

# 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 Tuesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 7 from 6-7:30pm.



We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 10.

## — STAYING — CONNECTED

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

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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Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Leader • Anna Clark

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## CALL ON HIS NAME



### From the Pastor's Heart...

Blessing. When we think of this word we may think of meal times, or prayers before children go to school or before we go to work. We may ask God to bless us or bless our day. But what does it really look like to have God bless us? Through the month of October, during our Wednesday night Bible studies, we are going to look at a simple prayer that was prayed by a man in the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles. The man's name is Jabez.

As a short introduction before we meet Wednesday evening, I would like to share with you a little bit about this man named Jabez. Really, there's not much about him in the Bible. Here's what is said about him. In 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles chapter 4, there is a listing of the clans of Judah. In verse nine we read these words: "Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, 'I gave birth to him in pain'. Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain'". We then read that God granted his request.

The name Jabez sounds like the Hebrew word for pain. How would you like to be known or named after a word that meant pain? Jabez was. So, what is it about a very normal person, who is only mentioned in a couple verses in the Old Testament, that makes his prayer so important for us today? Why should we study this small prayer? I think the answer is that his prayer is just so interesting. While we notice that Jabez was named after the word for pain, (his mom said he was), we also notice what he asked for in his prayer. His prayer is a request that God would keep him from harm so that he would be free from pain. It is interesting that the one word he was named for, he was hoping to be kept from in his life.

I believe there are people in life who have to live with a stigma because of past events in life, or decisions that were made in life, or names that people called them growing up. They live with that and that becomes who they are because that's what they've lived with all of their lives. However, in this prayer, we can see that we can rise above who people think we are. We can rise above the names that people called us. We can rise above the expectations that people have for us. We can do all of this simply by praying to God and asking God for his help. We will be looking at this during this simple, but profound prayer from a person who is barely known in the Bible. I hope you will join us as we look together at the four requests in the prayer of Jabez. 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 October 3-9

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

**Deacon for this week:** 10/3 Barbara Goodson

**Deacon for next week:** 10/10 Keith Harris

**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



**Wedding Shower Brunch for Ashley and Tyler on Sat, Oct 16 from 10am-noon.** This 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. Update: The theme for the shower is Kitchen & Bath. Color preferences: white and grey for kitchen and bath towels, need various baking and cookware items.



### THANKS FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Our thanks to all of you who came and supported our Welcome Party for our new Youth Director, Anna Clark, on Wednesday evening. A special thank you to everyone who brought refreshments. It was a good time for meeting and greeting and fellowshiping together. We were able to share our “leftovers” with the Youth for their weekend retreat at Oak Island.

## 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  
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex – Villa A  
Greg Small – The Oaks at Mayview (formerly Mayview)

### OTHER:

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



## October Sermon Series “Keeping Our Focus in a Chaotic World”

### October 3

We Need to Abide in Christ  
(Ephesians 3:17-19)

### October 10

We Need to Believe in Christ  
(Psalm 27:1-14)  
(Communion Sunday)

### October 17

We Need to Calibrate Our Lives to Christ  
(Proverbs 4:20-27)

### October 24

We Need to Discern God’s Direction  
(John 10:1-18)

### October 31

Is It Really Wrong to Do This?  
(Genesis 3:1-7)



**Stewardship Committee meeting  
Tuesday, October 12 at 10:30am.**