

# 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 1 hour 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

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### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

As we prepare for worship on Sunday, I want to remind you of two things. First, this Sunday Daylight Savings Time will end so when you go to bed on Saturday night be sure to turn your clocks back one hour!

Second, this first Sunday in November has been designated as International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. As a part of our worship, we

will view a short presentation on the life of one of the younger members of our Christian family, Sejun of Nepal. We'll learn more about the spiritual darkness that surrounded him prior to meeting Jesus. We will hear how he has been transformed by the true light of the world, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Admittedly, you and I may not suffer persecution here in the USA. We need to be reminded, though, that worldwide millions of followers of Jesus daily suffer persecution and even martyrdom for the cause of Christ.

It may surprise you to learn that "more Christians have been martyred for their faith in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone than in the previous 19 centuries combined." This is not a wild accusation. It's a statement of fact based on irrefutable, documented evidence of horrifying atrocities.

For more information, I invite you to read the following books:

1. Their Blood Cries Out: The Worldwide Tragedy of Modern Christians Who Are Dying for Their Faith by Paul Marshall with Lela Gilbert.
2. In The Lion's Den: A Shocking Account of Persecution and Martyrdom of Christians Today and How We Should Respond by Nina Shea.
3. The New Foxe's Book of Martyrs, Updated Edition by John Foxe.

In these books, you can read eyewitness accounts of an alphabet of cruelty against Christians worldwide: amputation, bombing, crucifixion, displacement, flogging, kidnapping, murder, prison, rape, slavery, and torture. Why? Because the government and/or extremist groups in those countries have declared that it's a crime to be a Christian.

I would also encourage you to check out the organization called Voice of the Martyrs. They provide regularly updated examples of Christians being persecuted worldwide.

In addition to praying for those followers of Jesus who are being persecuted, I will also invite you to celebrate and cherish the religious liberty we experience in the USA. It is a right we must be diligent to protect and value.

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 29-Nov 4**

Catherine Mullins – Rm 316  
Sunrise of Cary  
1206 W. Chatham St  
Cary, NC 27513

**Properties for November:** Darrell Jenkins



### **Tuesday, November 14**

**Westwood Baptist Church is hosting an afternoon of special music with Bill Leslie.**

This will be the Young Hearts event for November. We will have lunch at 11:00am at Longhorn Steakhouse (1411 Beaver Creek Commons in Apex). The bus will leave the church at 10:30am, the music program begins at 1:00pm. Sign up in the lobby to attend and/or ride the bus. Address for Westwood: 200 Westhigh St, Cary, NC 27513

## 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

### **HOSPITAL:**

Freedra Poniros - Rex

### **OTHER:**

Sonshine Person of the Week



## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

### **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.”*