

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

November 29, 2021

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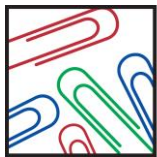
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Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny will be in the office this week on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00am -noon.



Office Hours

The church office will be closed on
Thursday, December 2.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 19
during our Worship service

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

From the Pastor's Heart...



This past Sunday we began our advent season by talking about hope. To be more specific, allowing ourselves to be hopeful and reach out to Christ even when it seems we are at the bottom of the well. Hope keeps us moving forward and give us a reason to go on.

This coming Sunday we are going to light the second candle of advent and that is the candle of Peace. The peace that Christ brought into the world. To be honest, that sounds a little strange. We watch the news, listen on the radio, and look at social media and the last thing we may think about is the word peace. True, if we think about peace as everyone getting along and no fussing or fighting, can we actually say there is peace anywhere? I am sure there are some places that are more peaceful than other places. But really, there are things wherever we are that cause stress and anxiety. It has been taking place since the world was created and it will take place until we are no longer living on this place called earth. That is just the way life is.

God knew what the world would be like for you and me. He knew that there would be fighting and anxiety. As a matter of fact, if you want to see the anxiety Jesus knew would be a part of the world just read Matthew 24. Jesus talked about wars, nations fighting, people being confused about what is right and what is wrong, and even people saying that they are Christ. Talk about knowing what was going to cause anxiety. I even think God knew that there would be a pandemic and how bad it would be and how hard it would be for people to see loved ones and friends. He even knows how painful it is to see loved ones die because of the situation of the world today. So, do we see peace in the world? No. Can we have peace in spite of the world? Sure. That is why God sent His son Jesus. He sent Him so we might experience peace.

It is the same peace Jesus spoke about when talking with His disciples. We will talk about this on Sunday. Until then, I encourage you to take a deep breath. I encourage you to sit back and close your eyes, just for a few minutes and experience peace and stillness. I know you are busy. You probably don't feel as if you have time to close your eyes and just experience stillness and peace. I think we have to do this. We have to find some way to be still and know that God is in control of what is taking place around us. If we remember He is, it will help us have peace within us. It won't necessarily stop what is taking place around us, but it will help us get through it. Peace. What a nice feeling. 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 28-Dec 4

Bonnie Wright
The Reserve at Mills Farm
2000 Mills Chase Loop – Villa A
Apex, NC 27523

Deacon for this week: 11/28 Gene Sherwood

Deacon for next week: 12/5 Ben Best

Properties for December: David Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



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.



There will be a Called Business Meeting on Sunday, December 19 following our worship service. This meeting is to vote on the Proposed 2022 Budget. Copies of the budget are available starting this week on the lobby table.



Our **Christmas Card Mailbox** is in the lobby and ready for members to use for exchanging Christmas cards with other church members and visitors. Cards are filed alphabetically by last name. Please mail your cards to those members who are unable to attend regularly or are in Rehab/Care facilities, as the church does not mail cards that are not picked up. In lieu of postage, please make donations to the Lottie Moon and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering.

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



Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings

Lottie Moon goal is \$500

Global Missions goal is \$500

Make checks payable to CVBC – note LM or Global on the memo line.

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff. This year's **Staff Love Offering** will include Pastor Johnny; videographers, Elizabeth Best and Yilong Wang; Treasurer, Liz Mills; Secretary, Peggy Utley; Director of Music, Risa Poniros; Pianist, Cheryl Walker; and our past and present Youth Directors, Ashley Walker and Anna Clark. Our thanks to each of them for a job "well done." *Please mark your check or envelope "Love offering."* **All of the above offerings, as well as any contributions for 2021 need to be received at CVBC by Wed, Dec 29.**



Beginning this Wednesday, December 1st, we will be taking a look at the 12 men chosen by Christ to be his apostles, or disciples. Each one of them was unique and different, much like we are today. Even though they had their rough spots, Christ still saw something within each one of them to want to teach and train them to follow Him. I hope you will join with us at 6:30pm each week as we see what was so unique about these "12 Ordinary Men". (There will be no Wednesday evening bible study on December 29th)