

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 16, 2024

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



Tues, 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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Tues, Dec 24 thru Fri, Dec 27

Office closed for Christmas

Hope Pantry Hours

Mon, Dec 23 & Mon, Dec 30

Please note:

There will not be a newsletter published next week, the week of December 23.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A few days ago I went looking for a Christmas card to go along with a gift I was giving. Target was filled with cards and after looking over too many of them I ended up going to a different rack and getting just a blank card where I could write my own message.

Being the preacher that I am, I am always thinking about how life holds forth lessons at every turn. Here's my thought----everyone of us is bombarded with messages this time of year. Spend on this, eat that, visit that person, host that party, did I mention EAT, EAT, EAT! But maybe this Christmas you could somehow move beyond all the messages that compete and get in touch with a new, personal and fresh message that God is trying to send your way. What would that message be? What is God desiring so much these next few days for you to hear and trust? We only have one more week. My guess is that the message that is the only message worth receiving will only happen as much as we make some blank space, some empty space, some quiet space where God has a chance to break through.

So if all the louder competing messages are just leaving you with one more stressed out Christmas, go over to the blank area of your life and see if there is not a better, purer, more divine message awaiting you that can make all the difference.

My prayer every year about this time is that I know a real Christmas. That will only happen when something from above comes my way. I pray that for you as well.

Brave Journey, Bill



THANK YOU!

On behalf of our Bereavement and Hospitality Committees we thank you very much for your bountiful contributions to our Christmas Reception. The cantata was wonderful and the food was super delicious and very well received. Over one hundred guests were present for our cantata and reception. We are grateful for our one year of leadership under Dr. Bill Slater which began in December 2023. Happy Holidays!

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

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

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

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY

6:30pm Tarheel Toastmasters

MONTHLY

Young Hearts Fellowship



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card!

Person of the Week for December 15-21

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

Properties for December: David Jenkins



CBF Global Missions and Staff Love offerings

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

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff by contributing to the **Staff Love Offering**. *Please mark your check or envelope "Love or Staff offering."*

All of the special offerings, as well as any contributions for 2024 need to be received at CVBC by Sunday, Dec 29.

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:

Sandi Robinson
 Jetta Lewis
 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



Our **Christmas Card Mailbox** is in the lobby and ready for members to use for exchanging Christmas cards with other church members. In lieu of the postage you would pay to send these cards, please make a donation to the CBF Global Missions offering. You can drop it in the 'box' on top or simply add it to your offering check. Please mail your cards to those members who are unable to attend regularly or are in Rehab/Care facilities. **REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BOX FOR CARDS SENT TO YOU!**



- 1/4 Ben Best
5009 Picardy Place 27612
- 1/4 Elizabeth Best
518 Matheson Place Cary, NC 27511
- 1/8 David Viano
4805 Ludwell Branch Rd 27612
- 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