



CREEDMOOR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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December 25, 2022
& January 1, 2023

This Sunday at CRBC, at a Special Time, 10AM ...

Over 2,000 years ago, Israel was expecting that one day, the Messiah would come in power and free them from their oppressors. What happened next was unexpected. This Christmas Day, Rev. Mike Carter delivers a special message, *Why a Baby?*, from Luke 2. Make your Christmas Day celebration even more special by worshipping with CRBC this Sunday, Christmas Day, **at 10AM** (also on YouTube). There will be no Gospel Project this Sunday.



Next Sunday at CRBC ...

Does it feel like at times that life is out of control? Even many Christians wonder, "How can I believe in God's goodness when everything seems so bad around me?" Psalm 23 gives a gentle answer. It is a beautiful description of who God is during the hardest times in life. Join us for this 3 week series through Psalm 23 starting Sunday week, New Year's Day at 11AM (also on YouTube).



CRBC Returns from the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center

CRBC was well represented at the *Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center* as 15 of us traveled to Boone and worked a 4-hour shift, CRBC manned 1 of the 18 production lines that inspected, maintained, and shipped the shoeboxes given by Christians just like you and in the end, shipped nearly 900 shoeboxes from our line alone, 16,000 in total in just 4 hours, all heading to Ukraine that same day. Additionally, 2 of our members spent their shift to carefully repack items that needed special attention in order to fit into a shoebox.

The emphasis on our work was to be two-fold: *Integrity* and *Excellence*. *Integrity* meant that as much as possible, to keep the gift exactly like it was given, even if we couldn't understand why. And they showed us why; Testimonial after testimonial shared from those who received a shoebox with an odd collection of items that were unbelievable answers to desperate prayers. We found out quickly that God really does work in mysterious ways. And *Excellence* meant if box was clearly missing a special toy or gift, to add one from additional gifts given for that purpose. The last thing added to these boxes was the most important: prayer!

Calling Our Decorating Angels

This coming Sunday, December 25th, will be our last opportunity to enjoy the beauty of our fully decorated sanctuary celebrating our Savior's glorious birth. What a joy it has been to worship our newborn King with the lighting of the Advent candles, prayers, the reading of scriptures, and singing all those precious songs of His birth.

For some reason, undecorating is just not as much fun as it was to decorate. We ask that if you decorated an area, please remove those decorations at your convenience after this Sunday, Christmas Day, and before the following Sunday, New Year's Day. Marty Terry will have our decoration boxes out for your use, and will also return them to the Christmas supply closet after you have filled them. As you are able, please return any gold poinsettia pot covers to the Welcome Center for reuse next year. Thank you all for freely giving your time and energy to make God's house so welcoming for the newborn king, Jesus.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



Our Christmas offering opportunity goes through the end of December. Our goal is \$2,000. There are offering envelopes in the pews for your use. Make checks payable to CRBC and write *Lottie Moon* on the memo line. To donate online, select *Lottie Moon* as you fund choice when you click this link:

<https://www.creedmoorroadbaptist.com/givenow.html>

The Numbers from Last Sunday

Last Sunday, there were 34 in worship. Giving totaled \$1,175 and Lottie Moon: \$385. To date, we have collected \$970 toward our goal of \$2,000 for the IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Thank you!

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5 - Liz Outlaw

No Newsletter Next Week

A Christmas Story

This, the Candy Cane

The CANDY CANE represents one of the oldest symbols of Christmas - the shepherd's crook, for the shepherds were among the first to experience that first Christmas.

The colors of the CANDY CANE have special meaning, too. The wide red stripe represents the sacrifice of Christ. "For with His stripes we are healed." The narrow red stripe represent our own sacrifices (*giving*). The white stripe is a symbol of purity.

The peppermint plant is a member of the hyssop family, referred to in the Old Testament as a medicinal herb used for cleansing.

As you eat your CANDY CANE, you might want to break it (*as Christ's body was broken for you*) and share it with a friend, thus sharing in the sweetness of the true meaning of Christmas. — *Author Unknown*

To CRBC family and friends:
 On behalf of the entire Gregory family, we'd like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous, healthy, and Happy New Year! May God bless you all during this celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
 We love you all!!
 the Gregorys



For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. — Isaiah 9:6

LAST SUNDAY TO PICK UP CARDS

This Week

Next Week



Sunday, December 25



Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

Why Jesus Came; the Advent of Christ:

Why a Baby?

Luke 2:1-7

*Rev. Michael Carter
 (Also on YouTube)*



Note Special Service Time –10AM

No Children's Church this Sunday

No Gospel Project this Sunday



Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day



10:00am The Gospel Project

Take Refuge in the Lord:

A People Returned

Ezra 1-2

11:00am Sunday Worship Service

The 23rd Psalm:

The Good Shepherd - Part 1

Psalm 23

Pastor Danny Estave

(Also on YouTube)

