

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

July 26, 2021

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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 **Wed, July 28 and Thurs, July 29 in the evening from 6:00-7:30pm.**

*Let's try this again*

### Starting in August

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 9:45am

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This study will focus on the Book of Philippians.

### —STAYING— CONNECTED

Our Virtual Worship Service is available at 11am on Sunday

Visit our website or find us on Youtube.  
[www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org](http://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

#### Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards  
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### From the Pastor's Heart...

If you were at the memorial service for Eddie Sinnema this past Saturday, you heard a song we have sung many times in church. The song was Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus. As I heard the song, I was reminded of a story in the Bible. The story is in the book of Matthew, the 14th chapter. Here are two verses from that story. *“Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”* (Matthew 14:29-30)

You are probably pretty familiar with the story that goes along with our verses for this week. If not, I would encourage you to read chapter 14 of Matthew. The disciples were out on the water when Jesus appeared to them. They were in the boat, Jesus was not. They were afraid, as anyone would be. They wanted to believe it was Jesus, but they had to be sure. To prove it was Him, they asked him to allow them to walk on the water to Him. Jesus said for them to come to Him. Peter, of course, jumped out of the boat and began walking to Jesus. He was actually doing what Jesus told Him to do, though it would appear to be impossible to do. One would think he would automatically sink. Nobody is supposed to walk on water. True, but Peter was walking on water. He was watching Jesus and doing what no one would think he would do.

Then, something changed. Something happened that caused Peter to get in trouble. Peter felt the wind, he heard the waves and he noticed he was actually walking on the water. He then began to sink and needed Jesus to save him. What was the difference? The difference was Peter began to focus on the events around him instead of focusing on Jesus. It happens. It happens to us as well. One day we are doing well. We are living for Christ, reading our Bible, praying and doing things that seem to be drawing us closer to God. Then, just like Peter, we start noticing the events of life around us. Upcoming procedures for our health. Bills that come in the mail. News from the family members who are struggling. Fear, anxiety, stress, confusion. Over and over we notice what is taking place around us and we take our eyes and focus off of Christ. Then, just like Peter, we notice something is wrong and we need Christ to help us. The point of the story...keep your eyes on Jesus, even in the storm, and He will help you do incredible things.

I love how, even when we focused our minds on remembering Eddie, our hearts were drawn to focusing on Christ. That's the way it should be, even when storms come our way. It's no coincidence Peter was doing ok as long as he looked at Christ. He is the calmer of the storm. He is the peace that we can feel. Let's keep our eyes on Christ, so we can feel His presence. 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 25-31

Greg Small Apt 204  
Sunrise of Raleigh  
4801 Edwards Mill Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27612

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

**Deacon for week:** 8/1 Ellen Collins

**Properties for August:** Randy Walker

### Monthly 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



## BIRTHDAYS

- 8/3 Faye Hayes  
1112 Shetland Ct, 27609
- 8/3 Barbara Goodson  
7829 Coach House Lane 27615
- 8/8 Betsy Shaw  
4901 Brookhaven Dr, 27612
- 8/12 Beth Jenkins  
8109 North Creek Run, 27613
- 8/25 Frances Viano  
4805 Ludwell Branch Ct 27612
- 8/26 Aladine Rogers  
308 Springmoor Dr 27615
- 8/28 Gloria Allard  
960 Carolina Bell Rd  
Apex, 27502

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Catherine Mullins  
Dee Bullock – having foot surgery on 7/28  
Jane Williams  
Frank Mills (pancreatic cancer)  
Anne Barden  
Jetta Lewis  
Marci Phelps – Charlotte’s daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)  
Charlotte Phelps (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

### OTHER:

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

### HOSPITAL:

Nancy Scarboro – Duke Hosp/Brain Aneurysm  
(Faye Hayes’ daughter-in-law’s Aunt)



# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

**VOTING DATE EXTENDED TO  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021**

Due to the limited number of responses to our Deacon Election (20 responses/44 ballots sent), we are extending your opportunity to vote one more week. Serving as a deacon is an important and humbling responsibility. The members of the Diaconate worked very faithfully throughout the pandemic and our Interim Period to help our church “to stay connected.”

Four deacons are rotating off and we need three new deacons to begin serving in September. Please be in prayer for our deacons who will continue to serve and our newly elected deacons as we move into our “new normal” under Pastor Richards’ leadership.

Come by the church and drop off your ballot or mail it. If you have lost your ballot slip, you may list three names on a blank sheet of paper. Ballots do not require a signature. If you cannot come by the church or mail your response, you may call or email your nominations.

Thanks for your support. Jean