

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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Service of Hope and Remembrance

Wed, Dec 17 at 7:00pm

Not everyone feels like singing "Joy to the World" in the month of December. 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 Angel Tree is up in the narthex.

We currently have 12 angels left!

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 are also making 2 food baskets for 2 of the families.*

We need all gifts and food by Sunday, Dec. 21.


Candlelight SERVICE
Christmas Eve Service
at 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS



"It's the most wonderful time of the year,

With the kids jingle belling

And everyone telling you, 'Be of good cheer'."

I'm sure we all recognize those happy words. I'm not sure I have ever heard someone say, "Be of good cheer" in conversation, but we hear things like "Have a nice day", "Happy Holidays", "Merry Christmas" and any number of others. For me, that song brings back memories of Andy Williams and his variety show. I think of traveling to Virginia to celebrate Christmas with extended family and pretty presents beneath the world's biggest tree (I'm pretty sure now that it was probably average in size.). I remember loud, happy voices and laughter. Getting everyone quiet enough to say the blessing over the meal was quite the challenge. Every year we would exchange stories about how long it took Granny to open her gifts and about the year we almost didn't have our country ham because of a winter storm. I said "almost" – Uncle Lou had a 4 wheel drive vehicle before they were cool. I hope that someday Everett will have fond memories of the chaos that is Christmas morning at our house.

With all these happy events happening, we should also expect some bittersweet moments. Our little church has seen so many of our family members and friends go on to Heaven this year. I imagine that most of us will think of someone who was with us at Christmas last year but will not celebrate with us this year. And even though most of us will probably get caught up in the secular part of Christmas at one point or another, we are so immeasurably blessed to know *for certain* that those we love are rejoicing in Heaven. God has kept His promise to them as Christians and we are comforted in that fact. We are benefactors of God's boundless love. This was demonstrated to us with the birth of Jesus.

As we shop for gifts, eat delectable foods and sing favorite Christmas carols, we should remember why we even have this special time of year. We can enjoy jingle bells and ribbons and bows – that's certainly okay. But we can also savor precious memories and build new ones with our families and friends. We can reach out and share this joy with others in our community. We can demonstrate what a wonderful gift God gave us in His son with others who may not yet know Him. We can pass this joy forward any day of the year, but most especially at Christmas.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

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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)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, December 17

7:00pm Service of Hope and Remembrance

Sunday, December 21- 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00pm A Service of Lessons and Carols

Refreshments to follow

Wednesday, December 24 - Office and Pantry closed

5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thur. Dec 25 & Fri, Dec 26 - Office closed.

Mon, Dec 29, Tues, Dec 30, & Wed, Dec 31

Office and Hope Pantry open

Wednesday, Dec 31

Day and night Bible study cancelled

Thurs. Jan 1 & Fri, Jan 2 - Office closed

**There will not be a newsletter published
the week of Christmas or New Year's.**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>12/14</u>
Sunday School	52
Visitors	1
Total	53

Worship Attendance: 84

Deacon for this week: 12/21 Jean Glosson

Deacon for next week: 12/28 Whitt Stallings

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

12/21 Aladine Rogers 12/28 L & K Nunery

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Frances Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings



SHARE THE SONSHINE

This week: December 14-20: Greg Small

Next week: December 21-27: Share the Sonshine with someone who might be feeling lonely at Christmas.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Lee Snyder
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



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$1,000.00

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$600.00

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. 21.

Please designate Lottie Moon, CBF, or Staff on your check and envelope.



**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

Sunday, December 21 at 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Prayers and scripture readings will be interspersed with singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir music. 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!

Please note: December 29th is the last day to make 2014 contributions for the budget or special offerings. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 29th. If you need new envelopes for 2015, they are available in the narthex.