

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 11, 2023

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



### Angel Tree

This year we are collecting gifts for 2 families that recently stayed at the Welcome House. Please ask the store for gift receipts for shoes or clothing and include it with the wrapped gift in case it does not fit and needs to be returned. ***We only have ONE angel left! Gifts are due by Dec. 20.***



Our **Christmas Card Mailbox** is in the lobby and ready for members to use for exchanging Christmas cards with other church members. 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. Cards that are not picked up will not be mailed out. In lieu of postage, please make donations to the Lottie Moon and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering.



### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

What a special day yesterday to worship and to celebrate the season as our choir so beautifully allowed us to be touched by the joy and majesty of this holy season. Thanks to all who spent many hours preparing that we could be given such a gift.

Let me ask you. What is your favorite Christmas song? Please don't tell me it's Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer!!!! (Although don't tell my 4 year old granddaughter) Of course nothing can top "Silent Night" especially when it is sung with your church family on Christmas Eve. But along with so many there is one that always catches me and stops me in my tracks. It is that sweet simple song---"I wonder as I wander....." Wandering is something I do pretty well, and I bet you do too. But to stop long enough, to be still in my heart for a moment, and allow myself a sense of wonder invites a sacred moment, a moment where I am still enough and present enough to not miss the sacred breaking in all around.

I believe Christ is still coming and often in the most unexpected and unusual ways. But this much I am sure. I will miss it if I'm going 90 mph with all the lesser Christmas temptations. Will you wonder with me these days as you wander? The great Rabbi Abraham Heschel, in one of his writings said, "Our goal in life should be to live in radical amazement, to get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal, everything is incredible, never treat life casually."

It is awful to not make room for that which is "awe-full" most especially this season. So slow down, open your eyes and heart, there are gifts all around.....and each of you are one of them.

Brave Journey, Bill



### Church office information:

**Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater Music Director • Risa Poniros**

**Secretary • Peggy Utley Youth Director • Anna Clark**

**Website updates/maintenance** [webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

## 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 Dec 10 – 16**

Anne Barden – Room 106  
Oak Hill Assist. Living  
9767 NC 210 North  
Angier, NC 27501

**Properties for December:** David Jenkins



### **Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings**

Lottie Moon goal is \$500 – rec'd to date: \$40.00  
Global Missions goal is \$500 – rec'd to date: \$10.00

*Make checks payable to CVBC – note LM or  
Global on your check and/or envelope.*

**We will collect this offering through Sun, Dec 24.**

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff (we have several paid and volunteer staff) by contributing to the **Staff Love Offering**. Please mark your check or envelope "Love offering." This offering needs to be received by **Wed, Dec 20** as these gifts are given out at the Christmas Eve service.

**All 2023 contributions need to be received by Sun, Dec 24.**

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Freedra Poniros  
Jim Weaver  
Margaret Martinez  
Faye Hayes (on-going health concerns)  
Frances Viano  
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  
Sandi Robinson – Hillside Rehab in Wake Forest

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



## **THANK YOU NOTES**

On behalf of the Hospitality Committee we thank the Bereavement Committee who joined us in setting up, providing food, serving, and cleaning up for the reception following our Christmas Cantata on Sunday afternoon. We appreciate all of the contributions from our church family food-wise and music-wise. The beautiful music set the scene for a wonderful evening for the hundred plus people who attended. Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for your many prayers and concerns during Jim's surgery and hospital stay. It's the prayers and love from friends that has gotten him to where he is today. Please continue to pray for him.

In Christian Love, Jim and Lynda Weaver

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and support in the past few weeks. Please keep me in your prayers, Freedra Poniros



**Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm**  
Christmas Eve Service

**Monday, Dec 25 and Tuesday, Dec 26**  
Office closed for Christmas

**Wednesday, Dec 27**  
Hope Pantry open

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### **Please note:**

There will not be a newsletter published the week of December 25.