

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 19, 2016

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/3 George Shore  
5301 Creedmoor Rd Apt 332 27612
- 1/4 Ben Best  
5009 Picardy Place 27612
- 1/4 Elizabeth Best  
518 Matheson Place  
Cary, NC 27511
- 1/10 Haline Eller  
407 W Main St Apt 232  
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
- 1/10 Jo Haag  
7013 Buckhead Dr 27612
- 1/10 Emily Small  
4617 Woodridge Dr 27612
- 1/19 Anne Barden  
7900 Creedmoor Rd Apt 235 27613
- 1/25 Joanne Isenhour  
5404 Farley Dr 27609
- 1/25 Yilong Wang  
518 Matheson Place  
Cary, NC 27511
- 1/29 Albert Coley  
Sunrise Assisted Living Rm 286  
615 Spring Forest Rd 27609
- 1/30 Angela Lewis  
3703 Pembroke Pl 27612
- 1/31 Peninah Brown  
4608 Woodridge Dr 27612



### Thought for the Week

There is a line in the famous story, "a Christmas Carol" from the pen of Charles Dickens and it comes from the heart of transformed Mr.

Scrooge: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!"

The transformation that Jesus Christ brings to us through faith is not a temporary experience. It is not a fad or a passing fantasy nor is it a once a week Sunday fuzzy emotional feeling that quickly passes at the beginning of the week.

The Christmas that Christ brought us is the power of God to change our lives, to change the sinful direction in which we are going into a life of purpose, meaning and fulfillment. When we truly receive Christ into our lives and begin to honor Him, we have no desire to return to the former life of rebellion. When we are born again, the Bible which we may have previously thought boring becomes exciting reading. Prayer which we ignored or declared a waste of time becomes a delight. Worship is no longer drudgery or duty but an expectation and excitement of a fresh encounter with God. Giving tithes and offerings is not an obligation or a dreaded payment but rather a joy and privilege and an expression of love from a generous and grateful heart. Sharing our faith is not a frightening, reluctant experience but rather a privilege with expectation that our testimony will enable someone else to know, love and serve Christ as we do.

Being a Christian and honoring Christ is for every day, every week, all year long, and until our Lord calls us home. Being a Christian means that we have come to grips with our past personal sins, acknowledged them, confessed them, repented of them and accepted the fact that Jesus took upon himself the punishment that we deserve and died on the cross, rose again and offers to us forgiveness, grace, mercy, peace and eternal life. Being a Christian means that in the present we faithfully serve Christ and use the talents that he has given us to do so. Being a Christian means that we may not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future. Our future is secure in His hands and we have peace in our hearts because He is preparing a place for us in eternity with Him. Being a Christian means that we will not shut out the lessons that Christ taught us in word and deed. We honor him because he is Lord of Lord, King of Kings, our redeemer and Savior. Our Christmas is truly MERRY because we have an inheritance and a peace that cannot be taken from us.

In His love, Charles

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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:

#### **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  
Last day to make 2016 contributions

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

Office and Pantry closed  
*No Prayer service this week.*  
*No newsletter this week.*

#### **Monday, January 2**

Office and Pantry open

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>12/18</u>
Sunday School	38
Visitors	
Total	38

**Worship Attendance:** 78

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

**Deacon for next week:** 1/1 Tom Edwards

### Properties for January

George Shore

### Ushers for January

Robert Best Bobby Hayes

Darrell Jenkins Whitt Stallings



*SHARE THE SUNSHINE*

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

This week: December 18-24 Lee and Iva Snyder

Next week: December 25-31 Greg Small

## 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



Sunday, December 25 is the last day to give to our special offerings. There are envelopes for CBF and Lottie Moon on the narthex table. Also, *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: \$440.00

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$1,500.00 Received to date: \$630.00



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.



**Please note: Sunday, 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.