

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

## "CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



**THE VALLEY ECHO**

**December 10, 2018**

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

*Celebrate  
the Season*

**Prayer Meeting at 6:30pm  
Wednesday, December 12th**

This week's Prayer meeting will be led by Shaun and Joy Price, who have been staying at the Welcome House. They will share with us more about going to serve as missionaries in Wales, UK. Come hear their story!

**"Jesus, The Advent of the Messiah"  
Christmas Cantata**

**Sunday, December 16 at 2:00pm**

Make plans to join us for this special Christmas concert as we combine our choir and the choir from Ridge Road Baptist Church. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the lobby to help with food, thank you!

**Children's Christmas Party  
Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Children's activities, candy making, cards, ornaments and gifts.

### **Church office contact information:**

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

It is interesting how Christmas Traditions begin in a family and endure through the years. The one I want to share with you started because of a man who hated the commercial side of Christmas. He was fine with the true meaning of Christmas but had no use for the frantic running around, gifts given in desperation without thought, the

over-spending and the parade of parties and self-indulgence that accompanied them. For him, much of the true meaning of Christmas was bypassed with more attention on getting than giving.

Aware of Mike's feelings, his wife Nancy decided one year to bypass the usual gifts of shirts, ties, sweaters, etc and to come up with something inspirational for Mike. Her only problem was to discover how that inspiration would materialize.

Nancy and husband Mike went to their 12 year old son Kevin's school wrestling match against a non-league inner-city church team shortly before Christmas. Kevin's team came out on the court with their bright head gear, spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes. The inner-city church team appeared with no head gear, drab looking shirts and shorts and sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together. The inner-city church team lost every match. Mike's only comment was, "I wish just one of them could have won, they have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them."

Knowing Mike's love for sports and for kids and his love for coaching, the inspiration for what to do came on like a light bulb. Nancy went to the sports store and bought a wide assortment of wrestling gear including headgear and sent it anonymously to the inner-city church team. On Christmas Eve, she placed a small, white envelope among the Christmas tree branches. No name, no identification, no inscription. Inside was a note to Mike, telling him what she had done and that was her gift to him. When Mike was told to open the envelope, his smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year. For ten years straight a white envelope stuck between the Christmas Tree Branches became a tradition. It was the highlight of every Christmas for Mike and their three children.

When Mike died of cancer, Nancy was surprised at Christmas time when her grief was so great she hardly had the heart to put up a Christmas tree. On Christmas morning she found not just her white envelope but 3 more white envelopes placed there by her children in memory of their Dad. You can be sure that her children and the Grandchildren today highlight their Christmas trees with white envelopes and notes describing their acts of generosity to those who need it most. (Adapted from a true story written by Nancy W. Gavin)

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: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)**

- Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

## Calendar of Events:

### **Sunday, December 16**

- 2:00pm Christmas Cantata with Reception to follow

### **Wednesday, December 19**

- 6:30pm Children's Christmas Party

### **Sunday, December 23**

- 11:00am Special Christmas Worship Service

### **Monday, December 24**

- 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **Tuesday, December 25**

- Christmas Day

### **Wednesday, December 26**

- No church activities - office closed

### **Thursday, December 27**

- Office open normal hours

## Attendance      **12/9**

Services canceled due to weather

**Deacon for week:** 12/16 Frances Viano

**Deacon for week:** 12/23 Peninah Brown

## Properties for December

David Jenkins

## Ushers for December

Randy Walker    Walt Switzer

Ben Best          Frances Viano



## **SHARE THE SONSHINE**

**Make a call, send a card, or make a visit!**

December 9 – 15 Anne Jenkins

*New Jan-April 2019 lists are available  
on the lobby table.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### **HOME:**

- George and Louise Shore
- Bonnie Wright
- Eleanor Cromartie

### **REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:**

- Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC
- Mary Cain – 806 Springmoor Circle 27615
- Anne Jenkins - Morningside of Raleigh Room 132
- Phyllis Goodwin – Rex Rehab Room 140

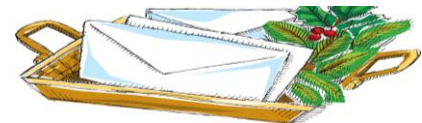


During the month of December we will receive our Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings. There are envelopes for each of these special offerings on the lobby table. Remember to write Lottie Moon or CBF on your check and envelope. Our goal is \$900 for each of these offerings.



## **Special Christmas Worship Service Sunday, December 23 at 11:00am**

We will have a Special Christmas Worship Service with a Mini-Concert by Risa Poniros and Timothy Sparks.



**Please note: December 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to make 2018 contributions for the budget or Christmas offerings.** Mailed contributions need to be mailed early enough to be received by Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.



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. **Please mail all cards for those who can't attend on a regular basis, who have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, the church will not mail these for you.**