



CREEDMOOR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Creedmoor Road Baptist Church - 6001 Creedmoor Road - Raleigh, NC 27612-2208
CreedmoorRoadBaptist.com | CreedmoorRoadBaptist@gmail.com | 919.787.3317

December 3, 2023

This Sunday at CRBC

Advent is more than a story. When properly understood, it radically transforms lives. But to truly understand Advent, we must start at the very beginning. This Sunday, CRBC Pastor Danny Estave goes back to *Genesis* to discuss *The Need* for Advent.

Worship with us at 11AM at CRBC (*also on YouTube*).

Advent - Preparing Our Hearts for the Christmas Season

This Sunday, December 3rd, is the first Sunday of Advent. *Advent* refers to the start of an event or the arrival of a person. In Christian communities around the world, Advent is a four week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. It's a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and his return at the Second Coming.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins — Matthew 1:21

During Advent, we celebrate a new coming. We celebrate a new arrival, the arrival of a baby born in a stable... the arrival of new life to a young, bewildered couple; a baby who is the gift of grace; a baby, yet a King; the arrival of a new life for us; the arrival of a new kingdom.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life — John 3:16

Please spend time during Advent remembering God's promises of hope, peace, joy, and love that we have through Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit renew His work in conforming each of us into the image of Christ.

Planning for the Future of CRBC Requires Your Prayers

As was shared at our Church Conference in November, CRBC has formed a team that will help us create a vision and a strategy for the future of our church. This team will work through a process with a set of "tools" provided by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. It is a year-long program where the team will use these "tools" to form a strategy and a vision for our church.

Our first meeting was Monday, November 13th, where we met our state convention representative, were introduced to the process, and subsequently given our first tool, "The Local Predicament." Each team member is working through this tool individually before we meet again to work through it as a team. This tool is designed to guide us in understanding the specific challenges that our surrounding community is facing. Understanding these needs and challenges will help us to determine how we can best minister to our neighbors.

This program will amount to nothing without the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout this process. Therefore, the most important activity over the next year, not only from the team, but from all of CRBC, is to pray. So please continue to pray. **Pray** for God to guide us all through this process. **Pray** that God will help the team see clearly the needs of our community and the direction for our church to take to meet these needs. **Pray** for a spirit of unity in the team and in the church.

Thank you for your continued prayers, The team looks forward to providing progress updates in the coming months. The team consists of Pastor Danny, Lee Elledge, Mary Lynn Elledge, Courtne Estave, and David Yarborough,

The Numbers from Sunday

Last Sunday, there were 35 in worship. Giving to CRBC totaled \$1,075.



STAFF

Rev. Danny Estave
Senior Pastor
256.710.2312 (Cell)
destave@yahoo.com

Mike Gregory
Music Director
919.349.0511 (Cell)
m.gregory99@yahoo.com

Birthdays

- 3 - Lynn Harvey
- 4 - Neena Fortune
- 5 - Claudette Hall
- 7 - James Stewart

SOCKS FOR SOULS
Through
December
17th



Prayer Points

- Thank God for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus.
- Thank God for Jesus coming to meet our greatest need, forgiveness of our sins, so that we can be made right with God.
- Ask God to give us strength so that we can share this hope in our homes, our communities, our work, and our world.
- Pray as CRBC plans for the future, specifically:
 - ⇒ Pray for God to guide us all through this process.
 - ⇒ Pray that God will help the team see clearly the needs of our community and the direction for our church to take in order to meet these needs.
 - ⇒ Pray for a spirit of unity in the team and in the church.

If you have prayer requests for next week's newsletter, please share them with CRBC Pastor Danny Estave or the church office. The contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter.

This Week



Upcoming Weeks

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Lottie Moon Post Office Opens

10:00am The Gospel Project

I Am with You Always:

Scriptures Are Confirmed

Luke 24

11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Advent 2023:


The Need

Genesis 6:5-8

with Pastor Danny Estave

(Also on YouTube)

Tuesday, December 5

1:00pm JOY Club 
@CRBC

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am The Gospel Project

11:00am Morning Worship Service

Saturday, December 16



2:00pm Margaret Wheeler Missionary Circle

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Last Sunday for Socks for Souls

10:00am The Gospel Project

11:00am Morning Worship Service



Monday, December 18 - Friday December 22

Operation Light It Up



Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00am The Gospel Project

11:00am Morning Worship Service

4:00pm Christmas Eve Service



Monday, December 25

Christmas Day