

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



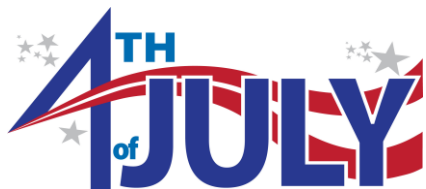
## THE VALLEY ECHO

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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, July 3 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](mailto:jkrich6@hotmail.com).



The church office will be closed  
Monday, July 5 and Thurs, July 8

## —STAYING— CONNECTED

Our Virtual Worship Service  
is available at 11am on Sunday

Past newsletters and services are available online on our website, [www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org](http://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org) You can also find our services on Youtube, just search Crabtree Valley.

### Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards  
Music Director • Risa Poniros  
Secretary • Peggy Utley  
Youth Leader • Ashley Walker  
Website updates/maintenance  
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## From the Pastor's Heart...

This weekend we will be observing Independence Day. A day to observe our freedoms. Freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country and freedoms we have as Christians. Over the past 15 months, we have seen freedoms on display. The freedom to have a voice; the freedom to share our opinions, whether we agree or disagree with someone else and the freedom to be tried for crimes are just a few we have witnessed. These are the ones we have seen in the headlines and on the news. These are the ones that get the most

attention, whether we agree with it or not. However, for the Christian, there are other freedoms we have the chance to enjoy. The freedom to worship openly; the freedom to witness to anyone we see; the freedom we have to read our Bibles without being sent to prison and the freedom to pray to God without being punished are just a few of the Christian freedoms. I am thankful for all the things we are free to do. We are indeed a blessed nation. I'm afraid there are times we take these freedoms for granted.

While this weekend will bring about picnics, cookouts, parades and festivities, much like Memorial Day, we must make sure to remember what this holiday means for us, as citizens, and as Christians. Freedom is a strong word, that carries with it a lot of responsibility. When I think of freedom, I am reminded of the verse of scripture in John 8:36. "***So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***" In Christ we can find freedom. This freedom is the freedom from sin. Sin that keeps us from being the Christian God would have us be. Sin that drags us down and keeps us from enjoying the abundant life Christ came to give. Sin that causes divisions and hatred. The only way we can enjoy this freedom is through Jesus Christ and a relationship with Him. The Bible tells us this fact. So, while we enjoy the freedoms of Americans and Christians, let us enjoy knowing that Christ is the source of the freedom we have. In closing, I want to offer this prayer I found while doing some research about Independence Day.

*Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.  
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed  
the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world.  
Give to them the vision of truth and justice,  
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.  
Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,  
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.  
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth.  
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.  
(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)*

Until next time, 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.*

### Week of July 4-10

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

**Deacon for week:** 7/4 Gene Sherwood

**Deacon for week:** 7/11 Iva Snyder

### Properties for July

Ben Best

### Sunday Morning Greeters:

1<sup>st</sup> Frances Viano      2<sup>nd</sup> Iva Snyder  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Cecil Brown      4<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Jones



### Modified Service Guidelines COVID 19 - PHASE II effective Sunday, July 4, 2021

- 1) Masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals. *(Individuals will not be asked – based on the Honor System)*
- 2) Building entry will not require a sign-in sheet or temperature check.
- 3) Handshakes and hugs are dependent on the attendant's comfort level.
- 4) Enter and depart through the front or main entry doors.
- 5) Following the service, socializing is allowed in the narthex at the individual's decision. It is preferable to congregate outside if weather permits.
- 6) Communion can continue with modifications planned by the Pastor.
- 7) Singing will be allowed by the congregation.
- 8) The Choir may now resume service participation with anthems, singing, etc. A mask is not required.
- 9) Offering Plates will continue to be placed in foyer and not passed.
- 10) Live taping will be a part of the service.
- 11) Social distancing sanctuary seating and all sanitizing guidelines are still in place.

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Jane Williams  
Bobby Hayes – fell and broke his shoulder  
Frank Mills (pancreatic cancer)  
Norwood Walker – Randy's father, under Hospice care  
Anne Barden  
Jetta Lewis  
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 – Sunrise of Raleigh, Apt 204  
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex – Villa A  
Charlotte Phelps (friend of Jean's) Rex Rehab (broken hip)

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week  
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



### Vacation Bible School and Science Camp **BEGINS THIS WEEK!**

Discovering God's Amazing Creation  
Bible Stories, Crafts, Science, Live Animals

Wednesday Mornings 9am-12pm  
June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21  
and July 28

*Please call the church (919-781-5345) or  
contact Cheryl Walker (919-632-1427)  
if you're able to help!*



### Sermon Series

July 4: A Celebration of In Dependence  
Philippians 4:19

July 11: Lessons from the Last Supper  
Luke 22:7-13

July 18: Preparing for Battle  
Ephesians 6:10-15

July 25: Preparing for Satan's Weapons  
Ephesians 6:16-20