

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 8, 2025

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



A CHILD IS BORN

Sun, Dec 14 at 4:30pm

"One Small Child"

Make plans to join us for our Christmas Musical Celebration. Afterwards, we will have a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please sign up in the lobby for what you'd like to contribute.



Budget for 2026

The Stewardship Committee will have a Called Business meeting on this **Sunday, December 14** immediately following worship to vote on the new budget. *Copies of the Proposed budget are available on the lobby table. Please take one to review before the meeting.*



*"Greetings, favored one!
The Lord is with you!"*

Luke 1:28, NRSV

So let me add a word to your Advent vocabulary. PONDER---I've often said that for me it just may be the most important word snuggled in all the more familiar words of the Christmas story. Remember what Luke 2 says---"*And Mary pondered all these things in her heart.*" It takes being still, it takes expectation that something divine is taking place, it takes a condition of the heart that is open to surprises and divine gifts and glory from on high.

But most of all it takes being still....which is not exactly our typical default action in the rush and stress of the Christmas season. But if you were quiet for a few minutes today what would you hear? The good news of Christmas, the reminder that the baby who came long ago continues to come even now to change our world and to bring healing and salvation to all.

So ponder....ponder...ponder. What sings in your soul as you do.

Brave Journey, Bill

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

My friend Chuck Bugg challenges us, *"Don't rush to Bethlehem. Listen for the angels. Watch for the extraordinary. Refuse to fear."*

Don't rush to Bethlehem or to Crabtree Valley Mall or to the next Christmas party or the next Amazon package waiting on your front porch. **DON'T RUSH!!!**

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



Make a call, a visit or send a card!

Person of the Week for Dec 7-13

Jetta Lewis
643 Oak Run Dr
Raleigh, NC 27606

Properties for December: David Jenkins



CBF Global Missions and Staff Christmas Love offering

Our Global Missions goal is \$500

Received to date: \$220.00

Make all checks payable to CVBC

*Please note Global or Staff on your
check and/or envelope.*

**We will collect these offerings
through Sun, Dec 28.**

**All 2025 contributions need to be
received by Sun, Dec 28.**

If you need a new box of envelopes for 2026, there are some on the shelf in the office, on the right near the door. Fill out your name when using the new envelope, and that new number will be assigned to you.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Jean Glosson
Sandi Robinson
Jetta Lewis
Bobby & Faye Hayes
Frances Viano
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

HOSPITAL:

Julia Chapman – fell and broke her hip:Duke Raleigh

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



Our **Christmas Card Mailbox** is in the lobby and ready for members to use for exchanging Christmas cards with other church members. Cards are filed alphabetically by last name. In lieu of the postage you would pay to send these cards, please make a donation to the CBF Global Missions offering. You can drop it in the 'box' on top or simply add it to your offering check. Please mail your cards to those members who are unable to attend regularly or are in Rehab/Care facilities. Cards that are not picked up will not be mailed out.



Holiday Schedule

Hope Pantry Hours

Open Monday, Dec 22
(closed Wednesday, Dec 24)

Wednesday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm
Office closed

Please note:

There will not be a newsletter published the week of December 23.