

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

September 15, 2025

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Church Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 9am-3pm (closed on Thurs & Friday)



Wednesday Night Schedule Changes

This Wednesday, Sept 17, Kathy Slater will present a mission report of her recent trip to Uganda and Kenya. We will then take a two week break.

On Wednesday, October 8, we will begin a new study based on the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. You are encouraged to buy it ahead of time. Our Wednesday night time together begins at 6:30pm and concludes at 7:15pm.

Board of Deacons



Deacons Meeting

Next Sunday, September 21



BE QUICK
TO LISTEN,
SLOW
TO SPEAK,
SLOW TO
ANGER.

James 1:19. NRSV

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

So much has already been said and written, and sadly it only seems to communicate already fixed views. Our nation once again finds the news broadcasting yet another shooting reflecting political violence, and lost in all of it is the tragedy of wives, husbands, children who have lost their loved ones.

Two words I continue to champion and believe are so lacking in our public and private discourse----HUMILITY and RESPECT. Every person we meet, EVERY person is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) which says to me that every person is someone I can learn from, whether I agree or not.

That requires listening more than talking, and certainly seeking to understand rather than only to be understood. I can only do that if I have respect for others, which is different than saying I have to always agree. But when we listen, we create space for understanding, growth, and unity. There is not a single person I can't learn something from. And wouldn't our world be better if everyone was treated with the dignity they deserve?

So humility says I don't have all the answers and if I only listen to what I already believe, no growth and learning is possible. Even worse, sides will be taken, tribalism will result, and our prayer that His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, will stand little hope.

It is a dangerous time in our country. Attacks, both with weapons and words, are increasing and the fallout is becoming more serious by the day. As God's chosen, we are called to be salt and light, to transform the world rather than be transformed by it. So I keep praying and keep respecting all I meet, whether I agree or not. Building bridges instead of walls will always build a better world.

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
2:00-4:00pm Victory Community Church (Filipino)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
6:00pm Children and Youth Mission groups
6:30pm Bible Study and Prayer meeting

EVERY THURSDAY

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 Sept 14-20

Virginia Dixon
2732 Cottage Circle
Raleigh, NC 27613

Properties for September: Ben Best



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox deadline is Sunday, Nov 16th.

We will soon have boxes, labels and brochures with packing instructions available for pickup in the lobby.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Jetta Lewis
Bobby & Faye Hayes
Frances Viano
Sandi Robinson
Mildred Way

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Aladine Rogers – Springmoor Rehab – Health Center
Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Catherine Mullins – Sunrise of Cary
Betsy Shaw – Group Home/Assisted Living

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



It is time to nominate 3 church members who will replace the current Deacons rotating off at the end of this year. Letters with more details and nomination ballots are available for our members to pick up this Wednesday (9/17) and Sunday (9/21). Any letters not picked up will be mailed next week. Each member should use one ballot, **deadline to return ballots is Sunday, October 12.** There is a collection box in the lobby, or you may submit your ballot to the church office (in person, by mail to the PO Box or email; both are listed on the front of the newsletter).

Sincerely, The Deacons

