

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

July 13, 2026

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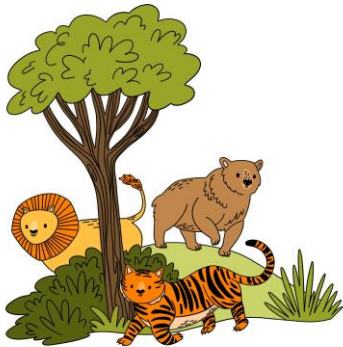
Church Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 9am-3pm (closed on Tuesday & Friday)

Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, July 15
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Upcoming Dates:
July 22, 29 & August 5

Please contact Cheryl Walker if
you are able to volunteer for
any of the days.



**GOD MADE THE WILD ANIMALS OF
THE EARTH OF EVERY KIND.**
GENESIS 1:25, NRSV

**For God
so loved
the world.**
JOHN 3:16



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

What is your favorite Bible verse? And why? Mine is John 3:16—"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." This is a verse that I struggled and needed to hear and trust for years, well into my ministry. It is also a word that I have realized so many others have never really believed as well. So often we struggle to believe that God really is full of delight in us, that He is just crazy about us, that our picture is on his heavenly refrigerator door.

Instead, my struggle for years and maybe yours, was a feeling that God was disappointed in me. After all, I never am perfect in life, mistakes happen, sin appears and surely God must wonder about my trust in Him time and time again when those failures show up.

BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT THE VERSE SAYS! God is not out to get us real good, to hold our sins against us, to be disappointed in us. Jesus came not to reject, not to keep tabs on us, but to **SAVE** us from all that we need saving from. This verse is just full of reasons for celebration, surprising joy, and freedom to not be bound by our brokenness, but liberated to know acceptance that only the cross of Jesus Christ makes possible. Every time I start down that path of thinking God must have finally given up on me I come back to this verse. It corrects, it affirms, it is truth. And it is why I continue on.

Second favorite verse(s)---the Beatitudes. Get those right and the world is transformed.

Brave Journey,
Bill

Next week---my favorite hymn

Church Office Information:
Interim Pastor • Dr. Bill Slater
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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

Prayer Concerns:

HOME:

Frances Viano

David Viano

Jetta Lewis

Bobby & Faye Hayes

Mildred Way

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Aladine Rogers – Springmoor Rehab – Health Center

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier

Julia Chapman

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week



SHARE THE SONSHINE

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

Person of the Week for July 12 - 18

Anne Barden



Young Hearts Lunch

The Young Hearts are going to Stephenson's BBQ (11964 NC-50 Willow Spring 27592) Friday, July 24. Meet at the church at 10am to ride the van or meet at the restaurant at 11am. Please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Properties for July: Ben Best



Questions I've Wanted to Ask God

July 19

Is There a Cure for Worry?

Matthew 6:25-34

July 26

How Can I Know God's Will?

Ephesians 5:15-17

Romans 12:1-2



Dear CVBC,

Thank you for your congregation's generous contribution to the 2026 Church World Service Kit Ministry Program. Because of partners like yourself, we will be able to respond to the needs of people all over the world. We are grateful for your witness and your partnership as we seek to love our neighbor.

Blessings,

David Mallory

Church World Service

North Carolina Kit Coordinator