

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Sunday, December 13 at 9:15am

The Kid's on Mission group will be serving light breakfast items and beverages before Sunday School to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.



**Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 16th
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, call Cheryl Walker, 919-632-1427. Donations will go toward Missions.



**"Tell the World Jesus Is Born!"
Sunday, December 20
during the morning worship.**

Join us for worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through music by our adult choir. *It's not too late to be a part of this Christmas Cantata. We would love for you to join us for choir practice on Wednesday nights starting at 8pm!*



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Christmas is associated with gifts. Gifts come in all sizes and shapes and range from inexpensive to very expensive. The giving of gifts can emotionally involve everything from a "spur of the moment, just buy anything" attitude to a carefully thought out expensive and expressive gift of love. Gifts can be wrapped, placed in beautiful bags with fancy wrapping paper, a decorative box or plainly covered with newspaper. Gifts can also be given with no wrap at all. There is an old saying that "the gift without the giver is bare" The giver of the gift and the thought behind it is as important as the gift itself.

God is the great giver and He has given us the greatest gift, His son Jesus Christ. His gift was wrapped in love and swaddling clothes. Swaddling clothes described in the Bible consisted of a cloth tied together by bandage-like strips. The intent of the practice was to keep the baby warm and also to ensure that the child's limbs would grow straight. Swaddling clothes were a symbol of tender care. Ezekiel 16:4 describes Israel as unswaddled, a metaphor for abandonment.

We know the extent of God's love to us through Jesus Christ. For "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

There are other gifts that God gives us such a mercy, grace, forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, etc. I would also include in that list God's answers to our prayers. Answered prayers are indeed a gift from God. In this respect, Crabtree Valley Baptist Church has been gifted in recent days with the call of April Brown as our Music Director and the call of Andrew McCullagh as Youth Director. April has already begun her ministry with us and Andrew will begin his work just after the New Year.

We can show our appreciation to God by supporting both of these new leaders. Invite them out to eat and into your homes. Pray for their work with our choir and with our youth. Give them words of encouragement and offer your assistance in any way that would enhance their ministry. Consider joining the choir or encouraging youth you know to participate in the Bible Studies and activities that are provided. Give financially through the budget of the church so that these ministries and many others can be adequately supported.

As God answers our prayers, our response of gratitude to Him comes through our faithfulness in all aspects of our lives. Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. Let us do the same.

In His love, Charles

Church office contact information:

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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:

Each Wednesday

7:00pm Prayer and Bible study

Thursday, December 10

Adult's Christmas party at Fork's Restaurant in Wake Forest

Sunday, December 13 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15am Kid's on Mission serving breakfast

Wednesday, December 16

6:30-8:00pm Kid's Christmas Party

Deadline for Poinsettia donation forms

Sunday, December 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

11:00am Christmas Cantata

Deadline for Angel Tree gifts to be returned

Wednesday, December 23

No evening Prayer service

Thursday, December 24

Office closed

5:00pm Christmas Eve service

Attendance 12/6

Sunday School 31

Visitors 2

Total 33

Worship Attendance: 57

Deacon for this week: 12/13 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 12/20 Shirley Keener

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Randy Walker Walt Switzer

Ben Best Shirley Keener



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card!

This week: Dec 6-12 Ed & Cassie Glover

Next week: Dec 13-19 Lee & Iva Snyder

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

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



The Angel Tree is up in the narthex!

The process is simple; just pick an Angel, buy the gift, wrap the gift and be sure to attach the Angel to the outside so we can get it to the right person.

We need all gifts back by Sunday, Dec. 20.



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box is outside the church office for 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. **Please mail all cards to those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, otherwise they may not receive them.**

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: \$380.00

CBF/Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$800.00

Received to date: \$460.00