

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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



COMING UP IN MARCH

Sunday, March 2

Offering for the Hope Pantry

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time starts

Sunday, March 30

5th Sunday Benevolence offering



Please note that we will not have Bible Study and Prayer meeting on Wednesday, March 5.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize." The words are the Apostle Paul's and they are written from a jail cell of all places. Pressing on. Sometimes it is as ordinary and daily as that.

The Christian life, best understood is not so much a 100 yard dash, where you fly out of the starting blocks and soon can say you have finished, as it is a marathon and even more a lifelong journey. Pressing on implies that some days the wind is not at your back but hitting you right in the face and even worse in the heart.

What do you do on those days? Paul, even from a jail cell, says you press on. You do not wallow in self-pity and ask that ubiquitous question---"Why me?" but rather ask "What next?" and expect God is never finished with you.

February, thankfully, is coming to an end. It is the shortest month but sometimes because of where it is situated towards the end of winter, feels like the longest. But the few days of springlike weather this week has teased us but also encouraged us that warmer days are coming. And just that much more---there is always more that God has in store for us.

The key is to never give up, keep pressing on, and look forward to what God has in store for you right around the next bend.

Brave Journey,
Bill

Church office information:
Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater
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Secretary • Peggy Utley
Youth Director • Ashley Walker
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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

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

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

HOSPITAL:

Charles Martin – UNC

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



March 2

“Joy in The Moment”

Philippians 4:4-5

March 9

“Joy in The Storm”

Philippians 4:6-7

March 16

“Joy in Giving”

Philippians 4:12-20



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card!

Person of the Week for February 23-March 1

Betsy Shaw
4910 Morehead Dr
Raleigh, NC 27614

Properties for March: Ben Best



Thank You for a Fun & Successful Valentine's Bingo!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing church family for coming out to support the youth group at our Valentine's Bingo event! It was such a joy to spend time together, building community, sharing laughter, and competing for some pretty cool prizes. We also had some fun brushing up on our multiplication fact fluency (if you know, you know!). A big thank you to Cheryl for preparing the delicious snacks that kept us fueled throughout the games!

Thanks to your generosity and participation, we raised nearly \$600 – enough to send another youth to summer camp! Your ongoing support of the youth is deeply appreciated, and we are so grateful for each one of you. Thank you for making this event such a success and for always supporting the youth in our church family!

With gratitude, Ashley Walker & The Youth Group



HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

We will be collecting Hygiene kits for Church World Services again this year.

From David Mallory, Kit Coordinator
“Last year we were overwhelmed with responses to numerous natural disasters. We sent hundreds of kits to North Carolina after Hurricane Helene and to Florida after Hurricane Milton. We are still in the process of sending kits to the fire ravaged areas of California. We have also responded to tornadoes in Illinois, Arkansas and Texas. The need has been tremendous and has depleted much of our inventory”

We will kick-off this collection in March, more details will be included in the weekly newsletter and bulletins.