

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 29 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.

—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



Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 16 at 6:30

We will be serving ice cream and
all the trimmings.
Please make plans to join us!

Church office information:
Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards
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MEMORIAL DAY

From the Pastor's Heart...

It is so exciting to see things happening that were not able to take place a year ago. To say it has been difficult would be an understatement. One of the things that I have always enjoyed, and last year did not get the chance to enjoy, is the Memorial Day concert on PBS. It takes place on the Sunday evening before Memorial Day. To be able to watch the celebrities and hear the stories of the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country helps me appreciate

what I have today. I don't know the names they are reading about. I have never met them in person. However, they still are people who did what they felt they had to do, just so I can enjoy what I get to enjoy today.

Memorial Day, or what began as Decoration Day, was first celebrated in 1868, after the "war between the states", or the Civil War. "A man named John A. Logan called for this day to be a national day of remembrance. He declared May 30, as Decoration Day. The first big observance took place at Arlington National Cemetery. The celebration then moved to remembering those who died in battle from all American wars and it gradually became known as Memorial Day." (Annette R. Smith, Savoringhome.com, May20, 2020)

There are different ways we celebrate Memorial Day. Some people have big Memorial Day picnics, complete with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings. Friends and family gather to laugh and fellowship as they kick-off the summer season. For others, it is a time to head to the cemetery to place flags on the gravesites of those who served this country. Still others use this day to rest and relax, and quietly remember what this special holiday is all about. However you do it, on this Memorial Day, take the time to pause and reflect on what Memorial Day is really about. Don't get so busy, or not so busy, that you fail to remember and give thanks for those who served their country and gave their lives.

As I think about this holiday, a passage of scripture comes to my mind. It is in John 15:12-13. These are the words of Jesus: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." While it is true that those men and women may not have known who they were fighting and dying for as individuals, they did know they were doing it for their country. They were doing it for everyone. Another scripture comes to my mind as well. It is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world..." This is another sacrifice. It was the sacrifice that gives us hope for eternal life. These two sacrifices, though different, were both done so we could enjoy what we have today, and the hope we have in the eternal life. I thank God today for those who gave their lives for this country. I give thanks and praise for the One who gave His life so I could have eternal life. Thanks be to God! Until next week.....

Peace and Blessings... Johnny



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 23-29

Bonnie Wright - Villa A
The Reserve at Mills Farm
2000 Mills Chase Loop
Apex, NC 27523



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

May 23 Peninah Brown
May 30 Ellen Collins



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.
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- 3) Pews will be marked off for social distancing.
- 4) Offering plates will not be passed, but one central collection plate will be available.
- 5) Hand sanitizer will be available in foyer and other areas.
- 6) Everyone will enter and depart through the front door.
- 7) "Touchless" temperatures will be taken upon entry.
- 8) There will be a membership sign-in list to document contact information.
- 9) No congregating in the foyer or hallways.
- 10) Sanitizing equipment and supplies have been purchased.
- 11) 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.

Please see the complete copy of guidelines included with your newsletter this week. Those that receive the newsletter by email will receive an attachment with the guidelines.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Bobby Hayes – fell and broke his shoulder
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 – will be relocating in June
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

Please bring all kits 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/>



Monday, May 31
Church office will be closed