CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH THE VALLEY ECHO January 4, 2016

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With your generosity we exceeded our Missions offering goals!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Our church goal is \$800.00 Final total: \$1,471.25

The Children on Mission would like to thank all those who participated in their Lottie Moon Breakfast and craft sale, with you help they raised \$150.00 for the LM offering!

> **CBF/Global Missions Offering** Our church goal is \$800.00 Final total: \$1,302.50



We have new flags for the church!

We'd like to thank the Woodman of the World organization for their donation of a new American Flag. The church recently purchased a new Christian Flag.

Church office contact information:

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you noticed that almost every news commentator ends their report on a negative note? Is our world in a negative mood? Is there anything right with the world in which we live? Dissatisfaction, distrust and blame seems to be the name of the game.

Over the holidays I read a story about a man named Dan who was known to be a chronic

complainer. Dan complained about the weather, his family, his friends, his work, his church, his neighbors, etc. He lived in a state of discontent.

One day, Dan came across a verse which read When you have truly thanked God For every blessing sent, Little time will then remain For murmur or lament.

That verse captured his attention. Dan said, "I see now what my trouble has been. I've been grumbling so much that I've forgotten to be thankful for the things I have." So he resolved to set about changing his attitude. He said to himself, "Every time I find myself starting to complain about something I don't have or don't like or someone I don't like, I'm going to say 'Thank you God for what you have given me and for the people you have put in my life."

Dan discovered that his new resolve worked. It was much easier to keep his grouchy, grumbling thoughts out when he filled his mind with thankful ones. There was simply no room for discontent when he filled his mind with praise and thanksgiving.

With a new resolve, Dan was amazed at how much more he enjoyed life. He was also amazed that his stress level dropped and that he slept better at night. The more he gave thanks and praise the happier he found himself to be. The more he thanked God for what he had and who he had in his life, the more his appreciation grew.

As a New Year begins, perhaps we could all profit by pushing away murmur and lament and replacing it with thanks to God for every blessing sent.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas fresh in our mind, let us not forget that giving thanks and living in a thankful way are not seasonal. Thanksgiving and Thanksliving comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. After all "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:17-18). HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In His Love, Charles

Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY *9:45am Sunday School *11:00am Worship Service *Child care provided downstairs. 2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship EACH MONDAY: 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-8:00pm Kenyan Fellowship **EACH WEDNESDAY:** 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer 8:00pm Choir Practice **EACH THURSDAY:** 8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-10:30pm Kenyan Fellowship **MONTHLY:** (4th Thursday of each month) Young Hearts (Senior Adults) **Calendar of Events:**

Wednesday, January 6
6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups
7:00pm Bible study & Prayer
New study begins on Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7
8:00pm Choir Practice
Friday, January 8
Serving at the Soup Kitchen
Sunday, January 24
Welcome luncheon for Andrew and Andrea McCullagh
More details in next week's newsletter
Thursday, January 28
Young Hearts going to Brig's Restaurant for lunch
Sign-up in the Narthex.

Attendance	1/3
Sunday School	29
Visitors	
Total	29

Worship Attendance: 48

Deacon for this week:	1/10	Robert Best
Deacon for next week:	1/17	Larry Nunery

Properties for January George Shore Ushers for January Robert Best Darrell Jenkins Bobby Hayes Whitt Stallings



Make a call, a visit or send a card! This week: Jan 3-9 Ed & Cassie Glover Next week: Jan 10-16 Lee & Iva Snyder Schedules for January-April 2016 are available on the lobby table.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME: Grace Small Darrell Jenkins Frances Viano Sue Edwards Jo Haag Haline Eller Greg Small Lee Snyder Ed & Cassie Glover 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 – Springmoor Health Center - room 103-A



Dear Crabtree Valley Baptist Church,

Gloria and I are deeply grateful for the generous Christmas gift (Love offering) and the love that you have shown us in these six months as your Interim Pastor.

We are grateful to God for this opportunity to share with you the ministry that God has given this good church. May God bless each one of you for your encouragement and support.

In His Love, Gloria and Charles

With Sincore Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Chris and Elizabeth Gyori and their families. Chris' grandfather, Mr. Thomas Gyori of Chicago, Illinois, passed away over the Christmas holidays.



We're looking for a few volunteers to go serve at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen in downtown Raleigh on Friday, January 8. We will meet at CVBC at 9:45am sharp to carpool, we'll be at the soup kitchen from 10:15-12:15, returning around 12:45pm. Call or see Shirley Keener to participate.