

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

This week Pastor Johnny will be in the office on Tuesday, Sept 21 and Thursday, Sept 23 from 6:00-7:30pm



That All May Know Him

NC Missions Offering

This Sunday, September 26, is the last day to give to this offering. 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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Secretary • Peggy Utley
Youth Leader • Ashley Walker
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From the Pastor's Heart...

If you remember during last Wednesday night's Bible study, I asked the group if they were glass half-full people or glass half-empty people. Basically, it was a question of whether a person is optimistic or pessimistic. (Sometimes you come across people who are just glad to have something in the glass.) I think you can tell if a person is optimistic or pessimistic during a time of change, especially if that change affects their life.

There is something about change that causes us to feel a little anxious. It may be the feeling that something is about to happen and take place we have never experienced before, and that is a little unsettling. It may be we have grown very used to the way things were, and now, we are not sure what is about to happen, and we don't like not knowing how something is going to be. We tend to find ourselves living in, and enjoying, a world of comfort. The more comfortable, the better. The more things stay the same, the better we feel. Unfortunately, life brings about change. Sometimes the change affects who we are, and that's when things become a little unsettling.

I was thinking about this word "change" and began to research it. During the research, I came across the website, positivelypresent.com. Of course I would be attracted to the title. When I first read the title, it caused me to think about Christ in our lives. I started remembering times when I knew, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that Christ was present with me. I could feel His presence and I could see things that happened around me to help me know Christ was present, even in the changes. I believe the promise of Christ being present in all we go through can help us with change.

Whenever I sense change is coming into my life, I always go to the book of Hebrews, chapter 13. It is in verses 5, 6 and 8 where I can find promises that can help me stay balanced, even in change. I would encourage you to read this chapter. Here are the words that keep my glass half full. Verse 5 says, "never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." Verse 6 says, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Finally, verse 8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Life is all about change. However, no matter what changes around me, these verses remind me that Jesus Christ is positively present in my life. When Jesus is present, I do not have to fear the unknown future. I love the words to the old song that says, "many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." Jesus Christ is the one constant in this world. He will always be with you. 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 Sept 26 – Oct 2

Bonnie Wright - Villa A
The Reserve at Mills Farm
2000 Mills Chase Loop Apex, NC 27523

Deacon for this week: 9/19 Ellen Collins

Deacon for next week: 9/26 Sue Edwards

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.



Please Join Us for an
“EAT, MEET & GREET”

for our new YOUTH DIRECTOR, ANNA CLARK
on Wednesday, September 29, 2021

from 6:00-7:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall

We will have drinks and assorted desserts.

(This event will take place in lieu of our weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.)

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

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

Bonnie Wright –The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex – Villa A

HOSPITAL:

Greg Small – Rex

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week

The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



The Crabtree Café was a great success raising \$540 for the Youth Program. Thank you to Carolina, Jimmy and Santi Harris for working and assisting with lunch, and many thanks to all the ladies who donated YUMMY desserts. It was great to be together again! -Beth Jenkins

During our first Business Meeting since January 2020 we covered the following:

- Recognized Jean Glosson for ALL of her assistance during the Pandemic, Pastor Supply, Leadership of the Deacons, and Pastor Search. Thank you Jean!
- Voted to call Anna Clark to be the Youth Director. First day is Wed, Oct 6. Similar job description as previous with a few additional tasks.
- Voted to continue the Welcome House MOU for 3 more years.
- In process of waiting for the windows to be washed pending the gutters being cleaned.
- Calling for Tech help! Elizabeth and Yilong have done a GREAT job every Sunday throughout the pandemic and beyond to be sure we had a live service streaming service and we All could hear on Sunday mornings when meeting in person. They do need HELP! They even delayed their vacation until after the Sunday morning service. Please think about joining this VERY important ministry!
- Financial report – PRAISE for all who were consistent and responsive with contributions during the pandemic.
- Calling all those who can or cannot sing for the Choir! Risa is a miracle worker. Please consider joining.
- Leadership Directory 2021-2022 approved.