

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

April 19, 2021

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**Rev. Johnny Richards,
Interim Pastor**

Due to my full-time position with Hospice, my office hours may have to be flexible for each week. This week, April 19-23, I will be in the office from 9-12 on Saturday. While office hours are not planned during the week, if you need to talk with me, please text or call me at 919-691-1701, or e-mail me at jkrich6@hotmail.com and we can set up a time to talk.

Have a great week! Johnny

—STAYING—
CONNECTED

**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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“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

From the Pastor’s Heart...

In writing this first article for The Valley Echo, I am reminded of the excitement and mystery of first experiences. There have been some experiences that caused excitement to flow within me. Writing my first article for the newsletter. This past Thursday, though not the first time I preached at CVBC, was the first time I preached as the interim pastor. Sunday was the first time I met many of you. There were a lot of “firsts” last week. I enjoy first experiences because it means there is something new and exciting in a journey.

There is a Dr. Seuss book entitled, “Oh the Places You’ll Go.” As Dr. Seuss writes in the book, “you have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.” While there are many graduates who are given this book as they set off in all directions, this quote is also true of our ministry together. There will be times when we, as pastor and church body, decide how God is leading us and which direction He is leading and calling us to go. It will then be our decision to choose to follow His leadership in faith, or to wait for more confirmation. There will indeed be choices and decisions. The excitement of this journey, and yes, the mystery of this journey, is that we will be making these decisions and following God’s leadership together.

However, with the excitement of first experiences, I realize there is also the mystery of first experiences, at least future experiences. While I am beyond excited to be called as your pastor, I have no idea what God has in store for us as we minister together. I am aware of some of the ministries you are involved with, but do not know what ministries God has for us in our future together. It is exciting to think about seeing how God will work through us as individuals and us as a church body. You know a little about me and my family. As we minister together with you, you will get to know us even more. You will learn my strengths and weaknesses, as I will learn more about you.

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SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the week April 18-24

Anne Jenkins

801 Dixie Trail – Room 132

Raleigh, NC 27607

Easter OFFERING

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our church goal: \$600.00

Received to date: \$340.00

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.



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

4/18 Keith Harris 4/25 Beth Jenks



Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday for the next two weeks: April 22 and April 29.

From the Pastor's Heart... continued

I want to share a verse of scripture I have used in my ministry over the years. I believe it is a verse that shares both the excitement and mystery of journeys yet taken. The verse, and you may be familiar with it, is found in Jeremiah 29:11. Listen to what the prophet says from the Lord: "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Did you hear the excitement? God knows the plans for us in our journey. Hope and future. Did you hear the mystery? We don't know the plans yet, but God does. As we journey on this exciting trip together, my prayer is that God will lead us and guide us through His Holy Spirit. I pray that we will work together for the cause of Christ. I pray we will not get so caught up in the mystery of God, that we fail to see the excitement of working for Him. I thank you for allowing me to journey with you.

Peace and Blessings, Johnny

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



Thankful FOR YOUR KINDNESS

On behalf of our family, I would like to thank everyone who came out to welcome us at the "meet and greet" on Sunday. We had a wonderful time meeting church members and new friends and look forward to ministering with you. Special thanks for the meal, the wreath from the youth and the handmade "welcome" from the children. I know a lot of effort went into Sunday and we truly appreciate it. May God bless you all for your efforts! Johnny, Kathy and Christopher

A Day for Celebrating

April 18, 2021 was the culmination of eight months of dreaming, planning, meeting, hoping and praying that we would select Rev. and Mrs. "Right" for Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. We were so pleased to officially welcome Rev. Johnny Richards as our Interim Pastor at our taping/recording service aired on April 18. My thanks to all the members of the Diaconate for their time and efforts in making this dream a reality. Special thanks to our church family who have "stayed connected to one another and our church" throughout this pandemic and our transition time. We are grateful to all of you and especially everyone who participated in our Sunday event—planning, cooking, decorating, welcoming, etc. It was a good day at the Lord's House, and we were very happy to come together to celebrate "Our New Beginning." We are a blessed people and we thank God for watching over us every step along the way.