

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

September 19, 2022

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny's office hours this week will be Saturday, Sept 24, 9:00am till noon. If you need to speak with him, he is available by phone at 919-691-1701. You can also meet with him after Wednesday evening Bible study if needed.



The church office will be closed
next Mon, Sept 26.

—STAYING— CONNECTED

If you're unable to attend our
Worship services, you can watch
the weekly Virtual Worship
Service on Sundays at 11am.

<https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org>

Church office information:

Interim Pastor •

Rev. Johnny Richards

Music Director • Risa Poniros

Secretary • Peggy Utley

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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Rejoice
in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.

Romans 12:12, ESV

From the Pastor's Heart...

The letter I want to focus on this week is the letter "P" and the word I want to focus on is...wait for it...*patience*. When we think of the word patience, for some, it is a difficult word. It is a word that means we have to wait on something. A lot of people do not like to wait. We live in a time when waiting is not appreciated. With internet, social media, streaming devices and other types of

technology, waiting is something we don't have to do. We can even order our food at home and when we arrive at the restaurant we can pick it up, no waiting. While waiting may not seem to be important, for the Christian, we must be able to be patient, and wait on God to work. Therefore, we need to put into practice our word for today, "patience".

In Psalms 27:14, David is encouraging either himself, or those who are listening, to wait on God's timing. There are times we pray and we want immediate answers. We want to know what God would have us do right after we pray. Career choices, financial questions, doubt and concern about health. There are other times when we pray and we ask God to reveal to us what His answer and His will are. In order to draw closer to God and to become stronger in our faith, I believe there are times we need to just wait and be patient. But how does being patient draw us closer to God? Well it is not as much the patience that can draw us closer as it is what we do while being patient that can draw us closer to God. I think there are three things we can do while waiting on God to give us guidance that can help us.

One thing we can do is **pray**. We should never stop praying about something that we feel is being laid upon our hearts. If we feel that God is wanting us to do something we should pray about it until the answer becomes clear. If we want to make sure our wants match up with God's will we should pray about it until a sense of peace comes our way. If we truly feel it is something that can help us grow as Christians, we should definitely keep praying until God's will is shown.

A second thing we can do is **read the Bible**. There is nothing that can help us while waiting like reading God's word and His promises. Let me give you a promise today. Isaiah 40:31; "those who wait (and be patient) on the Lord shall renew their strength." Waiting, being patient, placing God in our hearts, can strengthen us.

A third thing we can do is **serve God by helping others**. If we want to draw close to God while we are being patient we can serve others. Helping those who need help is way of taking our minds off our situations and being the hands and feet of Christ. It might even help our prayers become clearer.

Being patient is hard, but what we do while we are being patient can determine how much we grow in Christ. Until next week...

Peace and Blessings,
Johnny

Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
2:00-5:00pm Point Church (Filipino)

EACH WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
6:30pm Bible study & Prayer meeting

EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Person of the Week for Sept 18-24

Anne Barden – Suite 330
Oak Hill Assist. Living
9767 NC 210 North
Angier, NC 27501

Deacon of the week: 9/18 Jean Glosson

Deacon of the week: 9/25 Sue Edwards

Properties for September: Gene Sherwood



The Young Hearts are going out for dinner to **Shuckers Oyster Bar and Grill** located at 3309 Rogers Rd in Wake Forest on Friday, Sept 30 at 4:00pm. Please sign up by Wed, 9/28 if you plan to go. The bus will leave the church around 3:15-3:30.



The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is holding its Greek Festival this weekend Sept 23-25 at their church located at 5000 Lead Mine Rd. This will be a drive-thru food pickup; pre-order and online orders are available. Fliers with more information are available at CVBC, you can also go to their website: <https://raleighgreekfestival.com/>

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Iva Snyder
Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Walt Switzer
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – (friend of Jean Glosson)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Betsy Shaw – Sunrise of Raleigh on Edwards Mill Rd.
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary

OTHER:

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



You're invited to join us this Wednesday as we look at 2 Timothy 2:14-19 and discuss "How to Face the Unforeseen". None of us likes to face the mystery of the unknown future. We like to know what is up ahead for us in life. However, in life, there are times when we have to move ahead and trust God. We meet at 6:30pm and would love to have you join us in the sanctuary for Wednesday evening Bible study.



That All May Know Him

Relief for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Received to date: \$445.00

All the money collected for this offering goes to support local and state missions. There are envelopes in the narthex and in your envelope boxes. Please note "Missions" on your check. We will receive the North Carolina State Missions offering through the end of September.