

CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



THE VALLEY ECHO

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BIRTHDAYS

- 12/2 Matheus DaSilva
2421 Tony Tank Lane
Apt 208 27613
- 12/13 Ashley Walker
4700 Theys Rd 27606
- 12/17 Mary Elizabeth Robinson
5538 Spindlewood Ct
Durham 27703
- 12/19 Whit Stallings
4826 Brookhaven Dr 27612
- 12/26 Barbara Best
5009 Picardy Place 27612
- 12/30 Muse James
79 N Shamrock Dr
Foxfire Village, NC 27281



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

At the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen in downtown Raleigh on Friday, December 6th. 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 919-844-1987.



Thanksgiving

It's only a couple days until Thanksgiving – or National Day of Excess (but it's ok). But have you ever come across an observance that seems too weird to be true? For example, today is National Cake Day and also National Shopping Reminder Day. Yes, I researched this. Apparently, someone thought it important to bring the deliciousness of cake to the forefront – lest we forget to appreciate cake. It is also National Shopping Reminder

Day. No need to observe that one – retailers will be serving us that little hint nonstop until Christmas. Tomorrow is National Pins and Needles Day. I thought, "Oh, good! Finally something I can celebrate!" But, alas, Pins and Needles Day has nothing to do with sewing. It is actually an observance of the day the pro-labor play *Pins and Needles* opened in 1937. It was a look at the current events of the day as they related to labor unions. It ran until June 22, 1940.

I guess as humans we have things to be happy about. Unfortunately it's hard to do when we hear of all the sad situations in our world. I can't very well end hunger or initiate world peace. I have had a hard enough time preparing for the family feast on Thursday.

Truthfully, Christians don't need a reason to designate days to celebrate. What?!? If I'm a Christian, I will automatically be happy? Sign me up! We all know it's not that simple. We do have to put some effort into it. Most of us have to fight the urge to complain about what's not right in our lives. It's really all about perspective – "Hey, my life might be rough right now, but at least I'm not **that** guy!" While that may not be the best attitude, it is a change in perspective. I think what we really need to do is develop new habits. As American Christians, our lives are loaded with so many advantages and gifts that it's easy to become complacent. Often we ignore the fact that we have the best opportunity for joy in life – Jesus Christ. He is available to us 24/7. That alone should be enough reason to greet the day with hope and optimism. We have the option and opportunity to decide each day to be happy – sort of a national Choose Joy Day, except it's every day. It's not about having what we want. It's about wanting what we have. It's a choice – I can choose to see the good things first and not to let the bad things overpower the good. Am I going to celebrate this day – or am I going to endure it? With Christ in your life, the choice is simple.

Submitted by Linda Wheeler

Church office contact information:

Pastor • Nola Boezeman pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Office hours: Mon-Tues: 8am-3pm & Wed: 8am-2pm

Secretary • Peggy Utley cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org Mon-Thurs, 9am-3pm

Music Minister • Mr. Ernie Rushing music@crabtreevalleybaptist.org

Weekly Church Calendar:

EACH SUNDAY

9:15-9:30am – Prayer – Ben Best classroom

*9:45am Sunday School

*11:00am Worship Service

*Child care provided downstairs.

2:30-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open

EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-7:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

EACH WEDNESDAY:

6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups

7:00pm Bible study & Prayer

7:45pm Choir Practice

EACH THURSDAY:

8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous

EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-9:30pm Kenyan Fellowship

MONTHLY: (4th Thursday of each month)

6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1- First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Crabtree Cafe & Children's Crafts show

Tuesday, December 3

10:30am Women on Mission

12:00-1:00pm Soup & Scripture

Thursday, December 5

Young Hearts going to dinner and Meadow lights

Friday, December 6

Youth Christmas Party at the Jenkins'

Sunday, December 8

1:00pm Children's Christmas party

Sunday, December 15

7:00pm Christmas Cantata

Attendance 11/24

Sunday School 44

Visitors

Total 44

Worship Attendance: 69

Deacon for this week: 12/1 Tom Edwards

Deacon for next week: 12/8 Barbara Best

Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

12/1 Christine Eller 12/8 Grace Small

Properties for December

David Jenkins

Ushers for December

Rudy Barden Ben Best

Ed Glover Francis Viano

Alternate: Whitt Stallings

If you would like to help Pat Jenkins with raising funds for her overseas medical care, you can make donations to the church's Benevolent fund. Please write *Pat Jenkins* on your check and/or envelope.

**Fundraiser
FOLLOW-UP**

PRAYER CONCERNS:

HOME:

Sue DeWalt

Marlyn Ervin

Mary Cain

Pat Jenkins

Larry Nunery

Bob Poole

Bonnie Wright

Jack Porter

Susan Carden – Francis Viano's daughter

Van Phillips

Lee Snyder

Jean Greene

Pam Bilbro

REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Bob Davis - Greensboro

Elouise Leffler – Crabtree Valley Rehab center - Room 412-A

Lois Capps – Rex Rehab - Apex

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286

Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem



There will be a **called Business meeting** immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, December 15**. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on next year's budget and to have a new pictorial church directory made in 2014.



To our dear Christian friends,
Darrell and I would like to thank you all for your loving thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in our lives. Your support at Fat Daddy's and in the past means so much to us. Please continue to pray for us as we embark on this new journey to Germany.

In Christ, Pat and Darrell Jenkins



Every penny given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is used to support nearly 5,000 Southern Baptist workers as they share the Gospel overseas. To learn more about the offering, go to imb.org/offering.

Please designate Lottie Moon or CBF on your check and envelope.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our church goal is \$1,800.00

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Global Missions Offering

Our church goal is \$500.00

DECEMBER EVENTS



Sunday, December 1st
First Sunday of Advent

The Hanging of the Greens
during the morning worship service

Crabtree Cafe
Soup & Sandwiches
Donations for Missions



& Scripture
Starts next week!

Tuesday, Dec 3 at noon

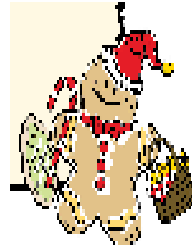
Enjoy a hot bowl of soup (prepared by the pastor) as we look at some Advent passages in the Bible.

Invite your friends! Please sign up in the Narthex so we'll know how to prepare.



The Young Hearts December meeting will be Thurs, Dec 5th

Make plans to join us for a trip to the Christmas Lights at Meadow, with a stop for dinner afterward at the Meadow Village Restaurant at 6:30pm. Cost for the buffet dinner is \$12.45 (inc. drink & dessert). The bus will leave the church at 3:30pm. Please sign up at the church.



Sunday, December 8th
1:00-3:00pm

Children's Christmas Party

Children's activities: making candy, cards, ornaments and gifts. Parents are welcome to visit and participate in the fun or have a little time for their holiday shopping. There will also be a gift wrapping station where you can bring your gifts and let us help you beautifully wrap them! (If your shopping is not finished, we will have bags of wrapping supplies you can take home!) For questions or more information, call Cheryl Walker, 919-851-6976. Donations for Missions.



Sunday, December 15 at 7:00pm
"Noel & Alleluia! Jesus Is Born"

Presented by the Crabtree Valley Baptist Church
Adult Choir with live Orchestra.

Refreshments will follow the concert. *Punch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee, but they need donations of other snacks, goodies and finger foods, please sign up in the Narthex, thank you!*



The Lottie Moon Christmas card box

is outside the church office for members to use to exchange Christmas cards. **Please use this box for 'active' members only!** Cards for members who can't attend on a regular basis, that have moved away, or are in Rehab or Nursing Homes, need to be mailed.