

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 4, 2017

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

*Celebrate
the Season*

Coffee and Crafts for Missions

Sunday, December 10 at 9:15am

The Kid's on Mission group will be serving light breakfast items and beverages before Sunday School. They will also have some crafts and cards available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Missions Christmas offerings.

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm

Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

The Adult Choir will present their Christmas concert with special performances by the Westwood Baptist Church Ensemble and the Hillsborough Street Jazz Trio. Please sign up in the lobby to help with food for the reception following this event.

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30

Children's activities, making ornaments and gifts.

Young Hearts Christmas Outing

Friday, December 15, leaving at 4:00pm

The Young Hearts are going to the Christmas Lights at Meadow, with a stop for dinner at the Meadow Village Restaurant. The bus will leave the church at 4:00pm. Please sign up in the lobby.

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HOPE
Love
JOY
Peace
FAITH

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We have a friend in Clinton, NC who has just recently celebrated her 98th Birthday. She asked us how many people we knew who were 98 years old and weighed 98 lbs. We responded, "Not anyone." She is relatively healthy, walks a mile or two every day and still drives her car to church and the grocery store.

We recently made a visit to celebrate her long life. I asked her what she liked to watch on TV. She said, "I don't watch much TV. I read a lot. Her reading includes the Bible, the newspaper and novels". We made the visit to take her out to lunch in celebration of her Birthday. Our plan was to take her to a nice restaurant but when we asked her where she wanted to eat, she said Wendy's. I tried to change her mind by suggesting some of the better restaurants in the area. She said, "No, I really like Wendy's." "What do you like to eat at Wendy's?," I asked. "I like their baked potato and chicken sandwich," she replied. I said, "If Wendy's is the place you want to go, then we'll take you to Wendy's.

True to her word, she ordered the baked potato and chicken sandwich. After Gloria and I ordered, the total bill came to just over eleven dollars. I kidded our friend about being a cheap date.

While we sat at Wendy's and shared quality conversation, our friend said that her Doctor had called her son suggesting that it might be time to move his mom to an assisted living facility. All of this conversation was being overheard by other customers at Wendy's. Gloria and I observed how intently those at close by tables were eavesdropping on our conversation. You could see them chuckle when our friend said that she thought she would know when she was ready for an assisted living home. But she was not ready to go now. She went on to say how safe she felt in her apartment and how much support she had from surrounding neighbors and especially her church family.

We came away from that visit concluding that our 98 year old friend still had a sharp mind and a sense of independence. But what impressed us most was her complete satisfaction with simple things. She does not complicate her life or stress herself out with TV and world affairs. She cares nothing for fancy clothes or expensive restaurants or big entertainment. She nourishes her soul with a simple faith, reading the Bible, praying, attending church and enjoying church friends and neighbors. The world around her is complicated and stressful. Yet, she lives content and at peace with herself and with God. There is a lesson in that simplicity for all of us this Christmas Season. Think about it!

In His Love, Charles

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)

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, December 10

- 9:15am Kid's On Mission: Breakfast and Craft Sale
- 5:00pm Adult Choir Christmas Concert and Reception
- Please sign up in the lobby to help with food!*

Wednesday, December 13

6:30pm Kids on Mission Christmas Party

Friday, December 15

Young Hearts trip to Meadow restaurant and Christmas lights.

Sunday, December 24

****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.

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day – office closed

Attendance 12/3

Sunday School 35

Visitors

Total 35

Worship Attendance: 51

Deacon for this week: 12/10 Bonnie Wright

Deacon for next week: 12/17 Frances Viano

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 3-9 Eleanor Cromartie

Next week: December 10-16 Rick & Pam Bilbro

Current lists are available in the lobby.

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 – (broken hip) Hillside Rehab, Wake forest



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. (The goal amounts are corrected from last week, sorry for the confusion.) 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: \$130.00

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering

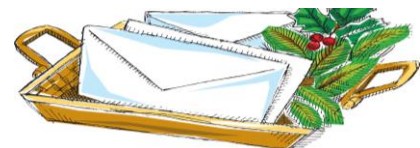
Our church goal is \$750.00 Received to date: \$120

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.



Please join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. We have asked Sheriff Donnie Harrison to be our guest speaker for a discussion about security and safety in our churches today.



Please note: 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 26rd.