

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

January 1, 2024

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS WITH BILL

Every Wednesday afternoon in January I will be in the office from 2:00pm on. I would like for you to schedule a 45 minute visit with me by calling Peggy at the church office (919-781-5345) and setting up an appointment. I want to get to know you better and ask that you help me with this. I look forward to our time together. Bill

But you, O Lord,
are a God
merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love
and *faithfulness.*

Psalms 86:15



Our Interim Pastor



A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

It is not often that a church conference inspires and touches me the way Sunday's conference did. First, thank you for your trust in me to vote for me as your new Interim Pastor. I am honored and grateful and filled with expectation for the coming days and months. I have often said that the defining question every church must be able to answer is this---"If your church closed its doors tomorrow would it make any difference in your community and world?"

As I listened to the reports Sunday there is no doubt that there is a reason CVBC exists. Two stories especially moved me. First, the continued ministry of Welcome House and seeing the pictures of excitement and joy in the faces of children as they marveled at the abundance of Christmas gifts that had been collected for them. Second, and maybe most of all, I was moved to hear the stories regarding the children who come to the church on Wednesday night. Everyone of them had a parent present for the Christmas Cantata. It was reported that some had no idea or ever heard the song "Silent Night." Right in our own backyard it is hard to imagine but that is the mission field that CVBC is now reaching in such powerful ways. Yes, THERE IS A REASON CVBC EXISTS!!

You are making a difference in the lives of others and God is delighted with you. As long as mission and ministry are our reason for existing, God will honor it and live through us. And the spaghetti was great!!! And the desserts were even better! A church conference, of all the unlikely experiences, became a time to give witness to the presence of God in the life of a very special church.

Brave Journey,
Bill

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater

Music Director • Risa Poniro

Secretary • Peggy Utle

Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Sandi Robinson
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

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



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 Jan 7-13

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



Offering Envelopes for 2024

If you need a new box of envelopes for this year, please pick up a box from the church. 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.

Properties for January: Ben Best



Upcoming Sermons

January 14

Divine Intersections
2 Corinthians 4:7

January 21

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
Psalm 121, Romans 5:8

January 28

It's All in Your Mind
Philippians 4:4-9



Start the new year off right by joining us for our weekly **Wednesday night Prayer and Bible study at 6:30pm.**

It was decided to continue meeting in the sanctuary.



Next meeting will be
next Sunday, January 21
following worship.