

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 29, 2025

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



**Wednesday, December 31**

No Bible study this week.  
We will resume on January 7.



If you need a new box of envelopes for 2026, please pick up a box from the church office. Be sure to put your name on the new envelopes the first time you use them so this new number can be assigned to you for record keeping.



### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A man's life was changed after a dreadful accident. He survived the accident but would spend many days in the hospital on his back in traction.

His pastor was the famous Methodist minister, Charles Allen. When Allen went to see him, he affirmed him in every possible way. But he also pointed out

that he did not see him at church very often. And he didn't see him with his teenage boys very often any more. He and the man talked for a long time. Then before he left he encouraged the man to use the time he had been given. "Jeff," he said, "while you are on your back, this is a good time for you to get used to looking up again."

This is the start of a new year. All our hopes, our dreams, our needs. Maybe it is a good time for some of us to get used to looking up again. As the Psalmist declared, "My times are in your hands." I'm so glad. Instead of just the evening news, the morning headlines, there is still God. I am challenged to keep my eyes on that which is above that it might inform and bless everything that is below.

What will you do to make 2026 a year filled with promise, a year which the world can't give and the world can't take away. As the great Danish philosopher proclaimed---"For all that has been, thanks. For all that shall be, YES!"

Brave Journey,  
Bill



**Last call to pick up Christmas cards, Sunday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cards that are not picked up will not be mailed out.**

**Church office information:**  
**Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater**  
**Music Director • Dr. Risa Poniros**  
**Secretary • Peggy Utley**  
**Youth Director • Ashley Walker**  
**Website updates/maintenance**  
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## 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

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

#### **Person of the Week for January 4-10**

Frances Viano  
4805 Ludwell Branch Ct  
Raleigh, NC 27612

**Properties for January:** Ben Best



**Global Missions goal \$500 – rec'd \$640**  
**Staff Love Offering – rec'd \$1,568**



The church staff and volunteers want to thank all of you for your generosity and the love shown to us through the Staff Love Offering. We appreciate your love and support all year long!

## Prayer Concerns:

### HOME:

Frances Viano  
David Viano  
Jean Glosson  
Jetta Lewis  
Bobby & Faye Hayes  
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  
Julia Chapman - Hillcrest

### OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

Make plans to join us as we  
Observe the Lord's Supper



#### **Upcoming Sermons Series** **"The Lord's Prayer"**

**January 18**  
Our Father

**January 25**  
Thy Kingdom Come

**February 1**  
Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

**February 8**  
Forgive Us Our Trespases

**February 15**  
Forgive Us Our Debts

**February 22**  
For Thine Is the Kingdom