

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 14, 2015

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"Tell the World Jesus Is Born!"

Sunday, December 20

during the morning worship.

Join us for worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through music by our adult choir.



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. 20.**



Christmas Eve at 5:00pm

Please note there will not be an evening Prayer service on Wed, Dec. 23.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

With all the bad publicity of violent encounters between the police and the public these days, Steve Hartman of CBS News recently told the story of a different kind of encounter between the law and the community. It all took place in Kansas City Missouri. The Sheriff's Department went on the road in search of subjects and when they found them they went after them in a sting operation, the likes of which this country has never seen. They went out to target people, not to arrest them for a violation but rather to bless them with an unexpected gesture of kindness.

Because of a man who had been especially blessed with riches and who was known only to the law enforcement as Secret Santa a donation was made to the Sheriff's Department of \$100,000.00. The money was given to Sheriff's Officers in \$100 bills. The mission of the Officers was to spot people at random on the highway who might look like they needed a helping hand. The Officers were instructed to target these people and give them a \$100 bill as an act of charity and love. You can only imagine the shock and surprise of being pulled over by a blue light and instead of being given a ticket for some violation, receiving a generous donor's gift of \$100 to help with whatever need they might have. Needless to say the random act of kindness brought the recipients to tears.

It is an amazing thing to be on the receiving end of a random act of kindness. It is also an amazing thing to be on the giving side of a random act of kindness. If God has blessed you, in recognition of that blessing why not generously do something totally unexpected for someone you don't even know?

I'm thinking of the gentleman who paid for an elderly couple's lunch one day at Golden Coral and told them that he did a deed of kindness each day and that today they were the chosen recipients. And about the man who paid a \$200 grocery bill for a single mother whose credit card was denied as she stood at the checkout counter with her selected groceries. Such giving is God like. Such giving is called GRACE - totally unexpected, totally unearned, and maybe even undeserved. But think of the joy it brings to the one who gives and the blessing it brings to the one who receives.

In His Love,
Charles

Church office contact information:

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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)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events:

Each Wednesday

7:00pm Prayer and Bible study

Wednesday, December 16

6:30-8:00pm Kid's Christmas Party

Deadline for Poinsettia donation forms

Sunday, December 20 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

11:00am Christmas Cantata

Deadline for Angel Tree gifts to be returned

Wednesday, December 23 ~ No evening Prayer service

Thursday, December 24 ~ Office closed

5:00pm Christmas Eve service

Office & Pantry closed Mon. Dec 28

(No Newsletter this week)

Office closed Tues. Dec 29

Office & Pantry open Wed. Dec 30

Office closed Thurs. Dec 31

Attendance 12/13

Sunday School 34

Visitors

Total 34

Worship Attendance: 52

Deacon for this week: 12/20 Shirley Keener

Deacon for next week: 12/27 Peninah Brown

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Randy Walker Walt Switzer

Ben Best Shirley Keener

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Frances Viano
 Sue Edwards
 Jo Haag
 Haline Eller
 Greg Small
 Lee Snyder
 Ed & Cassie Glover
 Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286
 Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S
 Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC
 Mary Cain – Springmoor Rehab - room 253-A



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. **Cards should be mailed those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, otherwise they may not receive them.**



During the month of December we will receive our Lottie Moon and CBF Christmas offering. There are envelopes for each of these special offerings on the narthex table.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$800.00

Received to date: \$545.00

CBF/Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$800.00

Received to date: \$505.00

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. 20.

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

Please note: December 27th is the last day to make 2015 contributions for the budget or Christmas offerings. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 23rd. If you need new envelopes for 2016, they are available in the narthex.



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card!

This week: Dec 13-19 Lee & Iva Snyder

Next week: Dec 20-26 Rick and Pam Bilbro