

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

November 25, 2024

Please mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622

Church location: 4408 Lead Mine Rd Raleigh, NC 27612 Phone: (919) 781-5345

Email: cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org Website: www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org

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

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>,  
at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

### “Ten Thousand Joys”

**Sun, December 15 at 4:00pm**

Make plans to join us for an afternoon of Christmas Celebration including choir, children, youth, instrumentalists and a time of fellowship. Please use the flyers in the lobby to invite your friends and neighbors. There will be Dessert Fellowship following the musical, please sign up in the lobby for what you'd like to contribute. *We have invited the Christ Connect church to join us, and the families of the kids and youth are also invited. We may have 100+ people in attendance, so we really need your help!*

#### Church office information:

**Interim Pastor** • Dr. Bill Slater  
**Music Director** • Dr. Risa Poniros  
**Secretary** • Peggy Utley  
**Youth Director** • Ashley Walker  
**Website updates/maintenance**  
webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org



### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As I count the many blessings in my life this Thanksgiving there is one that is particularly timely and immediately comes to mind.

This coming Sunday will mark the one year anniversary of my beginnings as your Interim Pastor. It is hard to believe that much time has flown by and all that we have shared together. You are my spiritual family and I am a better person, a more complete minister, and a greater lover of God because of all the deposits you have made in my life. It is an unusual life being a pastor, far more than a job it is as much a life where you are no longer your own, but belong to God and to God's people.

I wonder if Paul had such an experience when he began his letter to his favorite church in Philippi. Maybe it was his own Thanksgiving day when he sat down and penned the words that could be mine in writing to the church at Crabtree Valley-- "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

I remember a year ago sitting down with Barbara and offering to help get you through the Advent season and then seeing if we would want to continue.. And here we are!. It's the most wonderful time of the year. Lets invite the Christ child to enter again in all His glory.

Brave Journey, Bill



### Holiday Office Hours

The church office will close at noon on Wed, Nov 27; and will be closed Thurs, Nov 28 and Fri, Nov 29 for Thanksgiving.

## Weekly Church Calendar

### EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 2:00-5:00pm Christ Connect Church (Filipino)  
 \*Meets first Sat monthly at 9:30am for Men's Bible Study

### EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY

10:30am – 1:00pm ESL classes for Welcome House

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open  
 6:00pm Children and Youth Mission groups  
 6:30pm Bible Study and Prayer meeting

### THURSDAY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12:30-1:30pm Crabtree Rotary Club  
 7:30pm Gamblers Anonymous

### SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

### MONTHLY

Young Hearts Fellowship

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**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

*Make a call, a visit or send a card!*

### Person of the Week for November 24 -30

Bobby and Faye Hayes  
 1112 Shetland Ct  
 Raleigh, NC 27609

**Properties for December:** David Jenkins



### CBF Global Missions and Staff Love offerings

Global Missions goal is \$500

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

**We will collect these offerings through Sun, Dec 29.**

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff by contributing to the **Staff Love Offering**. This year's staff includes Interim Pastor, Dr. Bill Slater; Director of Music, Risa Poniros; Pianist, Cheryl Walker; Secretary, Peggy Utley; Youth Director, Ashley Walker; Videographers, Elizabeth Best and Yilong Wang; and Sound Tech, Santiago Harris. *Please mark your check or envelope "Love or Staff offering."*

**All 2024 contributions need to be received by Sun, Dec 29.**

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Sandi Robinson  
 Jetta Lewis  
 Margaret Martinez  
 Bobby & 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

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week  
 Hurricane victims



We express our sincere sympathy to Risa Poniros and her family upon the passing of Mrs. Freeda Poniros on November 20, 2024. Loved by many, she will always be known as the glue and matriarch of her family. Visitation is Mon, Nov 25, 2024 from 5-7 pm, with Trisagion prayers beginning at 6pm, at Holy Trinity. Funeral service is on Tues, Nov 26, 2024 at 11am at Holy Trinity. Burial will follow at Historic Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Capital Campaign, 5000 Lead Mine Rd. Raleigh, NC 27612. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/freeda-poniros-12101963>



## BIRTHDAYS

- 12/10 Mary Honeycutt  
7001 Epping Forest Dr 27613
- 12/13 Ashley Walker  
128 Fairfield Cirlice  
Dunn, NC 28334
- 12/16 Charlie Capps  
3325 Ashby Place 27604
- 12/18 Marian Brinley  
8810 Cypress Lakes 27615
- 12/19 Whitt Stallings  
4826 Brookhaven Dr 27612
- 12/26 Barbara Best  
5009 Picardy Place 27612