

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 11, 2017

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General Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

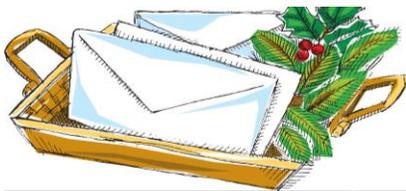


5:00pm Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight service



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box is outside the church office. Use this box to exchange cards with other members or 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 for those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, need to be mailed.**



Please note: Sunday, December 24th is the last day to make 2017 contributions for the budget or Christmas offerings. Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 26th. **Offering envelopes for 2018 are in the narthex.** If you don't need a new box for the year, you can continue to use your current one. If you need a new box, please take one and write your name and address on the envelope the first time you use it and that number will be assigned to you.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Wonder of Christmas," a devotional book on the Birth of Christ, by Daniel Partner is filled with thought provoking reflections related to Jesus coming into the world to save us from our sins. Writing about lessons we learn from the Magi's encounter with religious

leaders in Jerusalem Partner says, "....faith and politics do not mix well". He quotes Jesus who said, "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other" (Luke 16:13).

The political power of the day was King Herod. The religious leaders actually sided with him rather than risk losing their comfort, prestige and power by going to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. The Magi, on the other hand did pay homage to Jesus and did obey God when told in a dream not to return to Herod. The life of baby Jesus was spared because the Magi obeyed God rather than Herod.

Partner writes, "I think that certain church leaders today should learn from this lesson from Herod's religious leaders, who chose to serve their earthly master over the heavenly Master. If they would transfer their hope from American politics to the appearing of Christ, the world would greatly benefit. And they, like Paul, could boast, "I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2Timothy 4:7-8)

The eyes of the world are upon the State of Alabama as voters go to the polls on December 12, to choose their candidate for the United States Senate. The choice is between Roy Moore a Republican and Doug Jones a Democrat. But this fight is more than a Republican vs. a Democrat. This fight is about giving up Christian principles in order to gain political power. It is a fight between human authority and Divine authority.

You can be certain that the world is watching to see what choice people who call themselves Christians will make. It begs the question, "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

In His Love, Charles

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Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY:

- *9:45am Sunday School
- *11:00am Worship Service
- *Child care provided downstairs.

EACH TUESDAY:

6:30pm Triangle Toastmasters

EACH WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open
- 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
- 6:30pm Bible study & Prayer
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

- Gregg Small
- Grace Small
- Mickey Brock
- Joe Clary
- Eleanor Cromartie
- Lee Snyder
- 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 – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615
- Cassie Glover – Room 311, Hillside Nursing & Rehab,
968 Wait Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, December 24

Last day to make 2017 contributions

****PLEASE NOTE: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

11:00 Worship Service

5:00pm Christmas Eve service

Week of December 25

The church office and pantry will be closed

Secretary will be here 9-noon on Thurs, Dec 28 for office duties.

Sunday, December 31

Farewell luncheon for Andrew and Andrea following worship.

Soup and sandwich meal – please sign up in the lobby.

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day – office closed



Sunday night was a very special night here at Crabtree! We want to thank everyone who attended or participated in our Christmas musical and party afterward. The choir did an outstanding job and we are very grateful to our special guest musicians for their performances as well. We want to especially thank our Hospitality committee for organizing and decorating for the reception, and to all those who helped with food and with setup and cleanup for the event.



During the month of December we will receive our Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings. There are envelopes for each of these special offerings on the lobby table. Remember to write Lottie Moon, CBF or Staff on your check and envelope.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$750.00 Received to date: \$195.00

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$750.00 Received to date: \$340.00

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. 17.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>12/10</u>
Sunday School	24
Visitors	1
Total	25

Worship Attendance: 43

Deacon for this week: 12/17 Frances Viano

Deacon for next week: 12/24 Whitt Stallings

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Randy Walker Ben Best

Frances Viano Walt Switzer



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Make a call, a visit or send a card.

This week: December 10-16 Rick & Pam Bilbro

Next week: December 17-23 Jean Greene

Current lists are available in the lobby.



Farewell Luncheon for Andrew & Andrea Sunday, December 31st following Worship

Andrew's last day with us will be Sun, Dec 31. He has completed his studies at Campbell University and will be pursuing full-time employment. We would like to honor him and Andrea with a Soup, Sandwich and Dessert luncheon. Please sign up in the lobby.