

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

March 17, 2025

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



**Sunday, March 23**  
Observance of the  
Lord's Supper



*"Your Grace  
Still Amazes Me"*

**Easter Cantata**  
Sunday, April 13  
at 3:00pm

Join us for a Special Easter Service with music, and entertainment from the Children and Youth groups. A time of fellowship will follow.



### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I want to draw your attention to two minor changes in our order of worship beginning this Sunday, upon my recommendation and with the approval of the Deacons. But first let me ask--can you imagine having a final exam and not preparing ahead, or having a job interview with no preparation, or hosting a dinner party with no preparation, or playing another team in the NCAA tournament with no preparation.

Having said all that, can you imagine experiencing the fullness of worship with no preparation given at all. Anything worth doing well requires preparation, yet we often come to worship with little to no serious preparation given at all. The most important hour of the week and often we flip the switch and enter into worship with little to no preparation given at all.

Did you make sure to go to bed at a proper hour the night before? Did you spend time in prayer for those leading in worship and for your soul to be receptive to God's Spirit. And so in the Sunday bulletin Order of Worship instead of the first line reading "Prelude" (which implies before the action begins) it will now read "Preparation for Worship" with the hope that while Cheryl is playing the piano you are preparing for an encounter with the Holy Spirit. That's when real worship begins, not everything that follows.

I also believe it makes sense to hear the reading of Scripture immediately before the message so it connects in more obvious ways. Therefore, immediately after the anthem, it will be a time of prayer, then the Scripture reading, then message. I hope these changes, while simple, will be helpful and make worship even more likely to be experienced.

What would it look like for you to prepare for worship? Don't you believe it would certainly make a difference in what follows? So BE PREPARED! You never know when God is about to make His appearance.

Brave Journey,  
Bill

**Church office information:**  
Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater  
Music Director • Dr. Risa Poniros  
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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)

**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:**

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



**HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICES DISASTER RELIEF**

**Our goal is 200 kits.**

The list of needed items is available in the lobby.

*All kits are due at the church by Sunday, May 4. We are collecting any unused travel size items for the bags, and anything leftover will be put in the pantry.*



**RBA Spring Senior Adult Rally  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**Deadline to signup is Mon, March 24**

You can sign up in our lobby, or by calling or emailing the church office.

**Hosted By:** Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1800 Glenwood Ave

**Time:** Registration begins at 9:30 am, Program begins at 10:00 am, Concludes with lunch. **Cost: \$15.00 per person** Menu: Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Muffins and Assorted Desserts

**Inspirational Message:** Dr. David Hailey has been pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church since 1996.

**Inspiration and Entertainment:** Rev. Pepper Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor and a self-proclaimed humorist who has gained the reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. At the rally, we will do a lot of singing and laughing.

**Special Guest:** Also featured will be the inspiring piano stylizations of Larita Kellison. She is a long-time member of Hayes Barton and is a big favorite of her congregation.



**SHARE THE SONSHINE**

*Make a call, a visit or send a card!*

**Person of the Week for March 16-22**

Virginia Dixon  
2732 Cottage Circle  
Raleigh, NC 27613

**Properties for April:** Whitt Stallings



**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will receive our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benevolence Offering. To give to this offering, please mark your check and/or envelope Benevolence.