

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 12, 2016

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On Friday, Dec 16 the Young Hearts are going to the Christmas Lights at Meadow, with a stop for dinner at the Meadow Village Restaurant. There are a few seats left on the bus which will leave the church at 4:30pm. Call Larry Nunery ASAP at 838-8631 if you'd like to go.

Craft & Bake sale  
Sun, Dec 18  
at 9:15am



The Kid's on Mission group will have crafts available for purchase and will be serving light breakfast items and beverages before Sunday School. Donations will go toward the Missions collection.



Children's Christmas Party  
Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30-8:00pm

Children's activities: making candy, cards, ornaments and gifts. There will also be a gift wrapping station where you can bring your gifts and let us help you wrap them! Also – a special visit and pictures with St. Nick! For questions or more information, contact Cheryl Walker, 919-632-1427. Donations go towards Missions offering.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you are looking for a new way to celebrate Christmas, you might try this idea:

You gather family and friends of all ages in a large room and ask each person to hold a single unlit candle.

Then you turn out the lights.

In the darkness, you ask someone to tell you about something they're grateful for – whether it's another person, an event or anything else. After sharing their story they light their candle. The next person does the same, and so on, right around the room, story by story.

After each expression of appreciation, the room grows a little brighter. By the time the last person has spoken, the room is ablaze with light!

You can almost see how beautiful their faces are, lit up with the joy of gratitude ... and with the glow of candlelight. Sadly, of course, that's not the way it is for everyone during the holiday season. But have you ever thought, we can still be grateful even if we feel our heart is breaking?

The fact is, even though a voice in our head might insist that's impossible without a Christmas of family and friends, gratitude at such times couldn't be more crucial. As singer-songwriter Alex Cook proclaims in his album, Arrival: "A Heart Full of Thanks Cannot Be Broken".

In His Love,  
Charles



Please note: December 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make 2016 contributions for the budget or Christmas offerings. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. New envelopes for 2017 have been ordered and will be available in the narthex when they arrive.

### Church office contact information:

Pastor • Charles Allard Office: 919-781-5345 Home: 919-606-8360

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## Weekly Church Calendar

### EACH SUNDAY

- \*9:45am Sunday School
- \*11:00am Worship Service
- \*Child care provided downstairs.
- 2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

### EACH MONDAY:

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

### EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
- 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer
- 8:00pm Choir Practice

### EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

### MONTHLY: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### **Thursday, December 15**

Office closed- Secretary out of the office.

#### **Friday, December 16**

Young Hearts going to Meadow Restaurant and Lights

#### **Sunday, December 18**

9:15am Breakfast and craft sale for Lottie Moon offering

#### **Wednesday, December 21**

6:30pm Kids Christmas party  
Prayer service cancelled for this evening.

#### **Saturday, December 24**

5:00pm Christmas Eve service

#### **Sunday, December 25**

*Merry Christmas!*

11:00am Worship service only

#### **Mon, Dec 26- Fri, Dec 30**

Office and Pantry closed  
No Prayer service this week.

### Attendance 12/11

Sunday School	33
Visitors	
Total	33

**Worship Attendance:** 48

**Deacon for this week:** 12/18 Shirley Keener

**Deacon for next week:** 12/25 Peninah Brown

### Properties for December

David Jenkins

### Ushers for December

Robert Best Bobby Hayes

Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings



*SHARE THE SUNSHINE*

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

This week: December 11-17 Ed & Cassie Glover

Next week: December 18-24 Lee and Iva Snyder

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

- Grace Small
- Greg Small
- Eleanor Cromartie
- Lee Snyder
- Ed & Cassie Glover
- Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

- Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
- Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S
- Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC
- Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615
- Curtis Simmons – (Louise's brother) Rehab Winston-Salem



During the month of December we will receive our Lottie Moon and CBF Christmas offering. There are envelopes for each of these special offerings on the narthex table. *Please write Lottie Moon or CBF or Staff on your check.*

#### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Our church goal is \$1,500.00 Received to date: \$385.00

#### **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**

#### **Global Missions Offering**

Our church goal is \$1,500.00 Received to date: \$625.00

#### **Staff Love offering**

Please join the Deacons in grateful appreciation of our church staff by contributing to the Staff Love offering to be collected through Sun. Dec. 18.



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box is outside the church office. Use this box to exchange cards with other members or those who regularly attend worship services on Sunday mornings. In lieu of postage, please make a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering. **Cards for those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, need to be mailed.**



This year in lieu of the Angel Tree, we are collecting \$25 Walmart and grocery store gift cards. These cards will be distributed on an 'as needed' basis through the Hope Pantry. Please place donated cards in the offering plate or bring by the church during office hours.