

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

December 13, 2021

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

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Johnny will be in the office this week on Saturday, December 18 from 9:00am -noon.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 19 at 11:00am.

The CVBC choir along with special guests will present
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

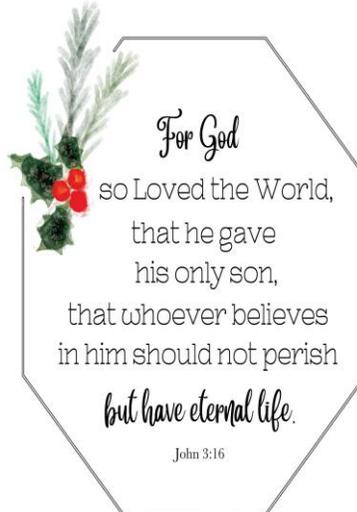


There will be a Called Business Meeting on Sunday, December 19 following our worship service. This meeting is to vote on the Proposed 2022 Budget. Copies of the budget are available on the lobby table.

Church office information:

Interim Pastor • Rev. Johnny Richards
Music Director • Risa Poniros
Secretary • Peggy Utley
Youth Director • Anna Clark
Website updates/maintenance
webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

From the Pastor's Heart...



"And now, these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV). During the past few weeks, we have been preparing our minds for Christ's birth by talking about hope, peace and joy. This week we look at love. While Joy may be one of the harder weeks of advent to allow into our lives, love is probably one of the easiest. We all love to love and we all love to be loved. I think that is why Paul says it is the greatest of the three. With love, anything is possible. Without love, well, things are very difficult.

While we talk about things we love, places we love to go and even people we love, there is no love like the love God has for all of us, the world. Matt Tullos, pastor of Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee, shares a story of such love. *"He couldn't do anything for himself. Born with cerebral palsy, he sat in the wheel chair loving every second of the Christmas musical. He faces challenges that I can't even imagine. His body wrecked by a disease with no cure. He sat in the back of the auditorium, perhaps wanting not to distract. And sitting next to him was a proud mother, I couldn't help stealing a glance throughout that evening, to see her stroking his hair, wiping his mouth and smiling all the while. She adored him. I had to meet this amazing mother. She was a single mom who had just moved to Tennessee from Kansas." "How do you do this all by yourself?" I asked. "He's my life. He's the greatest blessing that ever happened to me," she said. This two-person family had an eternal effect on me. I received a glimpse of the love God has for me. Despite my constant battles with sin and personal rebellion, God loves me like that."*

I really like this image we have been given of God and His love for us. We all have our issues. We all have things about us that need to be worked on. However, those things don't keep God from loving us. We tend to look at others through the glasses of humanity. We have pre-set boundaries and limitations that people must meet in order to be accepted by our love. Our love consists of what you can, or will do for me. These things are pre-set. Most of the time they are not at all flexible or adjustable. They are set in stone. Do it this way, or else. I appreciate the fact that God loves unconditionally. We are His gifts. Everyone is a gift of God. No matter how others look at us, God looks at us as that mother looked at her child, with eyes of love.

During this time of year we can be thankful that God loves us because we are His. There is no greater gift than the love of God. Paul said it best, "and the greatest of these is love." Until next week...

Peace and Blessings... Johnny



SHARE THE SONSHINE

Share the Sonshine is an outreach ministry. We can all be a part of this ministry by praying for these individuals, sending cards or making phone calls.

Person of the Week for Dec 12 - 18

Anne Barden – Suite 330
Oak Hill Asst Living
9767 NC 210 North
Angier, NC 27501

*Please make a note of this new address for Anne.

Deacon for this week: 12/12 Ellen Collins

Deacon for next week: 12/19 Sue Edwards

Properties for December: David Jenkins

Monthly Sunday Morning Greeters:

1st Frances Viano 2nd Iva Snyder
3rd & 5th Cecil Brown 4th Dee Bullock



Our **Christmas Card Mailbox** is in the lobby and ready for members to use for exchanging Christmas cards with other church members and visitors. Please mail your cards to those members who are unable to attend regularly or are in Rehab/Care facilities, as the church does not mail cards that are not picked up. In lieu of postage, please make donations to the Lottie Moon and/or to the CBF Global Missions offering.



As you prepare for Christmas day, please make plans to attend our **Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24th at 5:00pm**. We will conclude our advent season by worshipping through songs and scripture as we light the Christ candle and remember His love for us through communion. We will also light our own candles as we remember the joyful news that Christ was born to be the Savior of the world. We hope to see you here, please invite your friends and family.

Prayer Concerns:

HOME

Jean Glosson
Walt Switzer
Catherine Mullins
Jane Williams
Jetta Lewis
Marci Phelps – Charlotte’s daughter (friend of Jean Glosson)
Charlotte Phelps (Jean’s friend)

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Anne Barden – Oak Hill Asst Living in Angier
Anne Jenkins – Morningside on Dixie Trail
Johnnie Grubbs – Cambridge Hills of Pittsboro
Bonnie Wright – The Reserve at Mills Farm in Apex
Sandi Robinson – Hillside Rehab in Wake Forest

OTHER:

Sonshine Person of the Week
The Price family – Missionaries in Wales



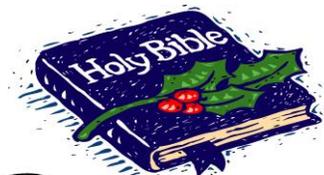
Lottie Moon and CBF Global Missions offerings

Lottie Moon goal is \$500 ~ Received: \$125.00

Global Missions goal is \$500 ~ Received: \$170.00

Make checks payable to CVBC – note LM or Global on the memo line.

The Deacons invite you to show your appreciation of our church staff. This year’s **Staff Love Offering** will include Pastor Johnny; videographers, Elizabeth Best and Yilong Wang; Treasurer, Liz Mills; Secretary, Peggy Utley; Director of Music, Risa Poniros; Pianist, Cheryl Walker; and our past and present Youth Directors, Ashley Walker and Anna Clark. 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 2021 need to be received at CVBC by Wed, Dec 29.**



Preparing for the Christmas Season

For December our Wednesday night Bible Study will focus on the 12 men chosen by Christ to be his apostles, or disciples. Each one of them was unique and different, much like we are today. Even though they had their rough spots, Christ still saw something within each one of them to want to teach and train them to follow Him. I hope you will join with us at 6:30pm each week as we see what was so unique about these “12 Ordinary Men”. (There will be no Wednesday evening bible study on December 29th)