

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 9, 2024

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



**“Ten Thousand Joys”
A Celebration for Christmas
Sunday, December 15
at 4:00pm**

Make plans to join us for an
afternoon of Christmas
Celebration!

Music will be provided by the choir
and instrumentalists. We will have
presentations by the children and
youth, and a great time of food and
fellowship.

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!



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

In 1918 Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who would later be diagnosed with intellectual disabilities that made it necessary for the child to be institutionalized.

As the matriarch of one of the most successful families of our time, Rose became very bitter about her daughter's situation. She was filled with anger towards God. The Kennedys were the ideal family, and there was just no way a child of theirs could possibly be institutionalized.

Then one day, a maid that worked in the Kennedy home, spoke up to Rose. She said: “Mrs. Kennedy, I have watched you for several months, and I know how angry you are. But if you don't do something, that anger is going to ruin you.” She then made a suggestion to Rose: “I think you should say this prayer: ‘O Lord, make my heart a manger, where the Christ child can be born.’”

Rose thought this idea was silly at first but spent the following night tossing and turning in bed. She couldn't put what the maid suggested out of her mind. She then succumbed to the maid's suggestion and got on her knees beside her bed and prayed: “O Lord, make my heart a manger where the Christ child can be born.”

That manger she built in her heart for Christ provided her the strength to handle all that life threw at her.

It's impossible to change ourselves with just the help of others. We need God in our lives to change us also. As Christmas approaches, may we all build a manger for Christ within our hearts.

--shared from an article by Todd Lesley at Wake Forest Baptist Church

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

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 8-14

Mr. Charlie Capps
 3325 Ashby Place
 Raleigh, NC 27604

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
 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.



Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00pm
 Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00pm
 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec 24 thru Friday, Dec 27
 Office closed for Christmas

Hope Pantry Hours

Monday, Dec 23 & Monday, Dec 30
 (Open on Monday because the holidays fall on a Wednesday)

Please note:

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



Dear Church family,
 I really don't have words to express my appreciation for your constant support, prayers and the two donations during these challenging times I've been experiencing. God has blessed me with such an amazing church family. Although I don't feel worthy of accepting them, I will use the money wisely and they are timely gifts. Thank you again, Risa Poniros