

# CRABTREE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



## THE VALLEY ECHO

November 10, 2014

Please mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 30954, Raleigh, NC 27622

Church location: 4408 Lead Mine Rd Raleigh, NC 27612 Phone: (919) 781-5345

Email: [cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

Website: [www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org](http://www.crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

Facebook: Crabtree Valley Baptist Church

Twitter: CrabtreeBaptist



**Sunday, November 23 at 6:00pm**

Make plans to join us as we welcome Mr. Chris Reed as our new Minister of Music! This celebration will take place of our normal Fellowship meal, so bring your best dishes and desserts to share! *The monthly business meeting will follow.*



We are collecting new and/or gently used coats (for all sizes & genders) and blankets through the end of November. These items will go to Compassion International Ministries. This organization helps the local homeless and international refugees. There is a collection box in the Narthex.



**grate-ful:** adjective

1. conscious of benefit received
2. expressing gratitude and relief

November is a busy month in the life of the church, usually marked with four major annual events: All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, the final Sunday of the church year, and the beginning of Advent. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, while breathlessly navigating the flurry of activities that

the season carries with it, let's take time this month to thank God for His gifts to us over the last 11 months.

In my own spiritual walk, I write out a gratitude list each day. The daily exercise of keeping some concrete examples out on the table reminds me that the LORD goes before me to prepare the way and furnish for all my needs. Faced with those truths, I can go through the day being 'right-sized' before Him, reassured of both my constant need for Him and His ever-present love and provision for me. Here's what this morning's list looks like:

1. Another day of service in His Kingdom
2. Some time with my dad this past weekend
3. A great time in worship last Sunday
4. A fall vegetable crop in the garden that will soon be ready for the harvesting

Simple stuff! Doesn't have to be complicated.

In the earliest days of the church, the seaport city of Thessalonica was the major go-between for Rome and its eastern regions. You might say it was the New Orleans of its day. The young Christians there were surrounded by a culture that celebrated sin - and one in which they would face death if discovered and refused to recant their faith. In his first letter to them, Paul encouraged them to practice an 'attitude of gratitude', first explaining WHY they ought do it:

<sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:9-11; 16-18

The simple truth of today's takeaway: we can't practice sinning when we're practicing being grateful. Paul knew that, if the Thessalonians would work on forming that habit, God would use it to give them the strength they needed as they faced their hard times. And when we put it into practice, it works for us, too.

What are you thankful for today? Try writing down whatever just came to mind - and see if it doesn't make a difference that helps set the course for the rest of your day!

Looking forward to seeing each of you on Sunday morning, if not before!

In His grip,

### Church office contact information:

Pastor • Nola Boezeman

[pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:pastor@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

Secretary • Peggy Utley

[cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:cvbc@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 9am-3pm

Music Minister • Christopher Reed

[music@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:music@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

Website updates/maintenance:

[webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org](mailto:webmaster@crabtreevalleybaptist.org)

## 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
- 12:00-1:00pm Beginner Yoga class
- 1:00-2:00pm Crafting with a Purpose

### 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: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

- 6:00pm Young Hearts (Senior Adults)

### Calendar of Events:

#### Sunday, November 16

Deadline for shoeboxes

#### Monday, November 17

- 12:00pm Last Yoga class, will resume January 12
- 7:00pm Deacons meeting

#### Wednesday, November 19

- 1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study

#### Sunday, November 23

- 6:00pm Welcome dinner for Chris Reed
- Business meeting

#### Wednesday, November 26

- Office and Pantry closed, Prayer meeting cancelled

#### Thursday, November 27

- Closed for Thanksgiving

### Attendance      11/9

Sunday School	37
Visitors	4
Total	41

**Worship Attendance:** 62

**Deacon for this week:** 11/16 Whitt Stallings

**Deacon for next week:** 11/23 Peninah Brown

### Greeter Schedule (front entrance)

11/16 Grace Small      11/23 Jim Greene

### Properties for November

Darrell Jenkins

### Ushers for November

**Randy Walker** Bobby Hayes

David Jenkins Walt Switzer

*Alternate: Robert Best*



*SHARE THE SONSHINE*

**This week: November 9-15 – Al Coley**

**Next week: November 16-22 Bill & Johnnie Grubbs**

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

### HOME:

Lee Snyder  
Ed & Cassie Glover  
Susan Carden – Frances Viano's daughter  
Jean Greene  
Pam Bilbro

### REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286  
Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - Winston-Salem  
Gerry Campbell - Arizona



We express our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, who passed away Sunday, November 9. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 13 at 11:00am at Potecasi Baptist Church, Potecasi, NC. A memorial service will be held at Magnolia Glen on Friday, November 14 at 2:00pm and is open to anyone that would like to attend. Memorial contributions may be made to Pine Forest Rest Home, PO Box 67, Potecasi, NC 27867, Potecasi Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 8, Potecasi, NC 27867, Transitions Hospice Care of Wake County, or CVBC Youth Fund, PO Box 30954, 27622.



**“Redeemed”** is the 2014 theme for the NC Baptist Children's Home Thanksgiving offering.

*“I was angry and hurting. I needed someone to love me.” - Paulina Burch. “There was a day where it didn't matter to me anymore whether I lived or died. I was done.” - Travis Martin “We didn't know if we would be able to eat. We had to sleep outside. We were beaten for anything we did wrong.” - Roberta Brunck.* These were the stories of Paulina, Travis and Roberta. But their storylines have changed because of the Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) ministry and the faithful support of Baptists. Today, each has an amazing story of redemption. **This Sunday kicks off the week of prayer for this offering. Look for inserts in your bulletin.**

## BUDGET REPORT

The 2015 Budget will be voted upon at the next business meeting on Sunday, Nov 23. A copy of the new budget will be available in the narthex for your review prior to the meeting.

The Stewardship Committee