

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

December 21, 2020

Please mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622  
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Email: cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org Website: www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org  
Church Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm (closed on Friday)

GUEST  
PREACHER

On Sunday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Johnny Richards will be our guest preacher.

Church  
DEACONS

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

12/20 Beth Jenkins  
12/27 Gene Sherwood



Virtual Christmas Eve service  
at 5:30pm, on December 24th.

Rev. Allard will be our guest speaker

Be sure to tune in weekly for our Virtual Worship Service which is released by 11am on Sunday <https://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org/sermons/> You can also find current and past sermons on Youtube. [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crabtree+valley+baptist+church)

### Church office information:

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## “CHRISTMAS BELLS”

By: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*I heard the bells on Christmas day, their  
old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet, the words repeat of  
peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And thought how, as the day had come  
the belfries of all Christendom,*

*Had rolled along th'un-broken song of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth, the cannon thundered in the South.  
And with the sound, the carols drowned of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*It was as if an earthquake vent, the hearth-stones of a continent.  
And made forlorn, the households born, of peace on earth good will to men.*

*Then in despair I bowed by head. "There is no peace on earth" I said.  
For fate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*Then peal the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead nor doth he sleep.  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men.*

*Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day.  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good will to men.*

I have, above, shown the complete version of Longfellow's poem. It was later made into a Christmas carol. Two of the poem stanzas, the third and fourth (which are referring to the Civil War), are left out of the carol. What a sad poem. But the outcome is beautiful! This poem came out of tragic events - the Civil War, death and illness.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was a poet and a professor of American literature. Maybe you have read his works (Paul Revere's Ride, Evangeline, Song of Hiawatha, etc.). He was born in 1807 and raised in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, Longfellow and his family were living in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His wife passed away when her clothes caught fire in their home and she died. That same year, the Civil War started causing much conflict and human suffering. In 1863, his son, Charley, ran away from home to join Abraham Lincoln's army. Charley was 17 years old. Charley was a wonderful soldier, but in time he contracted typhoid fever and malaria and was sent home. After he became well enough, he returned to the army; however, he was shot in a battle in New Hope Church, Virginia, and was almost paralyzed. Longfellow learned of his son's injuries, traveled to bring him back home and nursed him back to health.

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**SHARE THE SONSHINE**  
 Week of Dec 20-26 Anne Jenkins  
 801 Dixie Trail - Room 132  
 Raleigh, 27614



**Holiday Office Hours**

**Wednesday, December 23**

Open for Hope Pantry  
 Office closing at noon

**Thursday, December 24 –  
 Monday, December 28**

Office closed for Christmas

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**Please note:**

There will not be a newsletter published the week after Christmas, December 28.



**“CHRISTMAS BELLS”**

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Longfellow was in such despair about the war and his family while sitting by his son's bedside. He grieved for his wife the rest of his life. The Christmas bells started to ring from a nearby steeple. He thought about everything that was going on and all that had happened. Then, hearing the bells, a peace came over him when he remembered that God is not dead and is with us always. He sat down and penned this poem. Read it and you will see his despair. Then the bells came and told him that God is not dead and does not sleep. May we all remember that whatever suffering, loss or unrest comes along, God is still with us any time we need and call upon Him. Take Him with you anywhere you go.

Submitted by Gene Sherwood (Information obtained in "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan)



Please stop by to drop-off/pick-up cards from the **Christmas Card Mailbox** (for church members). In lieu of postage, please make donations to the Lottie Moon and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering.

**Prayer Concerns:**

**HOME**

- Jim Weaver
- Armando and Margo Martinez
- Anne Barden
- Jetta Lewis
- Charlotte Phelps (friend of Jean's)
- Marci Phelps – Charlotte's daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
- Teresa Smith – recurrence of brain tumor (friend of Peggy's)

**REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:**

- Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail - Room 132
- Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro – Room 208
- Greg Small –Atria Oakridge- Apt 214
- Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex
- Aladine Rogers – Stewart Health Ctr at Springmoor for rehab

**OTHER:**

- Sonshine Person of the Week
- The Price family – Missionaries in Wales
- Our church – Pastor search



**Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings**

Lottie Moon goal is \$500 - received to date: \$523  
 Global Missions goal is \$500 - received to date: \$218  
 Make checks payable to CVBC – note LM or Global on the memo line.

Our **Staff Love Offering** this year will be divided equally seven ways to include our videographers, Elizabeth Best and Yilong Wang; our Treasurer, Liz Mills; our Secretary, Peggy Utley; Director of Music, Risa Poniro; Pianist, Cheryl Walker; and Youth Director, Ashley Walker. Our thanks to each of them for a job “well done.” *Please mark your check or envelope “Love offering.” All of the above offerings, as well as any contributions for 2020 need to be received at CVBC by Wed, Dec 30.*



We express our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Louise Shore who passed away Mon, Dec 21, 2020. “Louise was the consummate preacher’s wife during George’s career as a pastor. In 1979, George and Louise joined CVBC where she volunteered on multiple committees. Together, George and Louise planned and participated in Young Hearts events for seniors and enjoyed being "young at heart" with their church friends”. Memorials can be made to CVBC, PO Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622; or Baptist Children’s Homes of NC, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360. A Private Service for the Family will be held at the church on Tues, Dec 29th, 2020 at 2:00pm. The family welcomes everyone to join them virtually through the live streaming option, to begin at 1:55pm. To access the service, go to the Mitchell’s website, find the obituary and there will be a link at the bottom of the page. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/raleigh-nc/louise-shore-9957131>