

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 18, 2023

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



### **Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm Christmas Eve Communion and Candle Light Service**

As you prepare for Christmas day, please make plans to attend our Christmas Eve Service. We will conclude our advent season by worshiping through songs and scripture as we light the Christ candle and remember His love for us through communion. We will also light our own candles as we remember the joyful news that Christ was born to be the Savior of the world. We hope to see you here, please invite your friends and family.

### **Please note the following:**

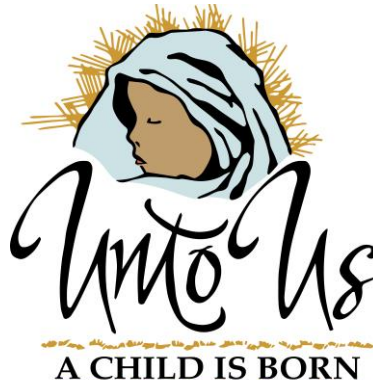
**Mon, Dec 25 and Tues, Dec 26**  
Office closed for Christmas

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

**Wednesday, Dec 27**  
Office and Hope Pantry are open  
No Bible Study or other activities

**Thursday, Dec 28**  
Church office will be open

**Monday, January 1, 2024**  
Office closed for New Year's Day



### **A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR**

"For God so loved the world that he GAVE his only Son....." and so the heart of the gospel reminds us that love always results in giving. I've always believed the oft repeated quote---"The quality of your life is in direct proportion to the level of your giving." Many of you are living that out in this season of gifts as you go out of your way (and beyond your budget) to find just that right gift to give to someone that you want to be sure knows how special they are to you.

I say all that because we also find ourselves at the end of the calendar year as a church. Now, today, don't wait another moment---prayerfully consider what you want your giving to support the ministries of CVBC to be. Consider the gifts this church means in your life and realize the impact its ministries make. All that should inspire generosity in abundance that derives first from a heart of gratitude and proceeds to a trust that God will provide and multiply many times over His gifts to you.

IT is critical that we end the year on a strong financial foundation as we look to the new year. For your financial gifts to be designated as a 2023 gift you need to make sure it is donated by this Sunday, December 24. You can do that by placing it in the offering plate Sunday or by mailing it postmarked by this Saturday, December 23. The ministries of CVBC are worthy of your sacrificial level of giving and the biblical benchmark has always been the "tithe" or 10% of one's income. If you can't reach those heights, then start where you can and be sure your gift brings joy and not only duty or obligation.

I wish for all of you new and fresh visitations from above these remaining days before Christmas. Thank you so much for the gift you have given me by inviting me to be a part of your special fellowship. His name is "Emmanuel" which means "God is with us." He surely is. Thanks be to God for the gift we need most of all---a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

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 17-23**

Mr. Charlie Capps  
3325 Ashby Place  
Raleigh, NC 27604

### **Person of the Week for Dec 24-30**

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

**Properties for January:** Ben Best



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

Lottie Moon goal is \$500 – rec'd to date: \$215.00  
Global Missions goal is \$500 – rec'd to date: \$135.00

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

**Collection for this offering is extended through Sun, Dec 31.**

**All of the special offerings, as well as any contributions for 2023 need to be received at CVBC by Sunday, Dec 31.**

If you need a new box of envelopes for next year, please pick up a box from the church office. Be sure to put your name on the new envelopes the first time you use them so this new number can be assigned to you for record keeping.

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Freda 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



- 1/4 Ben Best  
5009 Picardy Place 27612
- 1/4 Elizabeth Best  
518 Matheson Place Cary, NC 27511
- 1/9 Cecil Brown  
601 Beaver Dam Rd 27607
- 1/19 Anne Barden  
Oak Hill Asst Living Rm 106  
9767 NC 210 North Angier 27501
- 1/20 Lib Gordon  
7130 Shellburne Dr 27612
- 1/25 Joanne Isenhour  
5404 Farley Dr 27609
- 1/25 Yilong Wang  
518 Matheson Place Cary, NC 27511
- 1/31 Peninah Landen  
6083 S. Eagle St Centennial, CO 80016



**We will not have Bible study on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.**