

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday of Advent

The Hanging of the Greens
during the morning worship service

Crabtree Cafe
Soup & Sandwiches

**Children on Missions'
Holiday Craft Sale**
in conjunction with Crabtree Cafe
Donations for Missions

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.



We're quickly approaching that day of lively chatter, wonderful smells and tossing a football out in the yard – Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to hosting the dinner in our home again this year. Even though all my children live in Raleigh, we don't really plan a time to get together often enough. In years past, we would load the family in the car and drive to Richmond so we could partake of an array of delicious foods prepared by my mother-in-law. She was the perfect one to handle the demands of a large feast like Thanksgiving. These days, the house has been sold and my in-laws are making their home in a very nice assisted living facility. Steve's brother will probably take care of the dinner up there and I'm sure their day will be as well organized and successful as it has been in the past.

Yes, I am looking forward to having everyone here again this year. I can't, however, guarantee that things will go as smoothly as they did when my mother-in-law was in charge. She loved preparing big meals for the family. She often told me that filling the role of wife, mother and hostess was the goal of her life and I think she was quite successful in all areas. She was adept at planning the meal and preparing everything she could ahead of time. She knew when the turkey needed to go in the oven and when to start the rolls. Like most of us, she had one stove so timing was essential – it doesn't work to just put everything in the oven and expect it to cook evenly and at the same temperature. She had a system in place and it worked well. Now, anyone who knows me will tell you that I am not a "schedule" person. I have a really difficult time predicting how long a task will take to complete. If there are people in the kitchen, I like to talk to them and then my schedule is lost. So things happen like forgetting something in the refrigerator until after the meal or failing to set the timer for the bread. I expect that as years go on, I will get better and these things. Hope so, anyway.

I have written two paragraphs about how Thanksgiving should go. It seems like I am only concerned with the logistics and not the intent of the gathering. Thanksgiving is not just the food and football games. It really is a time when families can come together and appreciate each other. We can take note of the wonderful things in our lives and in our world. It is a time of gratitude for a good harvest, even if we don't grow it ourselves. And for Christians, it is an opportunity to thank God for family, friends and things in our lives that make us happy. It is a time to thank God for the opportunity to serve Him by serving others. And it is a time to thank Him for His love for us – that never ending, always forgiving love that we hope to share with others.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

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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: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 20

7pm- Bible study based on “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem” *Read Luke 1:39-45*

Sunday, November 24

6:00pm Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Business meeting

Deadline for Christmas Child boxes

Wednesday, November 27

Office and Pantry closed and no Prayer meeting

Thursday, November 28

Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Green

Crabtree Cafe

Attendance 11/17

Sunday School 47

Visitors

Total 47

Worship Attendance: 65

Deacon for this week: 11/24 Peninah Brown

Deacon for next week: 12/ 1 Tom Edwards

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

11/24 L & K Nunery 12/1 Christine Eller

Properties for November

Darrell Jenkins

Ushers for November

Randy Walker Bobby Hayes

David Jenkins Walt Switzer



As we conclude the ‘Living our Mission’ sermon series, one way we can share the Gospel with others is by giving them a Bible. We have been given some free books entitled “FinditHere” (which is the New Testament), to share with others. These are available in the Narthex.

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:

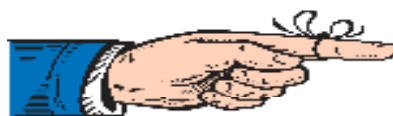
Bob Davis - Greensboro

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



REMINDER

This Sunday, Nov 24th

7:00pm Business meeting

Please make plans to attend as we will be reviewing and voting on the 2014 budget.



& Scripture

Each Tuesday, Dec 3-17 at noon

Enjoy a hot bowl of soup (prepared by the pastor) 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.



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	