

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 12, 2024

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

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

We
love
because
He first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

**Change
of Plans**

Bible Study Cancellation

Please note that we will not be having Adult Bible Study and Prayer meeting for this week Wednesday, February 14.

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater

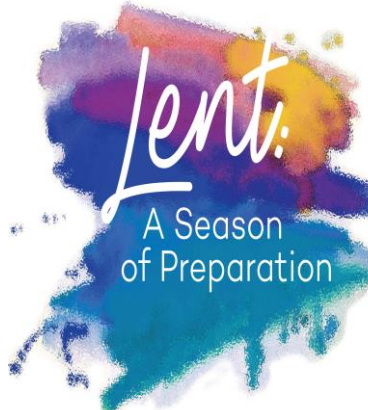
Music Director • Risa Poniros

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Youth Director • Anna Clark

Website updates/maintenance

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Wednesday of this week is exceptional in that it commemorates two very significant events on the calendar. Of course there is Valentine's Day, a day that celebrates love and actually originates with Saint Valentine. But for me, there is a far more significant opportunity that February 14 ushers in this year. It is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is a 40 day season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Maundy Thursday, just days before Easter. This Wednesday Christians everywhere will mark the sign of the cross with ashes on their forehead. It is a reminder of our mortality (Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return) and the need for reconciliation with God. Then the 40 days of Lent invite you to reflect, repent, and renew your commitment to living a life of faith, ultimately leading to the joyful celebration of Easter. During Lent many people choose a season of fasting from something in their daily life, such as some unhealthy food, or social media, or watching TV, etc. For me, it is helpful to have a designated season that prompts such discipline in my life and encourages me to daily focus on what feeds my soul.

So I encourage you to take advantage of this ancient practice. If you need a daily devotion, I encourage you to go to <https://d365.org/> or google any number of other offerings as well. We will not have Bible study this week so my prayer is that this February 14---both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday will allow you to come alive with joy to the best news of all, that you are the Beloved of God.

Brave Journey,
Bill



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 Feb 11-17

Mr. Charlie Capps
3325 Ashby Place
Raleigh, NC 27604

Properties for February: Randy Walker



Upcoming Sermons

February 18

Enough for Your Storm
Mark 6:47-52

February 25

Get Out of the Boat
Matthew 14

March 3

Hearing God's Voice
Matthew 14

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Whitt Stallings
Sandi Robinson
Freeda Poniros
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



Young Hearts

We will be meeting Wednesday, February 21 at 11:00am at Cape Fear Seafood restaurant located at 832 Spring Forest Rd. Make plans to join us!



Called Business Meeting next Sunday, February 18

This meeting will be to consider a request from the Welcome House ministry to use one of the church's rooms to hold ESL (English as a Second Language) classes.

