

# 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 Duke is in the office on Wednesday afternoons and is available to meet with you if you would like to make an appointment. You can set up an appointment by calling or texting him at 336-344-0575 or emailing at [whdukejr@gmail.com](mailto:whdukejr@gmail.com).



**Sunday, November 5**

Daylight Saving Time ends  
Remember to turn your clocks  
back on Saturday night!

### —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:

**Pastor •** Dr. Bill Duke

**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

### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Of all the Spiritual Disciplines, prayer is second only to the intake of God's Word in importance. When it comes to the fundamentals of our faith, Bible intake and prayer are the foundation for our growth in godliness and Christlikeness.

There are three simple truths about prayer that I want us to ponder today: Prayer is expected, prayer is learned, and prayer is answered.

#### I. PRAYER IS EXPECTED

First, think with me of the truth that prayer is expected. Yes, the will of God for our lives is that we pray. Since God's will for us is to pray, then we can realize that prayer is good for us.

##### Jesus Expects Us to Pray

- Matthew 6:5, "And when you pray ..."
- Matthew 6:6, "But when you pray ..."
- Matthew 6:7, "And when you pray ..."
- Matthew 6:9, "This, then, is how you should pray ..."
- Luke 11:9, "So I say to you: Ask ...; seek ...; knock ..."
- Luke 18:1, "Then Jesus told his disciples ... they should always pray."

##### God's Word Makes It Clear

In addition to the words of Jesus, the unmistakable expectation of God from the rest of the New Testament is that we pray. Read Colossians 4:2, I Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 4:16, & Luke 5:16.

#### II. PRAYER IS LEARNED

To pray as expected, we must say with the disciples in Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to pray." So, how do we learn to pray?

By Praying – John 16:13

By Meditating on Scripture – Psalm 5:1; 19:14

By Praying with Others

By Reading About Prayer – Proverbs 27:17; 13:20

#### III. PRAYER IS ANSWERED – Psalm 65:2 & Matthew 7:7-8

Prayer as a Spiritual Discipline is for the purpose of godliness. Where there is godliness there is prayerfulness. If you want to be like Jesus, then discipline yourself to become a person of prayer. Will you make that commitment today?

Blessings, Bill Duke

## 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 and Prayer meeting

### EACH THURSDAY

7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

### SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

### MONTHLY

Young Hearts Fellowship



### **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, making phone calls or a visit.*

#### **Person of the Week for Oct 22-28**

Mr. Charlie Capps  
3325 Ashby Place  
Raleigh, NC 27604

**Properties for November:** Darrell Jenkins



### **Children's Fall Festival**

Wednesday, November 1  
6:30-8:00pm



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**11/25 Kathryn Nunery**  
2904 Mark Oak Court 27610

**11/30 Bobby Hayes**  
1112 Shetland Court 27609

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Jim Weaver  
Margaret Martinez  
Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)  
Frances Viano  
Sandi Robinson  
Walt Switzer

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier  
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary  
Betsy Shaw – Group Home/Assisted Living: Val's Place

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

### **October 29**

“The Healing Touch” -- Luke 8:40-56

### **November 5**

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians  
“Remembering The Persecuted”  
(Hebrews 13:3 and Revelation 6:9-11)

### **November 12**

“Thankful for God’s Forgiveness” -- I John 1:5-10

### **November 19**

“Thankful for God’s Goodness” -- Psalm 100

### **November 22 – 6:30 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service**

“Living Gratefully” – I Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **November 26**

“Thankful for the Grace of God”  
II Corinthians 12:7-10



### **Called Church Business Meeting Sunday, November 12**

There will be a Called Business meeting immediately after worship for the purpose of electing a committee to study whether to withdraw the church’s affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention. The requirement of this committee is in accordance with our Constitution. “Should an occasion arise when the church deems it wise to withdraw affiliation from the Raleigh Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Southern Baptist Convention, or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a special committee shall be nominated and elected by the church to study the matter and bring a recommendation to the church.”