

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 8 from 11-2pm. 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 the week of 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:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards
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WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.

From the Pastor's Heart...

"All of my life I have dreamed of living well." This may be a quote from someone famous, but I first heard this quote when preparing for the funeral of a friend and former church attender. He was a young man, 32. He had been married for 4½ years. He had a child who was about a year old, give or take a couple months. He was a young man who was polite, respectful and full of life. He never met a stranger. His life was cut short by a horrible accident. One morning he was making plans with his family and then, by evening, he was dead.

As I sat with the family, they showed me where he wrote this quote. Whether the quote was his or from someone else, it has caused me to really think during this past week. When he visited our area and attended church, I preached, trying to get folks to really think about their relationship with God. This week, this quote has caused me to think. I have thought, not just about my relationship with God, but about my relationship with others around me. Friends and family. Co-workers and neighbors. We see them as we come and go, but we rarely know what is taking place in their lives.

Two passages of scripture have popped into my mind this week given what has taken place. The first one is from James 4:14. "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (NIV) The second is from John 10:10. "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." (NIV)

The first passage from James tells us long life is not promised. The length of years is but a number. Some numbers are larger than others. Some have lives that go into their 80s, 90s and maybe even into the century mark. Others, like my friend, are in the 30s. There are a lot who are younger than that. God doesn't want us to put an emphasis on a number. We are here, when you think about it, but only a short while. For the Christian, this is not our actual home. Our real home is in heaven, with God. As I am sure you have heard people say, "we are just passing through."

The second passage tells us what we are to do with the number of years we are allowed to live on this earth. We are to live life, and live it to the full. The King James Version says "abundantly". However we want to say it, we are to live our lives on this earth in a way that pleases God and we are to enjoy life, within the guidelines He has given to us. But how? We can treat people the right way; smile and be encouraging; lift up and not tear down; love and not hate. Life is short. Days go by quickly. We need to take advantage of the time we have been given. Let us not leave this earth without doing what my friend said, "live well". It doesn't have to be a dream. It can indeed be a reality. Until next week.

Peace and Blessings, Johnny



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the week May 2-8

Greg Small Apt 214
Atria Oakridge
10820 Sandy Oak Lane
Raleigh, NC 27614



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

5/2 Gene Sherwood
5/9 Iva Snyder

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

Special Needs Ministry



If you or someone you know needs a walker or wheelchair, please contact the church office or Barbara Best. We have a small supply on-hand and will be downsizing to keep only a few onsite.



Mother's Day - Sunday, May 9

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Frank Mills (husband of our Treasurer, Liz)
Dianne Ferguson (in Shallotte)
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

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.