

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 30, 2024

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



### OFFICE SCHEDULE

Open Monday, Dec 30  
& Tuesday, Dec 31

Closed Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025  
New Year's Day

Open Thursday, Jan 2, 2025

O Lord, let my  
*New Year's resolution*  
be to  
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
*loving guidance.*

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year! A few years ago USA Today took a survey of those who made resolutions before the beginning of the previous year. Only 32% kept them. The most popular one (you know it) was losing weight. But go down the list and you find that 5% listed praying more and being closer to God. Go figure.

I want to give you a prayer for 2025. It is but two lines, with the first part coming from Psalms 31--"I trust you, O Lord, my times are in your hands. The second line is from a little known Christian, Jean-Pierre deCaussade, who lived in the 1700's. It goes like this---"Help me, O Lord, to give myself to the duty of the present moment."

Why these lines? Because my guess is that sometime in this coming year it will find you anxious about something you are facing, whether real or imagined. And to know that you are not facing it alone, but in the presence of ONE greater than you, and to allow that to be enough for the day you are in, can make all the difference.

There are two prayers I pray every day. One is---"Lord, be with me, for without you I shall surely fail." The other---"In my life, Lord, be glorified." Prayers that place God at the center of my life and all I'm experiencing.

I am looking forward to a new year with Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. Let us all do our part---attendance, giving, inviting, expecting...but most of all may we be people of prayer expecting great things of God, expecting great things of God, this God who goes before us in the year of our Lord 2025.

Brave Journey, Bill



**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**

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

**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 next Wednesday Night Bible study will be January 8, 2025.**

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**SHARE THE SONSHINE**  
*Make a call, a visit or send a card!*

**Person of the Week for December 29- January 4**

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



**New Offering Envelopes**

If you need a new box of envelopes for 2025, 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.

**Properties for January:** Ben Best



**Upcoming Sermons for January**

**January 5 – “Take a Walk”**  
Matthew 14:25-32

**January 12 – “Why We Still Preach the Cross”**  
1 Corinthians 1:16-31

**January 19 – “Joy in Faithful Friends”**  
Philippians 1:3-8

**January 26 – “Joy in Whatever”**  
Philippians 1:12-19



**Christmas Offering**

**Global Missions goal \$500 – rec’d \$920**  
**Staff Love Offering – red’d \$2350**

The church staff and volunteers want to thank all of you for your generosity and the love shown to us through the Staff Love Offering. We appreciate your love and support all year long!