

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

This week Pastor Johnny will be in the office on Saturday, September 18 from 9am-12pm.



**That All May
Know Him**

NC Missions Offering

We will receive the NC State Missions 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.

—STAYING— CONNECTED

**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
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From the Pastor's Heart...

TRUST
yourself
TO THE
God
WHO MADE YOU.

I had a good conversation with a person who was at the worship service Sunday. They were a little concerned about the message. Well, more about the text. If you remember, I preached from Matthew 8:23-27. A storm came when the disciples were in the boat with Jesus and He was sleeping during the storm. When the water started taking over the boat, the disciples went and woke up Jesus asking Him to save them. Perfect request due to the fear of dying in the storm. Jesus got up, stopped the storm and brought about peace. Then Jesus said this to the disciples: "You of little faith.

Why were you so afraid?" To me, it is a beautiful story of Jesus allowing the disciples' faith to grow.

When the person came to me, they brought up a point I had not thought about in this passage. They asked this question: "Why would Jesus rebuke the disciples for doing what they were supposed to do, which is going to Him when they were in trouble?" I was caught off guard. As I look back at the passage, I totally understand the question. I don't know how many times I have preached that we are to go to God when we are afraid, or confused or just struggling. This is what they did, but yet Jesus seemed to rebuke them. I decided I need to look a little further at the passage, so I compared the story in the gospels. (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4: 35-41; Luke 8:22-25.) John does not mention the story of calming the storm.

The gospels are pretty much the same in recounting the story. The only difference is in Mark, where the disciples ask Jesus, "don't you care if we drown." In each account, Jesus got up, calmed the storm and questioned the disciples' faith. He didn't rebuke them, but he questioned them because he knew their faith needed to grow. He did rebuke the wind. Remember, they had just started following Him and learning from Him. They had yet to learn what He was about. We know there was still so much to learn from Him by the last words of the account in the gospels. The men were amazed or afraid and they asked, "who is this man that even the winds obey Him?" They were still learning about Christ.

As I thought of the question brought to me, and as I read the account in the gospels, here is what I discovered. (1) Jesus doesn't fuss at us for coming to Him. He didn't fuss at them either. (2) Jesus wants us to trust Him, even when we can't see Him. That is hard, but it is part of growing. (3) If we are still amazed at what He can do, even after following Him, we still have room to grow. No, Jesus was not upset about them coming to Him, but He did want them to know there was still room to grow. We all have room to grow, and we can always trust God more. 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 or making phone calls.

Week of September 12 - 18

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

Deacon for this week: 9/12 Ben Best

Deacon for next week: 9/19 Ellen Collins

Properties for September: Gene Sherwood

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having a Wedding Shower Brunch for Ashley Walker and Tyler Humphries on Saturday, October 16 from 10am-noon in the Fellowship Hall. It is open to all of the church (not just the ladies). If you would like to give a gift to the couple, Ashley and Tyler have requested gift cards such as – Amazon, Walmart, Target or Food Lion.

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.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Catherine Mullins
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

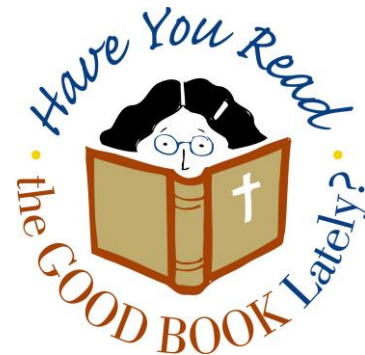
OTHER:

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



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 Café donations will go towards the Youth Fund.*
Menu: BBQ Chicken; Rice, Vegetables, Cornbread and Desserts.



Gloria Allard has written a children's book and you can find it on Amazon, cost is \$12.99.

https://www.amazon.com/Antics-RoyTroy-Gloria-Little-Allard/dp/B098GX2HHZ/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=gloria+allard&qid=1628690310&sr=8-1

Also, there is book written about Dr. Lolley available through Smyth and Helwys, cost is \$30.00.

<https://www.helwys.com/sh-books>