

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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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 Friday, November 19 from 6:00-7:30pm.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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.



**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox deadline is Wed, Nov 17.**

Church office information:
Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards
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From the Pastor's Heart...

Thanksgiving is around the corner. Even if I did not have a calendar, I would know it is getting close by the beautiful colors of the leaves. I hope you are taking note, as you are able to drive around, at how beautiful they are this year. They are simply amazing. I would also know Thanksgiving is getting close by the amount of leaves I blew off our driveway on Saturday. I couldn't even see our driveway until I blew them off.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year, that may be taken for granted because of football games, parades and family get togethers. My prayer is that you will not take this day for granted but make sure you pause and give God the thanks He so deserves. There is a story in the Bible of nine people who had the chance to give God thanks but failed to. The story is found in Luke 17:11-19. I encourage you to read the whole chapter, but I want to share with you one important verse. It is found in verse 17. Jesus has healed the ten lepers He met as he was traveling to Jerusalem. They called out for Him to have pity on them, which He did. Jesus told them to show themselves to the priest and as they went, they were cleansed.

When they realized they had been healed, we are told that one of them comes back to Jesus, praising God with a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus adds to the story by saying he was a Samaritan. It was strange that a Samaritan would come back to Jesus to say thanks. But he did. Jesus notices what has happened. Actually, Jesus notices what did not happen. Ten lepers were healed, one came back to say thanks. In verse 17 Jesus asks the Samaritan, "were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" The Samaritan didn't know the answer to His question. He was cleansed and he came back to give thanks. We are not sure about the others.

This story always saddens me to think that Jesus healed ten people and only one said "thank you". This was a big healing. This was a life changing healing. Yet, it was taken for granted. While it is true our blessings may not reach the level of changing our lives that much, a blessing from God is just that. The blessings could be being healed, or maybe getting a new job, or maybe it is the chance to live another day. No matter what the blessing is, we should always make sure we do not take them for granted. Instead, we should always pause and give God thanks for what He has done for us. It saddens me the other nine did not come back. It also challenges me to be like the one who did. May we always be challenged and encouraged to give thanks. 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 Nov 14-20

Johnnie Grubbs – Room 208
Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro
140 Brookstone Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Deacon for this week: 11/14 Barbara Goodson

Deacon for next week: 11/21 Keith Harris

Properties for November: Darrell Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



The Young Hearts are going to Cape Fear Seafood Company on Thursday, November 18. The restaurant is located at 832 Spring Forest Rd. Please plan to meet there at 11:00am.



The church office will be closed next week on Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. We will also be closed the following Thursday, December 2, secretary taking a vacation day.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Jean Glosson
Walt Switzer
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams
Anne Barden
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
Charlotte Phelps (Jean's friend)

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

OTHER:

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



Next Deacons meeting is
Sunday, November 21 at 2:30pm



Wednesday Night Meditations

November 17

Staying the Course - Daniel 2:24-49

November 24: Thanksgiving...

A Time for Show and Tell - 1 Chronicles 16:7-12



Thanks to your very generous donations, we collected \$950.00, and we will be able to provide gifts for 190 Guatemalan children through Grace Ministries.