

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

March 22, 2021

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

GUEST PREACHER

Upcoming Guest Speakers

March 28 - Rev. Michelle Anderson
Palm Sunday
April 4 – Rev. Charles Allard
Easter Sunday
April 11 – Dr. Bill Duke
April 18 – Rev. Johnny Richards



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

3/21 Peninah Brown
3/28 Ellen Collins



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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Palm Sunday

The Lord's entry into Jerusalem took place at the height of His fame just before the greatest of Israel's national festivals, the Passover, which corresponds to our Easter.

We all know Palm Sunday as the time of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We first think of Jesus sending two of His disciples for the donkey/colt on which He would ride. As Jesus entered Jerusalem many people threw their cloaks down on the road while others cut the branches from trees and spread them on the road. The people shouted and began to praise God, "Hosanna to the Son of David".

Did You Know?

1. That a colt is a male baby horse, donkey or zebra?
2. That the donkey symbolizes humility, peace and Davidic royalty?
3. That "spreading their cloaks on the road" was an act of royal homage?
4. That the multitudes who had heard Jesus in Galilee now followed Him to Jerusalem, where the raising of Lazarus had advanced Jesus' fame further? Even the Greeks were asking to see Him.
5. That the word branches means "leaves" or "leafy branches" which were readily available in nearby fields? Only John mentions "branches of palm trees" which apparently came from Jericho. Jericho is known as the city of palm trees (Duet. 34:3). Palm trees do not grow in Jerusalem.

Submitted by Peninah Brown
Information from Bible Study Fellowship, NIV



**Welcome to our Bi-vocational Interim Pastor
REV. JOHNNY RICHARDS**

On behalf of the unanimous decision by our Diaconate, Rev. Johnny Richards was introduced on Sunday, March 21, 2021 as our Interim Pastor effective Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Rev. Richards is a native North Carolinian and has focused his ministry, which has spanned thirty-six years, in various locations in NC. He is concluding sixteen years of ministry at Mountain Creek Baptist Church in Oxford. In addition to degrees from Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has a Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate.

Rev. Richards is a Bi-vocational Minister and is also employed as a Bereavement Coordinator at Heartland Hospice in Raleigh.

He is comfortable with our calling him “Johnny.” Johnny and his wife, Katherine “Kathy”, are the parents of four children. Three of their children, Heidi, Nathan, and Caitlin, live in England. Their son, Christopher, lives with his parents here in Raleigh.

Johnny enjoys family time and playing sports (especially golf) and supporting his favorite teams—NC STATE and the ATLANTA BRAVES.

Our deacons have enjoyed working with Rev. Richards and appreciate his love for people. We are very impressed with his commitment to serve God in pastoral ministry. We feel that God has brought us together at this time in his life and the life of our church. We look forward to getting to know one another and growing and witnessing for God under his leadership.

At the present time we will continue our Virtual Worship Services which are recorded on Thursday evenings and aired on Sunday mornings.

We invite you to a MEET AND GREET OPPORTUNITY on Sunday afternoon, April 18. This is being held in conjunction with a Crabtree Café Drive-thru Lunch which is a Fundraiser for our Youth Group.

Please refer to your newsletter for further details in the coming weeks. Please **SAVE THE DATE** so you will be able to get to know the Richards family.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

- Dianne Ferguson – receiving treatment at Duke
- Faye Hayes – recovering from eye surgery
- Virginia Dixon – recovering from knee replacement
- Norwood Walker – Randy’s father, under Hospice care
- Anne Barden
- Jetta Lewis
- Charlotte Phelps (friend of Jean’s)
- Marci Phelps – Charlotte’s daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)

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



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the week – March 21-27

Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail – Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607



Palm Sunday - March 28

Easter Sunday – April 4

Office closed for Easter – Mon, April 5

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our church goal: \$600.00

If you have these envelopes in your boxed set, you may use them. If not, just note on your check Easter offering. We will receive this offering through the end of April.



We have been in contact with the Gamblers Anonymous group that used to meet downstairs prior to Covid and they have asked to resume their Thursday night meetings effective April 1, 2021. We have provided them with our Covid Safety Guidelines which include 6ft distancing, wearing masks, checking temps before entering, sanitizing before leaving and keeping a contact list of those attending and they have agreed to those terms.