

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Service of Hope and Remembrance Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm

Not everyone feels like singing "Joy to the Word" in the month of December. Job loss, missing loved ones who are not longer with us, illnesses, and broken relationships can feel even more pronounced this time of year. This reflective service provides a sacred space to set aside the busyness of the season. It allows for time to remember and to be reminded of the hope for healing and reconciliation that we have in the coming of True Light that shines in darkness.



There are devotional books titled "*Advent 2013: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*" available in the church narthex and on the website under "publications."



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

At the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen in downtown Raleigh on Friday, December 6th. Meet at CVBC at 9:45am sharp to carpool, we'll be at the soup kitchen from 10:15-12:15, returning around 12:45pm. Call or see Shirley Keener to participate 919-844-1987.



While in seminary, we were encouraged to pay attention to the Revised Common Lectionary (often referred to as simply "the lectionary"). Every Thursday afternoon, students and professors would gather for "lectionary lunch" where we would discuss the lectionary passages while munching on sandwiches and sipping on iced tea.

What is "the lectionary"? It is a three-year cycle of weekly scripture readings for worship services. Each week's readings include four scripture passages – an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel reading. Over the course of three years, the lectionary covers a large portion of the Bible.

Who selects the lectionary passages? It is done by a consultation committee of about thirty people from different denominations from all over the world. The lectionary passages are built around the seasons of the Church Year which reflect the life of Christ.

Why follow lectionary? Using lectionary ties our local worship to the worship of millions of Christians around the world who also follow lectionary. Even locally, if you have friends at Greystone, Millbrook, First Baptist, Ridge Road, or Woodhaven Baptist churches, we will all be hearing and reflecting on the same scriptures and themes. In addition, following the lectionary requires the pastor and the congregation to wrestle with passages that we might not choose to engage on our own – stretching and growing us as followers of Christ.

Why does all of this matter to you? In case you haven't already guessed it, starting this Sunday, 12/8, I will be following the lectionary – at least through the first Sunday after Epiphany (January 12). Each week, we will post the four lectionary readings for the following Sunday in the bulletin and in "The Valley Echo." I invite you to read and study those passages during the week to help prepare your hearts and minds for the worship service on Sunday. I would also love for you to come and talk to me about the passages during the week, because I will be studying them as well. While I will likely focus on just one or two of the four passages in the worship service, studying all four readings develops the discipline of reading scriptures that define the Christian faith. This can also deepen our understanding of the Church Year – and consequently the life of Christ.

Advent blessings, Pastor Nola

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, 12/8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. **Lectionary Readings for Sunday, 12/15:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

Church office contact information:

Pastor • Nola Boezeman pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Office hours: Mon-Tues: 8am-3pm & Wed: 8am-2pm

Secretary • Peggy Utley cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org Mon-Thurs, 9am-3pm

Music Minister • Mr. Ernie Rushing music@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Weekly Church Calendar:

EACH SUNDAY

9:15-9:30am – Prayer – Ben Best classroom
*9:45am Sunday School
*11:00am Worship Service
*Child care provided downstairs.
2:30-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

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

EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-7:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH WEDNESDAY:

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
7:00pm Bible study & Prayer
7:45pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-9:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 5

Young Hearts going to dinner and Meadow lights

Friday, December 6

9:45am Soup Kitchen – downtown Raleigh
Youth Christmas Party at the Jenkins'

Sunday, December 8

1:00pm Children's Christmas party

Sunday, December 15

Called Business meeting following worship
7:00pm Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 16

7:00pm Deacons meeting

Wednesday, December 18

7:00pm Service of Hope and Remembrance

Attendance **12/1**

Sunday School	49
Visitors	
Total	49

Worship Attendance: 83

Deacon for this week: 12/8 Barbara Best

Deacon for next week: 12/15 Walt Switzer

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

12/8 Grace Small 12/15 Jim Greene

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Rudy Barden Ben Best
Ed Glover Frances Viano
Alternate: Whitt Stallings



If you would like to help Pat Jenkins with raising funds for her overseas medical care, you can make donations to the church's Benevolent fund. Please write Pat Jenkins on your check and/or envelope.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Sue DeWalt
Mary Cain
Pat Jenkins
Larry Nunery
Bob Poole
Bonnie Wright
Jack Porter
Susan Carden – Francis Viano's daughter
Van Phillips
Lee Snyder
Jean Greene
Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Bob Davis - Greensboro
Elouise Leffler – Crabtree Valley Rehab center - Room 412-A
Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex
Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem



We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Marlyn Ervin. Marlyn passed away at her home on Monday, December 2, 2013. A memorial service will be held at later date.



There will be a **called Business meeting** immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, December 15**. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on next year's budget and to have a new Pictorial church directory made in 2014.



Sounds of The Season

Sunday, December 15 at 7:00pm
"Noel & Alleluia! Jesus Is Born"

Presented by the Adult Choir
with live Orchestra.

Refreshments will follow the concert. *Punch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee, donations of other snacks, goodies and finger foods are needed, please sign up in the Narthex, thank you!*

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



Toy Collection



In place of our Angel Tree this year, we are collecting new, unwrapped toys for ages 0-16 years old for the *Toys for Tots* organization. All donations must be dropped off by Sun, Dec 15.



& Scripture

Tuesdays, Dec 3 - 17 from noon-1:00pm

Enjoy a hot bowl of soup as we look at some Advent passages in the Bible. **Invite your friends!** Please sign up in the Narthex so we'll know how to prepare.



Sunday, December 8th

1:00-3:00pm

Children's Christmas Party

Children's activities: making candy, cards, ornaments and gifts. Parents are welcome to visit and participate in the fun or have a little time for their holiday shopping. There will also be a gift wrapping station where you can bring your gifts and let us help you beautifully wrap them! (If your shopping is not finished, we will have bags of wrapping supplies you can take home!) For questions or more information, call Cheryl Walker, 919-851-6976. Donations will go toward Missions.



Every penny given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is used to support nearly 5,000 Southern Baptist workers as they share the Gospel overseas. To learn more about the offering, go to imb.org/offering.

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

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$1,800.00

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$500.00

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. 22nd



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

We are accepting \$12.00 donations to the Flower fund to help with the cost of the Poinsettias that will decorate our church for the Christmas season. Please call the church or use one of the bulletin forms if you would like to make your donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Also, please indicate on your envelope, "Flower fund". **For donations made on behalf of someone, the deadline is Dec 15th, a printed insert will be in the Dec 22nd bulletin.**



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box

is outside the church office for members to use to exchange Christmas cards. Please use this box for 'active' members only! Cards for members who can't attend on a regular basis, that have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, need to be mailed.