

# 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 **Tuesday & Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm**. 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).

### —STAYING—

## CONNECTED

**Our Virtual Worship Service is available at 11am on Sunday**

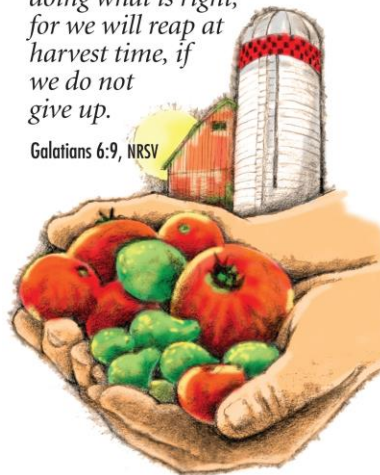
Past newsletters and services are available online on our website, [www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org](http://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org) You can also find our services on Youtube, just search Crabtree Valley.

### Church office information:

**Interim Pastor** • Rev. Johnny Richards  
**Music Director** • Risa Poniros  
**Secretary** • Peggy Utley  
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*So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



### From the Pastor's Heart...

“And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (Mark 4:8-9)

I mentioned to you one Sunday how I love a good story. Jesus was the master storyteller. He told stories that were known as parables. I enjoy reading the parables of Jesus. Jesus was a teacher, the best teacher, and He used these parables to tell stories. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus was able to teach by giving images and placing the images into the listeners minds. Jesus would tell the parable and then apply it to the lives of the listeners. The parable today (Mark 4:1-20) talks about how the seed (teachings of God) are scattered on different types of soil or ground. The ground represented the listener's heart. You can read this parable to identify each type of ground. The one I want to highlight is the one we need. We are told to have “good soil” so the seed that is scattered will allow us to grow.

I wish I had the skill to garden. My father grew vegetables. My wife's grandparents gardened and grew vegetables. I get my vegetables from the grocery store. Nothing wrong with that, but I wish I could grow my own food. I tried to grow tomato plants once and it didn't work. It didn't work because we did not have the right type of soil. We lived in the western part of the state and the soil we had was too hard and would not allow the water to get to the seed to allow the seed to grow. As soon as you watered the plant, the water would just run off and go away from the plant, instead of penetrating the ground and feeding the plant.

Jesus challenged his followers by saying we need to make sure our soil (heart) is good and allows the teachings of God to penetrate our hearts and help us grow to be the Christians He wants and desires us to be. Having a heart that is like good soil means we have hearts that are easily molded. It means we can hear the message of God, and then we are willing to think about it, process it and see how God wants us to apply what we have heard to our lives to make us better Christians. Hard hearted people have a hard time letting God's word help them grow. People who have hearts that are like good soil will be able to grow and mature to be strong Christians.

My prayer for you is this: As we live this day, and as we do our devotions, or listen to God's teachings, ask God to help us have hearts that are like good soil that will allow the teachings to help us grow. 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.*

### Week of July 11-17

Anne Jenkins  
801 Dixie Trail – Room 132  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**Deacon for week:** 7/18 Ben Best

**Deacon for week:** 7/25 Peninah Brown

**Next Deacons Meeting:** Tues, July 20 at 6pm

### 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



### Nominations for Deacons

During the month of July, we are asking our congregation to prayerfully nominate 3 Deacons to fill the positions of those who will be rotating off the active Deaconate. Nomination information and election ballots have been picked up or mailed out this week. Nominations are due by Sunday, July 25, 2021.



**“You do not find the happy life. You make it.”**  
(Camilla Eyring Kimball)

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Jane Williams  
Bobby Hayes  
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



## Sermon Series

July 18: Preparing for Satan's Weapons  
Ephesians 6:16-20

July 25: Lessons from the Last Supper  
Luke 22:7-13



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

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