

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

April 29, 2024

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



### Time to start planning for Vacation Bible School!

These are the dates planned, all of these are Wednesday nights, time is still to be determined.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please speak to Cheryl Walker.

June 19  
July 3 & July 10  
August 7 & August 14



**Church office information:**  
**Interim Pastor** • Dr. Bill Slater  
**Music Director** • Dr. Risa Poniros  
**Secretary** • Peggy Utley  
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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I lived in Louisville, Kentucky for 3 years while attending seminary. This coming Saturday marks the 150th anniversary of the "Run for the Roses," otherwise known as the Kentucky Derby. Every year I said I was going and every year the thought of dealing with the crowds got the last word.

But what a party it would have been. Did you know on Derby Day 142,000 hot dogs will be consumed, 18,000 barbeque sandwiches, 300,000 strawberries. and 120,000 mint juleps. What a party!!!!

I visited Churchill Downs on other occasions and (true confession) I always bet on the horses. BET may be a little strong word as I would be sure to never take more than \$10 with me so that if I lost I wouldn't lose much. And of course every single time I left \$10 poorer. But what always caught my attention was to see the number of people who never even went into the grandstands and viewed the beautiful thoroughbreds but stayed under the grandstands and watched only the monitors to see if their horse placed.

So what's the point of all this? I wonder if sometimes we come to church and take in all the benefits of being with friends and enjoying the fellowship and giving a safe amount to keep things going, all the while missing the main attraction---the presence and power of the King of Kings whose majesty and glory fill the room if we but expect it and look for it.

Worship is keeping the main thing the main thing---that God chooses to meet us and come to us before we ever come to Him. I can go to church 53 Sundays a year and if I'm not careful I can miss the real gift it offers, a life changing experience of God. So BE THERE but BE THERE for all that worship offers. And don't bet more than \$10!!!!

Brave Journey,  
Bill

## Weekly Church Calendar

### EACH SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
2:00-5:00pm Christ Connect 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 Apr 28-May 4

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

**CONNECT**  
*with us*  
**GETTING TO KNOW YOU!**

We appreciate all those who have turned in their completed forms thus far. We would like to encourage all of our members to participate in this effort so that our Pastor can get to know each of you a little better!

Please return your forms to the church office by Sunday, May 5. There is a tray on the shelf between the bookcases in the office to put completed forms or you may mail them to the PO Box.

Thank you for your responses. Your Deacons

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Carolyn Altman  
Sandi Robinson  
Margaret Martinez  
Faye Hayes  
Frances Viano

### 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  
Peninah Brown – in Colorado

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week

**DISASTER RELIEF**



### **HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF**

**Our goal is 200 kits.**

We are collecting Hygiene kits for Church World Services again this year. **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS - NO SUBSTITUES - DO NOT ADD ANY EXTRA ITEMS.**

### **In a one-gallon Ziploc bag place the follow items:**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no finger tip, bath, dish towel, or micro-fiber)
- One wash cloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (found at discount stores)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

Do not add toothpaste - Church World Services will add toothpaste to the bag prior to shipping.

Iva Snyder will again prepare bags for those that prefer to make a donation. The cost is \$10 for each kit. You can pay with cash or check payable to CVBC by Sunday, June 2. **All kits are due at the church by Sunday, June 9 for delivery mid June.**