

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



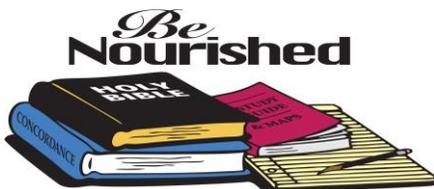
## THE VALLEY ECHO

October 18, 2021

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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny will be on vacation October 22-24. He will be in the office Tuesday evening, Oct 19 from 6:00-7:30pm. Our guest speaker for Sunday will be Rev. Keith Vaughn. Keith is a Bereavement Coordinator at Heartland Hospice.



### Wednesday Night Bible Study

October 20

That You Would Let Your Hand Be with Me

October 27

That You Would Keep Me from Harm



Please note that the church office will be closed this Thursday, Oct 21.

### Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards  
Music Director • Risa Poniros  
Secretary • Peggy Utley  
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## From the Pastor's Heart...

I knew it was going to happen sometime. Last Tuesday was the time it happened. One of the groups that meets at the church had arrived and the security code didn't work. I was asked to come to the church to make sure everything was ok, which it was. While at the church, it was pretty obvious my attire of t-shirt, shorts and tennis shoes was not enough to convince the police officer I was the pastor of the church. After about 20 minutes, and a trip to the church office to show him the newsletter with my name on it, he was convinced and I headed home. It has been a fun story to share with church members and also a reminder to get business cards.



I do have to question myself about how he was supposed to know I was the pastor? I was not wearing a suit. He had not been to our church to recognize me. In all honesty, he did a great job making sure things were ok, with me and the group at the church. It wasn't his fault I did not appear to be a preacher, much less the pastor.

Thinking about this experience has caused me to question my Christian life and ask if I am doing things that would allow others see Christ in me and know I am a Christian. Can people tell if I am a follower of Christ? The Bible tells us there is a way people we know. Matthew 7:20-21 says this: **"Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in Heaven."** In these two verses we find a way to help others see we are followers of Christ. "By their fruits you will know." So what are the fruits?

The fruits that are shown are evidence that having a relationship has made a change in our lives. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us the fruits of the Spirit are love; joy; peace; forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness; gentleness and self-control. When we are able to show others that these characteristics are a part of who we are, then they will recognize, and know, we are Christians. But how difficult is it to show these fruits? It is very difficult. It is almost, if not, impossible to have these characteristics on our own. That is why they are called the fruits of the Spirit. It is only when we have a relationship with Christ, and the Holy Spirit lives within us, that we can show these fruits. When we try to live these out on our own, we will fall short. We will not live up to the standard of Christ. However, when we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us, then Jesus Christ, and these fruits, will be seen by those around us.

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.

### Person of the Week for Oct 17-23

Anne Jenkins  
801 Dixie Trail Room 132  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**Deacon for this week:** 10/17 Gene Sherwood  
**Deacon for next week:** 10/24 Ben Best

**Properties for October:** Whitt Stallings

### 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> Dee Bullock



### Operation Christmas Child

#### Shoebox deadline is Wednesday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have boxes, labels and brochures with packing instructions available for pickup in the lobby during regular office hours. You can also find information on their website:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Samaritan's Purse also offers the option to pack a shoebox online. With just a few clicks, you can pack a shoebox online to help share God's love. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include and they will pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a donation of just \$25. This includes the \$9 shipping.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME

Catherine Mullins  
Jane Williams  
Frank Mills (pancreatic cancer)  
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  
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex – Villa A  
Charlotte Phelps (Jean's friend) The Templeton of Cary  
Greg Small - Greg is still at Rex

### OTHER:

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



### "Socktober"

#### Associational Mission Project

Join the Raleigh Baptist Association as we collect *new* socks during the month of October for the homeless population living in the Triangle Area. Each pair of socks will have the Gospel message tucked inside so that the recipient can read and receive the message of hope that can change their lives. Recently, the Raleigh Baptist Association conducted a tour of the tent communities, the veteran homeless areas, and the agencies working with the homeless population. This led to a conviction and understanding that as Baptist Christians in the Triangle, we can make a difference by providing help, showing gospel love and giving hope to those that are homeless. This population is growing due to the pandemic, the rise of housing costs, and many other factors. May we join our hearts and hands as we make a difference.

Men's, ladies and children's socks are being collected. **Please have donations to CVBC by next Wed, Oct 27.** On November 9, 2021 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon the RBA will have a "Sock Mission Party" to fold socks and tuck the gospel message of hope inside. If you would like to participate in this sock party contact the RBA at 919.231.3995.