

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 8, 2014

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### SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

At the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen in downtown Raleigh on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Meet at CVBC at 9:45am sharp to carpool, we'll be at the soup kitchen from 10:15-12:15, returning around 12:45pm. Call Shirley Keener to participate 919-844-1987.



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box is outside the church office for those who regularly attend worship services on Sunday mornings. In lieu of postage, please make a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering. Please mail all cards to those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes.



The Angel Tree is up in the narthex! 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 need all gifts back by Sunday, Dec. 21.



### Celebrate the Savior

## A Right Christmas

Now that we're two weeks into the Advent season, it seems a good time for a spiritual check-in on the whole matter of Christmas. Did the carol leave a few other things out? How are we keeping the main thing the main thing? Are we dreaming of a **Right Christmas**?

Christ came to this earth as one of us, and therefore knows every struggle we face, or will ever face. Our Heavenly Father sent us His very best gift when He sent His son as a human being. Knowing such love compels those who believe to seek His will for their lives in return, as He brings about the growth of spiritual fruit and the joys that come from walking each day with Him.

Perhaps the best instructions of how we ought to celebrate Christmas are found in Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. They work well for the other eleven months of the year, also:

**25** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26** "In your anger do not sin"[d]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** and do not give the devil a foothold... **29** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. - Ephesians 4:25-32

These are tall orders we can't tackle alone. But there's good news: we don't have to. God, in His infinite mercy and by His limitless grace, sent His son to die for us - and therefore forgives us all our sins. We serve a God who is all about second chances. As we seek to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other as God forgave us, we receive yet another gift - the gift of bearing the fruits of the Spirit.

May Christ's birth, and our response, be at the forefront of our minds each day as we now begin the second half of our journey to the foot of the manger. That's what a **Right Christmas** is all about.

In His grip,

### Church office contact information:

Pastor • Nola Boezeman [pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

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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 10**

6-8pm – Children's Christmas party

#### **Saturday, December 13**

11:00-3:00pm – Sanctuary in use by Chris Reed.

#### **Friday, December 12**

9:45am – meet to carpool for soup kitchen

#### **Sunday, December 14- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:15 – Kids on Mission serving breakfast

#### **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**

5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Attendance 12/7

Sunday School 43

Visitors

Total 43

*Worship Attendance: 70*

**Deacon for this week:** 12/14 Walt Switzer

**Deacon for next week:** 12/21 Jean Glosson

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

12/14 Youth group 12/21 Aladine Rogers

### 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 7-13: Pam and Rick Bilbro

**Next week:** December 14-20: Greg Small

## 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.*



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

### **Wed, December 24**

Office and Pantry closed for Christmas

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

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

Office and Hope Pantry open

**Thurs. Jan 1 & Fri, Jan 2**

Office closed

**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.

# ADVENT EVENTS



## **Children's Christmas Party** Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm

Children's activities: making candy, cards, ornaments and gifts. There will also be a gift wrapping station where you can bring your gifts and let us help you wrap them! Also – a special visit and pictures with St. Nick! For questions or more information, call Cheryl Walker, 919-851-6976. Donations will go toward Missions.



## **Sunday, December 14 at 9:15am**

The Kid's on Mission group will be serving light breakfast items and beverages before Sunday School to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.



## **Service of Hope and Remembrance** Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00pm

Not everyone feels like singing "Joy to the World" in the month of December. Job loss, missing loved ones who are no longer with us, illnesses, and broken relationships can feel even more pronounced this time of year. 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.



## **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!



### **Christmas Eve at 5:00pm**



## **POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

We are accepting \$12.00 donations to the Flower fund to help with the cost of the Poinsettias that decorate our church for the Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, please use the form in the bulletin or mail it to the church (PO Box 30954, 27622) along with your donation information. A printed insert will be in the Dec 21 bulletin.