

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

November 1, 2021

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny will be in the office this week on Tuesday, Nov 2 and Thursday, Nov 4 from 6:00 -7:30pm.



Please join us on Wednesday, November 24th, at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Service. This service will be a time when we pause to remember the blessings of God and give thanks for His goodness through song, prayer and praise.

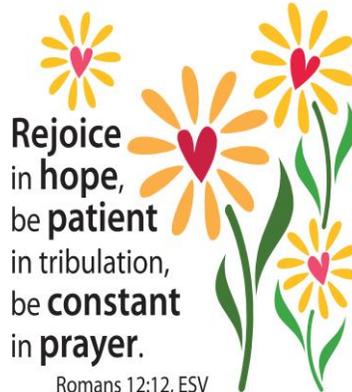


"Socktober"

We collected 102 pairs of socks! Thank you to all those who donated socks for the RBA collection.

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards
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Rejoice
in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.

Romans 12:12, ESV

From the Pastor's Heart...

I received a gift from the Raleigh Baptist Association this week. I'm pretty sure all pastors of the association received the same gift because it was Pastor Appreciation month. The gift I received was an envelope with a card inside. Inside the card was a magnet that I could put on my refrigerator at home. I've looked at the magnet and read it several times this week because of what was written on it. I want to share with you what it says. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

As a pastor, I love this magnet because I need this verse. As a fellow Christian, I love this verse because I feel it is a formula to help us in our everyday living. We all have those days when things could be better. Maybe we wake up feeling poorly. Or maybe we have had a week where we have not felt well. We have spent the week or day asking God when it will get better, or if it will get better. I believe, in those times of conversation with God, we need to remember what is written on my magnet. There really are three things God asked of us when times are difficult and challenging.

First, find joy in the hope of Christ. We do not live lives of hopelessness. We live each day understanding that Christ is our reason for living. We have a hope of an eternal life with Him. Yet, while we live on this earth, we have a hope in the power of Christ through the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us that "we can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength." (Philippians 4:13) When we are struggling, it's not that things will not get better, it is just a matter of when it happens in God's time. So we live in joy of hope, that God will be with us and take care of us.

Next, should be patient in our affliction. Patience. I have always been told not to pray for it. However, the Bible says we need to practice it. Patience, waiting for the Lord. Waiting as we are hoping. However, patience is not just about waiting, but waiting for what we know is promised. It's like knowing what you are getting for Christmas, but having to wait to open it. We know God will take care of us, and He will help us, we just need to wait for that to happen.

Finally, we are to be faithful in our praying. This word faithful is also read as "consistent". So, we are to consistently pray, as we are waiting patiently, as we are living in hope. Don't give up praying, even when it feels our prayers are not going past the ceiling. Keep looking to God, and praying.

Hope, patience and prayer. These are definitely three words to keep us living a life that is pleasing to God. 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 31 -Nov 6

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

Deacon for this week: 10/31 Ellen Collins
Deacon for next week: 11/7 Sue Edwards

Properties for November: Darrell Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox deadline is Wednesday, Nov 17th.

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/>



**Daylight saving
time ends Sunday,
November 7th.**

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Jean Glosson
Walt Switzer
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams
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 in a facility in Goldsboro. Cards may be sent to his cousin's address: Linda Wyatt 2028 Ashbrook Ct., Leland, NC 28451

OTHER:

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



Sunday Messages for November:

November 7

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

November 14

Is Sinning Ok Since God Forgives Us?
Romans 6:1-7

November 21

Four Things To Remember When Being Thankful
Psalm 103:1-5

November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

The Beauty of Hope
Mark 5:24-34



We are doing things a little differently with our Angel Tree this year. Cheryl Walker will be going to Guatemala the first week in December. The leader of Grace Ministries is asking for help to purchase toys for the over 600 children that will attend the Christmas parties sponsored by this ministry. Each Angel on the tree represents a donation of \$5.00 (or more) to provide toys for these children. Make checks payable to CVBC and we will write one check for the total. Deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov 14. The Angel Tree will be up this Sunday, Nov 7.