

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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### Your Thoughts Are Important!

We are in the final phase of our sermon series on "*Living Our Mission*". This phase focuses on *ways we are and will be "Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ"*. We appreciate all those who have turned in leaves during phase 1 and 2. **This Sunday will conclude this sermon series and we encourage everyone to participate by turning in a leaf with their thoughts this Sunday.** Extra leaves can be found on the Narthex table. Completed leaves can be placed in the offering plate or in the basket on the table in the Narthex.



**There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 11/20 at 6pm to discuss Sunday school curriculum.** Sunday school teachers and all who are interested in participating in this conversation are encouraged to attend.



Wow! It's mid-November already! The countdown to Christmas has already begun! Those of us who are in charge of meals, decorations, and presents have started to make lists and, in my case, struggled to realize that everything I want to do simply won't get done. That's alright. The important things get done and we always enjoy a wonderful family celebration.

Every year I wonder about folks who look at Thanksgiving and Christmas as a nuisance. They get so caught up in the preparations that the Holidays are over before they can slow down to enjoy the activities. It seems ironic that a season that should be filled with peace and fellowship ends up being times of stress and even chaos. Too often the days end up with people in conflict and bills that linger long after the celebrations end.

For Christians, these Holiday times offer great opportunities to demonstrate how knowing the Lord has impacted their life. The Christian who can outwardly show the peace that faith offers can often reach people when words can't. We just blend into the crowd when we're running around in a panic to get things ready for parties, company, travel, etc. But a frantic person can really notice that person who can relax and make the most of the little time they have with family. It's important not to fall into that river of activity that tends to define the Holidays for most people. For a Christian, these times can be the best times to really show that Christians are different. We can embrace the opportunity to show people why it is that we even celebrate (Christmas especially). Our efforts are geared toward sharing the Good News of Christ's birth to others – doing things that reach beyond our church walls. Musicals, plays, feasts and any number of other things demonstrate where we focus our attention. Sometimes being invited to a Thanksgiving service or a Christmas cantata can help someone refocus. Christmas visits to a nursing home or serving a meal at a soup kitchen may be all that is needed to reach someone who needs to reconnect with the Lord.

This time leading into the Holidays is a great time to really consider what our message as Christians should be. It's easy to sit back and be grateful for all the things we have; but how about being grateful for the bounty given to us AND grateful that we can share the source of that bounty with others. Christmas brings a time for fellowship and joy; but how about sharing our "reason for the season" with others who need to hear it. It may mean redesigning our methods of celebrating and even eliminating things that may not be necessary. Or it can mean sharing some of the responsibility with others. Doing those simple things can really make a difference in how you present your faith to others. What a gift that would be – to bring someone to (or back to) Christ!

*Submitted by Linda Wheeler*

### Church office contact information:

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**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: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)**

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**HOME:**

Marlyn Ervin

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

**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesdays, through Dec 11**

7pm- Bible study based on “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem”

**Wednesday, Nov 20**

6:00pm Meeting to discuss Sunday School curriculum

**Sunday, Nov 24**

6:00pm Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Business meeting

Deadline for Christmas Child boxes

**Wednesday, Nov 27**

Office closed and No Prayer meeting

**Thursday, Nov 28**

Closed for Thanksgiving



**Wednesday Nights, through Dec 11 at 7pm**

This study is based on “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem” by Adam Hamilton.

**This week, 11/13, will focus on Joseph of Bethlehem – Matthew 1:18-24.**

**NEW - Midweek Daytime Study**

**Each Tuesday, Dec 3-17 at noon**

Soup and Scripture – Enjoy a hot bowl of soup (prepared by the pastor) as we look at some Advent passages in the Bible.

**Attendance**      **11/10**

Sunday School      49

Visitors

Total      49

***Worship Attendance: 64***

**Deacon for this week:** 11/17 Whitt Stallings

**Deacon for next week:** 11/24 Peninah Brown

**Greeter Schedule (front entrance)**

11/17 Aladine Rogers      11/24 L & K Nunery

**Properties for November**

Darrell Jenkins

**Ushers for November**

Randy Walker      Bobby Hayes

David Jenkins      Walt Switzer



**These are some of the most needed items:**

Cereal, oatmeal, grits

Fruit Juice

Ravioli & Spag-O’s

snacks/crackers

Spaghetti sauce

green peas

Peanut butter and Jelly

Shelf milk

Spam, other canned meats, vienna sausages

Fruit: apple sauce, peaches, fruit cocktail, pears

**Wednesday, Nov 27**

Office and Pantry closed

No evening Prayer meeting

**Closed Thursday, November 28**

