

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 9, 2013

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*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!*



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 no 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.

The Lottie Moon Christmas card box

Please use this box to exchange cards with '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.



It's less than a week until the Christmas musical. Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that Choir members, and guests assemble for Ernie's annual kick-off dinner in September. His parents, Sandra and Reg Rushing always *voluntarily* prepare the food, decorate and serve the meal. It's a night out that Steve, Sarah and I look forward to each year.

Now, most of us realize how much choir members practice before this musical is presented. We rehearse every week to learn rhythms, notes and words. This is Ernie's opportunity to push us a little further each year with increasingly complex pieces of music. What you may not know is that Ernie starts thinking about the next musical as soon as the current one is over. You see, Ernie doesn't just pull out a book with that year's musical presented in a neat little package. He handpicks the selections we sing from a variety of places and combines them into a presentation that is enjoyable and meaningful. He puts together books for us as well books for the orchestra (they don't need the words). Each participant is given a CD to listen to so that rhythms and vocal patterns become almost second nature. Careful thought is given to presentation, cohesiveness and message. Soloists are chosen and they get to take the time to memorize their solos. The sound system is tweaked and any lighting issues are addressed. Signage is prepared and postcard invitations are designed. Arrangements are made for members to secure tuxes and ladies' apparel is selected. Ernie is responsible for seeing that all the details are covered. He does this knowing that this whole event could be a train wreck or wonderful experience for all.

It's easy for us to sit back and enjoy the Christmas musical each year. It's an important part of the Holidays for our church. But we often forget all the work that goes into a presentation like this. And it's easy to forget that there is a wonderful message given to us through the musical. Yes, Ernie works very hard all year to pull this thing together. He certainly doesn't have to work so hard – new cantatas are published every year that he could just purchase and use. But he wants to present something that is beautiful as well as challenging for us. He wants the message to be offered in a way that might be different. As a church, we are blessed to have Ernie as a part of our family. He gives 110% to weekly services as well as special events. Thank you, Ernie, for adding so much to our lives at Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. *Submitted by Linda Wheeler*

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, 12/15: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11. **Lectionary Readings for Sunday, 12/22:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

Sunday, December 15

Called Business meeting following worship

- Voting on budget and Pictorial Directory for 2014

Toys for Tots collection deadline

Deadline for Poinsettia's

7:00pm Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 16

~~7:00pm Deacons meeting~~ cancelled

Wednesday, December 18

7:00pm Service of Hope and Remembrance

Friday, December 20

5:30pm Faith & Cecil Ray SS class party at Forks in WF

Sunday, December 22

No Business meeting

Attendance **12/8**

Sunday School 46

Visitors 0

Total 46

Worship Attendance: 50

Deacon for this week: 12/15 Walt Switzer

Deacon for next week: 12/22 Bonnie Wright

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

12/15 Jim Greene 12/22 Frances Viano

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Frances Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings



The Faith and Cecil Ray Sunday School classes will be having their Christmas party on Friday, Dec 20th at Fork's Restaurant in Wake Forest. The bus will leave the church at 4:30pm, party starts at 5:30pm. Please sign up at the church.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Cassie Glover

Tom Haag

Faye Hayes

Sue DeWalt

Pat Jenkins

Larry Nunery

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

HOSPITAL:

Eleanor Aker- Rex



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.



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



Don't Forget Your Tithe

2014 Envelopes are in the Narthex.

Please note: The last day to make a contribution for 2013 is December 30th. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 27th.