of hope. “I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” God is making a way. When it seems that this will never end, God will make a way. He is currently making a way. How it is going to happen is not the main thing for me. What is the most important fact is that God is in control. Even as we struggle, God is making a way for us to journey through. The pain and hurt have been indescribable for some this past year. Loss has been painful. I encourage you, as we look in the face of 2021, to meditate upon Isaiah 43:18-19. God was with us in the past. God will be with us in the future. God will make a way, even in the most difficult times. I pray God will bless you all in the new year!

Peace and Blessings, Rev. Johnny Richards

**Prayer Concerns:**

**HOME**

- Norwood Walker – Randy’s father, under Hospice care
- Peninah Brown – pneumonia
- Jim Weaver
- 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
- Aladine Rogers – Springmoor

**OTHER:**

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



We express our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Katie Clary, wife of Dr. Joe Clary (deceased) and mother of Kent, who died on Monday, January 4, 2021. The Clary family were former charter members of CVBC. Katie was living in Waynesville but visiting in Raleigh at the time of her death. A private service for the family will be held at Raleigh Memorial Park.



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601 Beaver Dam Rd 27607
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7013 Buckhead Dr 27612
- 1/19 Anne Barden Apt 235  
7900 Creedmoor Rd 27613
- 1/20 Lib Gordon  
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- 1/25 Joanne Isenhour  
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