

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 15, 2014

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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: (4<sup>th</sup> 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- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. If you need new envelopes for 2015, they are available in the narthex.