

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 Saturday, November 27 from 9:00am -noon.



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.

—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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From the Pastor's Heart...



This week we begin preparing our minds and our hearts for the birth of Christ. It is a time in the Christian season known as “Advent”. The word advent actually means “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” During the advent season, we will be taking time on Sundays to focus on a different aspect of Christmas. While we think about receiving gifts at Christmas, it is important for us to understand what Jesus gave to the world when he was born so many years ago. These “gifts” are what we will be focusing on each Sunday. Hope, peace joy and love are things people need in their lives. They are the things that help us be encouraged as we journey in life.

This Sunday, November 28th, we will be talking about **Hope** and its importance to the world. Webster's Dictionary defines hope as “to want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true.” Hope is what keeps us going forward and not quitting. As a sports fan, I watch a lot, probably too much, sports. When a game begins, no matter what sport it is, both teams have an equal chance of winning. However, depending upon how different the talent is on the teams, one team may score way more points than the other team in a very short span of time. If they do, it may be difficult for the team that is behind to have hope. They may want to give up and quit playing. It is important for the coach to find ways to make sure the team keeps their hope. That can be a very hard job.

It can also be a very hard job for us in the world in which we live. A lot of things can happen that can cause people to lose hope and want to give up or give in to the pressures of the world. So, what did Jesus do to bring us hope? Without giving away Sunday's message, I want to share with you that Jesus brought three different types of hope. Jesus brought hope over the past. The things we did in the past are just that, the past. We can't do anything about them. We can ask for forgiveness for the bad things we did or said in the past. God's hope can conquer the past. Christ is also the hope of the present. Christ is always with us, no matter what we go through in life. Christ is also the hope of the future. Our eternal life is placed in our faith for the hope of the future. He is the only way to eternal life.

No matter what people tell you, we all have hope because we all have God. With God all things are possible. When Jesus Christ came to earth, God showed us the hope of the world, and it was in the birth of His Son. Let's give thanks for hope we have in Christ this year. 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 21-27

Anne Jenkins
801 Dixie Trail Room 132
Raleigh, NC 27607

Deacon for this week: 11/21 Keith Harris

Deacon for next week: 11/28 Gene Sherwood

Properties for December: David Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



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



If you're looking for new holiday recipes or a Christmas gift, we have CVBC cookbooks that were printed a few years ago as a fundraiser. Books are \$5.00 and will benefit our Pantry fund.

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
Sandi Robinson – Hillside Rehab in Wake Forest (recovering from surgery)

OTHER:

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



Operation Christmas Child We collected 56 boxes!

Many thanks to all those who packed a shoebox, and to Whitt Stallings for delivering them to the drop off location on Thursday.



BIRTHDAYS

- 12/13 Ashley Walker
4700 Theys Rd 27606
- 12/16 Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place 27604
- 12/18 Marian Brinley
8810 Cypress Lakes 27615
- 12/19 Whitt Stallings
4826 Brookhaven Dr 27612
- 12/26 Barbara Best
5009 Picardy Place 27612