

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, September 4 from 9am-12pm.



Please note that the office will be closed next week, September 6-10.

If you need to stop by for anything, the church will be open on Wed 9am-noon for the Pantry and at 6:30pm for regular Wednesday night activities.

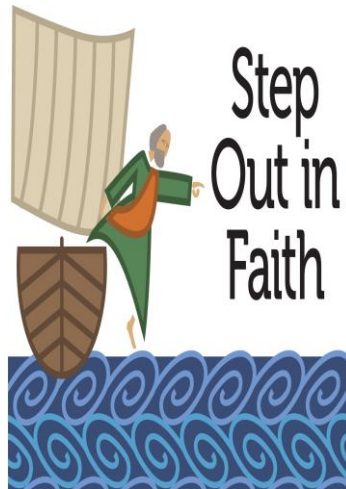
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Join us in-person or online
on Sunday at 11am

Visit our website or find us on Youtube.
www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Church office information:

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

In 2005 or 2006, I remember meeting at the lake for a church cook out. Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings. It was a great day. We pitched horseshoes, played volleyball and, of course, swam in the lake. I will never forget swimming in the lake on that day. I will never forget because I almost made a really big mistake. Some of the church members were standing around talking and the youth group was out in the water. They were laughing and having a great time. I felt it would be pretty fun to swim out to where they were and, after being with them a bit, swim back.

I swam out to the group, but realized it was farther out than I thought. Once I got out to where they were, in my mind, I remember thinking, "I will never have the energy, or stamina, to get back to the beach area." I continued to keep myself above the water as I thought about what I was going to do. I was using my energy as I was thinking. My legs and arms were tired. I was having to breathe pretty hard just to keep my head above the water. Plus, the youth had already swam back, and I was out in the water alone. I prayed that God would give me the strength to make it back. So, I began to swim. All along I thought, "I'm not going to make it." My legs were beginning to burn. Finally, I made it back, vowing to never do that again. I continued to have a good time at the lake, but it was almost disastrous.

As many times as people go to the lake, I am sure we all have "lake stories". The Bible even has some lake stories. One of my favorites is in Luke 5:1-11. (I'll let you read it.) In this story, Jesus was being crowded by the people who were wanting to hear him. Jesus noticed how they were pushing against him, so he sees a boat and gets in it. The boat was Simon's and Jesus said, "let's go out into the water." So they did, and Jesus began teaching from the boat.

When the people got back to their homes, I'm sure they began to tell the story of Jesus teaching from the boat with this phrase: "an interesting thing happened at the lake". There are many interesting stories people can share about lake experiences. Over the month of September, I will preach a series of sermons entitled, "*An Interesting Thing Happened at the Lake.*" Stories of people becoming followers of Christ; a storm that had a purpose; seeing Jesus for who He really is and the importance of faith in our lives.

During this series I hope you can see that the lake can be more than just sunning and funning. Being at the lake can allow us to have some life changing experiences. I know it did for me. Until next week..

Peace and Blessings...Johnny



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Week of August 29-Sept 4

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

Week of September 5-11

Anne Barden - Apt 235
Abbotswood Asst. Living
7900 Creedmoor Rd
Raleigh, NC 27613

Deacon for this week: 8/29 Beth Jenkins
Deacon for next week: 9/5 Gene Sherwood
Deacon for following week: 9/12 Ben Best

Properties for September: Gene Sherwood

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



**Unfortunately, the Raleigh Baptist Association
Fall Senior Adult Rally has been cancelled.**



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your support in the recent weeks. We appreciate all the cards, calls and prayers during this difficult time of Randy's father and his aunt's death. We are thankful to have such a loving church family.

Sincerely, Randy Walker and family

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Ben Best
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams
Frank Mills (pancreatic cancer)
Anne Barden
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
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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



September 19th following church

**Crabtree Café, Business meeting
and Deacons meeting.**

Mark your calendars to join us for our first in-house Crabtree Café followed by the Business meeting. Afterwards, the Deacons will also have their meeting. *All donations for the Café will go towards the Youth Fund.*

New \$ Budget

It's that time of the year again!

The Stewardship Committee is working on the 2022 Budget. Please contact Frances Viano at 919-368-7698 or FVIANO@webtv.net if you need to make changes to your budget for next year. Contact the office if you need information on current budget figures.



**That All May
Know Him**

NC Missions Offering

This week begins the Week of Prayer for the NC State Missions offering. We will receive this offering through the end of September. All the money collected for this offering goes to support local and state missions. There are envelopes in the narthex and in your envelope boxes. Please note "Missions" on your check.