

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 6, 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 Saturday, December 11 from 9:00am -noon.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Make plans to be here
Sunday, December 19 at 11:00am.

The CVBC choir along with
special guests will present
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"



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 on the lobby table.

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...

So far, we have talked about two things we need in our lives. We have talked about hope and peace. These are words that we find to give us encouragement to get through the next hour, the next day or the next week. They are words that help us, the individual, push on and make it through. This week we are looking at joy. Joy is something that can impact those around us. This week, I challenge you to try to make someone's day brighter by being a vessel of joy. I wonder if we really understand how our joy can affect someone else's life? C.H. Spurgeon wrote several books on the topic of joy. His explanation of what joy can do is important to read.

"There is a marvelous medicinal power in joy. Most medicines are distasteful; but this, which is the best of all medicines, is sweet to the taste, and comforting to the heart. This blessed joy is very contagious. One dolorous spirit brings a kind of plague into the house; one person who is wretched seems to stop all the birds from singing wherever he goes...(But) the grace of joy is contagious. Holy joy will oil the wheels of your life's machinery. Holy joy will strengthen you for your daily labor. Holy joy will beautify you and give you an influence over the lives of others."

I hope you took notice of all the good things joy has to offer to us, and to others around us. Joy is sweet and comforting. Joy can strengthen us to help us do what we need to do each day. I love the last thing Spurgeon says about joy and that is it beautifies us. Joy makes us look good. Joy makes us people who others want to be around. Think about joy in this context.

We have all been around people who bring us down. If you remember watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, you will remember Charlie Brown telling Linus how he was having trouble getting into the Christmas spirit. Linus then says to ole' Chuck, "you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem." Charlie Brown's attitude was bringing Linus down.

During this time of year, how does our attitude affect those around us? Are we bringing others down by focusing on the things with which we are struggling? Or, are we picking people up by trusting God and having a joyous spirit for others to see? We can influence others by how we focus on life. So, what is the key to having joy? David tells us in Psalm 16:11. "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." The key to having, and sharing joy is being present with Christ. This Christmas season, may we keep our minds and hearts focused on Christ, so others will see and feel the joy He gives to the world. 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 Dec 5 - 11

Catherine Mullins
4505 Woodbury Dr
Raleigh, NC 27612

Deacon for this week: 12/5 Ben Best

Deacon for next week: 12/12 Ellen Collins

Properties for December: David Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

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



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.



Special thanks to those who worked so hard in making our sanctuary so beautiful. It is always helpful to focus on Christ's birth as we see the decorations of the season. Thank you so much!

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

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

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail
Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex
Sandi Robinson – Hillside Rehab in Wake Forest

OTHER:

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



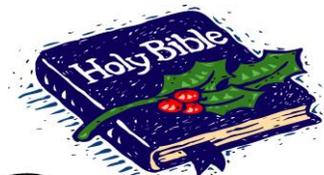
Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings

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.**



Preparing for the Christmas Season

For December our Wednesday night Bible Study will focus on 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)