

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

This week Pastor Johnny will be in the office on Saturday, May 15 from 9-12pm. If at any time, you need to talk with him, you can contact him by sending a text or calling 919-691-1701, or e-mail to jkrich6@hotmail.com.



Please note Peggy will be on vacation next week, May 17-21. Therefore, the church office will be closed and there will not be a newsletter that week. The church will be open on Wed, May 19 for the Pantry from 9am-noon if you need to come by the church.

—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

Church office information:

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THOSE WHO LOVE ME,
I will deliver;

I WILL PROTECT THOSE
WHO KNOW MY NAME.

PSALM 91:14. NRSV

I caught myself sitting in my car, listening to the mother, watching her turn her head to discover where her babies were. I imagined what the mother was saying to the babies. I imagined what my mother used to say when calling us. The frustration of us not answering when she called. As I watched the mother bird, I wondered if she had named them and was calling out their names. I wonder if she named one of them Johnny, after me. After all, we allowed them to be born in our garage. I really doubt she did. If only I knew what she was saying to them.

As I spent time watching the birds, a passage of scripture came into my mind. The passage is found in Matthew 6:26. *“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you much more valuable than them?”* When saying these words in His teachings, Jesus was sharing the promise of God caring for the people. He had mentioned different topics in the Sermon on the Mount. He had mentioned divorce, oaths, turning the other cheek, and even loving our enemies. These were topics about which the people needed to hear. Then there was the topic of worry.

There were obviously some who were concerned about their finances. In the verses just before this one, Jesus talked about the impossibility of serving both God and money. There must have been some division in their minds about which one should be their priority. Should they focus on making more money, or should they focus on serving God. One would make sure they had what they needed. The other would impact more people around them. There must have been some concern about “making ends meet.” We have been there before and you may be reading this while wondering how to pay the next bill, or even provide the next meal. Jesus wanted to give them some encouraging words. Maybe you need to hear these words today. If God cares enough about the birds to make sure they have what they need, then He will surely take care of your needs. Give your needs and concerns to God. He has promised us that He cares about us and will meet the needs of our life. Until next time..

Peace and Blessings... Johnny

From the Pastor's Heart...

We had some birds add to their family in our garage over the past few weeks. They were small, brown birds. That is as much ornithology as I know. It has been interesting to watch the process of the nest, the babies and the mother coming around to take care of them. This past week was especially interesting as we observed the mother flying into the garage, calling out for the babies, the babies returning the call, and then the mother flying to the babies to feed them. It is amazing how quickly the birds were able to leave their nest and begin flying. It seemed to be overnight.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

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.

Person of the week May 9-15

Johnnie Grubbs
Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro – Room 208
140 Brookstone Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

5/9 Iva Snyder

5/16 Ben Best

Next Deacons meeting:

Tues, May 18 at 6:00pm (new time)



Sunday, June 6 ~ 11am Worship Service

It's been a long time since we have been able to worship together inside the church, and we are working hard to get things ready! Here is a brief list of the safety guidelines we will be implementing to make everyone feel safe:

- 1) Masks will be required.
- 2) Pews will be marked off for social distancing.
- 3) Offering plates will not be passed, but one central collection plate will be available.
- 4) Hand sanitizer will be available in foyer and other areas.
- 5) Everyone will enter and depart through the front door.
- 6) "Touchless" temperatures will be taken upon entry.
- 7) There will be a membership sign-in list to document contact information.
- 8) No congregating in the foyer or hallways.
- 9) Sanitizing equipment and supplies have been purchased.
- 10) New equipment is being installed to provide 'live streaming' of the worship service for those who may still prefer to watch from home. A link for this will be posted on the church's website.

A complete and more detailed copy of these guidelines will be mailed out the week of May 24th.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Frank Mills (husband of our Treasurer, Liz)
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

DISASTER RELIEF



HYGIENE KIT COLLECTION

As the pandemic continues, there are still needs to be met. Hurricanes or other disasters will not wait on the end to a virus. In past years our church family has joyfully responded to this unique ministry. Instructions for preparing the kits are listed below. Be sure to follow them closely. **You can prepare as many kits as you'd like. Please bring them to the church by Thursday, May 27, by 3:00pm.**

Here's what you'll need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

If you would like more information, please visit their website. <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/hygiene-kits/>

For those who are unable to go to the store and purchase items for the kits, Iva Snyder has volunteered to do the shopping and prepare the kits. The cost of a kit is \$8 each. You can send a check payable to CVBC designated for Hygiene Kit. Deadline for this donation is May 20th.