

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

February 3, 2025

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



Valentine Bingo

**We hope to see you on
Saturday, February 15
10:00-12:00pm**

Join the Youth for a fun afternoon of Bingo with light refreshments. This will be a fundraiser for their upcoming summer camp.



Please note the office will be closed Wednesday, February 19 through Monday, February 24.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It happened Sunday during worship. It doesn't happen every Sunday and I don't expect it to. But I keep coming because I never know when it will happen---the Spirit showing up and capturing me and lifting me to some higher place in the most unexpected and surprising way.

We were singing our opening hymn---"Living for Jesus." I knew the words by heart and I was seized by a sense of how grateful I was that I had known those words since I was a child....that I had grown up in church...that I had parents who took me to church...that such words were buried deep in the soil of my life ---that so often when I have needed some words to express my faith a song has given me that gift. All that and more caught me by surprise and suddenly LIVING FOR JESUS became more than just an opening hymn, it became a sacred reminder of the journey of my life.

For me hymns have often been the expression of my theology. They have also been the words to express something deeper when I struggled to find ways to express it otherwise. For instance, a line in another hymn (What A Friend We Have in Jesus) is a staple whenever I find myself about to experience some struggle. The line? "Oh what needless pain we bear" I immediately am reminded of the next line--"All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer" and I am immediately given a new way to look at life.

Hymns and their words are gifts that can take us to a higher place. Such was my experience Sunday morning. I'm so glad I was there.

Brave Journey,
Bill

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater
Music Director • Dr. Risa Poniros
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:

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
Peninah Brown – rehab in Colorado

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



**Please join us for
Brunch and to celebrate with
the family of David and Beth Jenkins
as they look forward to a new
Grandson joining the family!
Honoring
Ellian and Jeff Buck
Saturday, February 22 at 10:00am
RSVP to Cheryl Walker
Gift registry at Babylist.com**



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

Person of the Week for February 2-8

Jetta Lewis
643 Oak Run Dr
Raleigh, NC 27606

Properties for February: Randy Walker



**UPDATE – at this time we have received the
needed funds to purchase the new sound equipment.
Thank you for your donations!
the Technology Committee**



February 9
“Joy in A Full Life”
Philippians 2:12-18

February 16
“Joy in Being in Christ”
Philippians 3:7-11

February 23
“Joy in the Journey”
Philippians 3:12-16