

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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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
5036-A Edwards Mill Rd 27612
- 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
- 1/29 Greysa Miranda
4109 Cross Creek Ct Apt A 27607
- 1/30 Angela Lewis
3703 Pembroke Pl 27612
- 1/31 Peninah Brown
4608 Woodridge Dr 27612



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At Christmas time we think about gifts and helping those in need and that is a good thing. But the needs and the commitment that goes with them are not seasonal.

The 4th Chapter of the Book of Acts describes the vow and commitment of the early church to meet the needs around them. Church members sold their possessions and brought them to the Apostles for distribution to the needy. Barnabas

is named as one who sold a field and laid the sum total of his profits at the Apostle's feet for distribution.

In Contrast to Barnabas, the 5th Chapter of Acts records the tragic consequences of an unfulfilled promise made by a church couple named Ananias and Sapphira. They sold a possession but rather than bringing the total receipts to the Apostles for distribution as they had promised, they kept back a portion for themselves.

The Apostle Peter confronted Ananias and Sapphira with the question, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land?.....You haven't lied to men, but to God." The consequence of their "lie to God" was immediate death.

Reading this story, one might think that the punishment of death for an unfulfilled promise is extremely severe. However, the lesson to be learned is that a promise made to God is serious business.

When we fail to fulfill a promise that we have made to God, we may not die immediately as a consequence but spiritually something diminishes or dies within us because we have "lied to God".

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira is that they coveted the wealth of the world and distrusted God's providence. Their hypocrisy was that they agreed with fellow Christians to give everything to God when in reality they held back a portion for themselves.

At this Christmas season it might be a good time to examine the vows we have made to God and his church. You can't have a Merry Christmas and hold out on God!

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 TUESDAY:

6:00-8:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

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

EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-10:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, December 23

No evening Prayer service

Thursday, December 24 ~ Office closed

5:00pm Christmas Eve service

Monday, December 28

Office & Pantry closed

No Newsletter this week

Tuesday, December 29

Office closed

Wednesday, December 30

Office & Pantry open

No evening Prayer service

Thursday, December 31

Office closed

Attendance 12/20

Sunday School 29

Visitors

Total 29

Worship Attendance: 66

Deacon for this week: 12/27 Peninah Brown

Deacon for next week: 1/3 Tom Edwards

Properties for January

George Shore

Ushers for January

Robert Best Darrell Jenkins

Bobby Hayes Whitt Stallings



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card!

This week: Dec 20-26 Rick and Pam Bilbro

Next week: Dec 27-Jan 2 Greg Small

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Frances Viano
Sue Edwards
Jo Haag
Haline Eller
Greg Small
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 – Springmoor Rehab - room 253-A



Christmas Eve at 5:00pm

Please note there will not be an evening Prayer service on Wed, Dec. 23.



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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$800.00

Received to date: \$698.75

CBF/Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$800.00

Received to date: \$720.00

Please designate Lottie Moon or CBF on your check and envelope.

Please note: December 27th is the last day to make 2015 contributions for the budget or Christmas offerings. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 23rd. If you need new envelopes for 2016, they are available in the narthex.