

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

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Sunday, November 23 at 6:00pm

Make plans to join us as we welcome Mr. Chris Reed as our new Minister of Music! This celebration will take place of our normal Fellowship meal, so bring your best dishes and desserts to share! The monthly business meeting will follow.



### Christmas in August?!

The Children on Mission are collecting Walmart gift cards, school supplies, toiletry items, board games, packs of hot cocoa, and new underwear for girls and boys. This project is for missionaries James and Grace Davis who are serving in Appalachia. They work with children in coalfields of West Virginia. **Please make your donations by this Sunday, Nov 9!**

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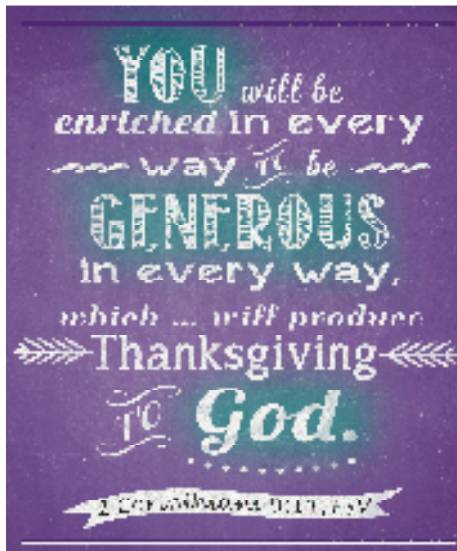
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Each month, I strive to have us focus on a “value” that connects with something taking place during that month. For example, in October we focused on “Welcoming and Celebrating Our Differences” because that tied in well with World Communion Sunday. In December, we will emphasize “Music Ministry” because we tend to get enthusiastic about music when we sing Advent songs and Christmas carols.

So what “value” will we focus on during the month of November? Generosity through gifts and service. What’s the connection?

Thanksgiving and giving thanks.

We have so many things to be thankful for that we cannot limit our thankfulness to just one day. Every day is an opportunity to give thanks. We are thankful for friends, family, church, health, freedom, and so much more. We are thankful for the beauty of God’s creation, and for the many ways that God provides for us. God is faithful and never forsakes us. God is also *giving!* He is a *generous* God!

When we are generous, we become what God wants us to be. Generosity focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church’s need for money. While the church does need your contributions in order to function, it is ultimately more important to think about your need to express your thankfulness to God. We can show God thankfulness in our daily prayers. We can show God thankfulness through our weekly worship. We can show our thankfulness through obedient living. And we can show our thankfulness to God in our generosity through gifts and service. When we are generous, we are not only giving thanks, but we are also imitating God’s generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. Generosity through gifts and service is certainly something to be valued.

*“The most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way...”* – 2 Corinthians 9:11, The Message

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Nola*

P.S. If you would like to speak for about 3-5 minutes during a worship service about what “Generosity through Gifts and Service” or “Ministry Music” means to you or to our church, please let me know.

## 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
- 12:00-1:00pm Beginner Yoga class
- 1:00-2:00pm Crafting with a Purpose

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

- 6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### **Thursday, November 6**

7:00pm Young Professional's Group meeting to shop for Samaritan's Purse shoebox gifts.

#### **Monday, November 10**

12:00 – Yoga

1:00pm Card crafting class

#### **Wednesday, November 12**

1:00pm Bible Study

7:00pm Bible Study

#### **Sunday, November 16**

Deadline for shoeboxes

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>11/2</u>
Sunday School	38
Visitors	1
Total	39

*Worship Attendance: 63*

**Deacon for this week:** 11/9 Jean Glosson

**Deacon for next week:** 11/16 Whitt Stallings

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

11/9 Christine Eller 11/16 Grace Small

### Properties for November

Darrell Jenkins

### Ushers for November

**Randy Walker** Bobby Hayes

David Jenkins Walt Switzer

*Alternate: Robert Best*



*SHARE THE SONSHINE*

**This week: November 2-8** - Mildred Jenkins

**Next week: November 9-15** – Al Coley

Copies of the calendar for the rest of the year are available on the table in the church narthex.

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

- Lee Snyder
- Mildred Jenkins
- Ed & Cassie Glover
- Susan Carden – Frances Viano's daughter
- Jean Greene
- Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

- Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
- Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem
- Gerry Campbell - Arizona



We are collecting new and/or gently used coats (for all sizes & genders) and blankets through the end of November. These items will go to Compassion International Ministries. This organization helps the local homeless and international refugees. There is a collection box in the Narthex.



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that our Yoga class will be taking a break for the holidays! The class will meet November 10 & 17, then will start again in January. The Card Crafting class will continue to meet until December 15 to work on holiday cards.



**THANKS**  
**FOR YOUR HELP!**

The Hope Pantry volunteers would like to thank the Youth group for their help in collecting canned goods from near-by neighborhoods during their Lock-in a few weeks ago. We very much appreciate your efforts to help support this ministry!