

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

## "CONTINUE IN PRAYER"



### THE VALLEY ECHO

December 17, 2018

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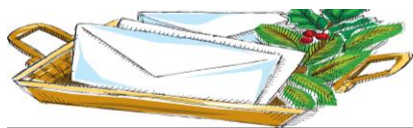
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General Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

## Special MUSIC

**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 30<sup>th</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>. *If you need a new box of envelopes for 2019, please contact the office.*

## Special Offering

Please join the Deacons in grateful appreciation of our church staff by contributing to the Staff Love Offering to be collected through Dec 30 and presented on Sun, Jan 6. Please mark your check and or envelope "Love offering."

### Church office contact information:

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

More snow fell in North Carolina in one day (December 9) than normally falls in an entire year. Meteorologists are saying, "It has never happened like that before." As we approach Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we can say that such a birth has never happened like that before. Move forward to the Easter Season and the celebration of Jesus' death on the cross to save

us from our sins and we can say, "It has never happened like that before. And if you think of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, again we can say, "It has never happened like that before."

The birth of Christ, his death and resurrection are all tied together in the marvelous plan of God to offer redemption, salvation and eternal life to all who will believe. "Once in a lifetime" events do occur and God is on the cutting edge to make them happen. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome said, "For the death he died he died to sin, once for all" (Romans 6:10) and the writer of Hebrews said, "He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Hebrews 9:26)

Another "Once for all" experience is our acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We either accept Him in this life or not at all. Contrary to the thinking of some, there is no opportunity after death for us to repent of our sins and receive Christ. (2 Corinthians 6:2). "Today," "In this life," is the day (time) of salvation. Nor does the Bible teach that the living can be baptized for the dead so that their souls can be moved from Hell to Heaven.

There is an urgency for people to believe in Christ and receive Him into their life while we are in the flesh. That is why we have the Great Commission from the lips of Jesus himself, "...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." That is why we have Paul's warning, "Do not put out the Spirit's fire (The Holy Spirit convicts us of God's Truth); do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil" (1Thessalonians 5:19-22). That is why the writer of Hebrews cautions us, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews 3:7). "See to it...that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God (Hebrews 3:12)

As we celebrate Christ's coming into the world, give our mission offerings and send missionaries to the fields of other countries we are also to be missionaries in our own country and neighborhood. As the Angel of the Lord proclaimed to the Shepherds on the hillside over 2000 years ago, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that **WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM** shall not perish but have eternal life.

**"HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!"**

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:

### 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

*No newsletter this week*

### Tuesday, December 25

- Christmas Day

### Wednesday, December 26

- No church activities - office closed

### Thursday, December 27

- Office open normal hours

### Monday, December 31

- New Year's Eve - Office open normal hours

### Tuesday, January 1

- New Year's Day - Office closed

### Attendance                      12/16

Sunday School	21
Worship Attendance	45

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

**Deacon for week:** 12/30 Jean Glosson

### 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 16-22 Rick and Pam Bilbro

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

- Phyllis Goodwin
- George and Louise Shore
- Bonnie Wright

### 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
- Charlie Capps – Wake Med hospital



We express our sincere sympathy to David and the family of Eleanor Cromartie. Visitation will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 20 at CVBC, the funeral service will begin at 11:00 am. She will be laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the SPCA of Wake County located at 200 Petfinder Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newsobserver/obituary.aspx?n=eleanor-c-cromartie&pid=191019679&fhid=5774>



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.

Lottie Moon - Received to date: \$125.00

Global Mission – Received to date: \$300.00



## Christmas Cards

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.**