

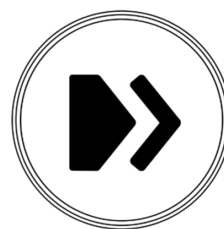
# The Encourager

December 2024



Check out this month's edition of The Encourager!

Included are the December birthdays of our church family. The events that will be happening this month and events you will want to take note of!



## FIRST CAL

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### Weekly Schedule:

#### Sunday

9:15 AM - Grow Groups

10:30 AM - Gather

Worship Service

#### Wednesday

6:00 PM - Adult Prayer  
Meeting

6:00 PM - Youth & Children  
Activities

### Office Hours:

MONDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

TUESDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

WEDNESDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

THURSDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

FRIDAY CLOSED

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Handbell  
Concert  
&  
Potluck dinner  
December 22nd @ 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE  
*Candlelight*  
SERVICE  
3:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Coffee & Donuts  
Now only the First Sunday  
of the month!

### 2023 & 2024 COMPARISON

Attendance

2023 - 185

2024 - 392

3rd Quarter Finance

2023 - \$156,553.97

2024 - \$179,739.78



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First Cal Kids



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upcoming  
EVENTS

December 14th @ 11 PM  
THE CALHOUN

# CHRISTMAS PARADE

~ Children's Christmas Program ~  
December 15th @ 10:30 AM



- Christmas Pajama Party -  
Sunday  
December 22nd  
@ 5:30 PM



## OUR SCHEDULE!



### KIDS GROW GROUP

CLASSES

SUNDAY @ 9:15

Wee

Pre K  
(must be potty  
trained)

Rainbow

Kindergarten

Clouds

1st and 2nd  
grades

Blast

3rd - 5th  
grades

Nursery

Babies and Toddlers  
0 - 3 years

## Wee Worship

Who?

CHILDREN  
PRE K  
THROUGH  
SECOND GRADE  
(3RD-5TH GO TO  
REGULAR WORSHIP)

When?

10:30-11:30  
during Regular  
Morning Worship  
Service

What?

LEARNING STATIONS  
BIBLE STORY  
CRAFTS  
GAMES  
KIDS' WORSHIP MUSIC  
MORE!

WANT MORE INFO?  
CONTACT OUR  
DIRECTOR  
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JOIN US  
6:00-7:15 PM



WHOLE GROUP  
WORSHIP  
GAMES  
SNACKS

SPLIT INTO SMALL  
GROUP ROTATIONS  
BASED ON GRADE  
LEVEL

WEDNESDAYS

CRAFTS  
ROTATION  
FOR  
PRE-K  
1ST/2ND

BIBLE STUDY  
DIVIDED BY AGE  
PRE-K/KINDER  
1ST/2ND  
3RD-5TH

NURSERY  
AVAILABLE  
FOR  
0-3 YEARS

# Weekly Schedule:

## Sunday

Coffee @ 8:30 AM  
Grow Groups @ 9:15 AM  
Worship @ 10:30 AM

## Wednesday

Worship @ 6:00 PM



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First Cal Student Ministry



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## Answers (November)

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|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Across</b> | <b>Down</b>    |             |
| 1. Church     | 7. Turkey      | 4. Stuffing |
| 3. Parades    | 8. Maize       | 5. Spices   |
| 6. Family     | 9. Pilgrims    | 10. Prayer  |
|               | 2. Gravy       | 11. Yam     |
|               | 3. Pumpkin Pie |             |

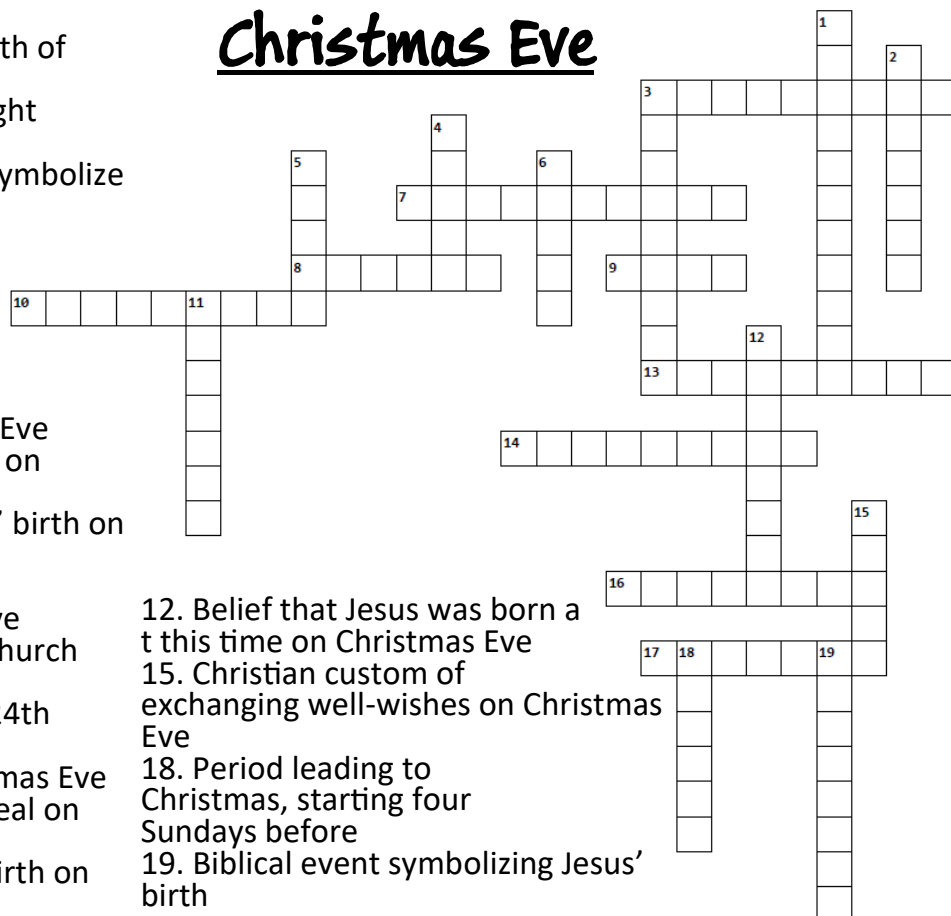
## **ACROSS**

3. Christian sacrament representing the birth of Jesus  
7. Christian Custom of attending a candlelight procession on Christmas Eve  
8. Christian practice of lighting candles to symbolize Jesus as the Light of the World  
9. Christian symbol associated with the guiding star of Bethlehem  
10. Christian belief in joyous celebration on Christmas Eve  
13. Reading passages from the Bible on Christmas Eve  
14. Special Christian worship on Christmas Eve  
16. Christian belief in prayer and reflection on Christmas Eve  
17. Christian tradition of dramatizing Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve

## **DOWN**

1. Service often conducted on Christmas Eve  
2. Christian custom of attending a special church service on Christmas Eve  
3. Eve Christian celebration on December 24th  
4. Traditional hymn sung on Christmas Eve  
5. Christian concept associated with Christmas Eve  
6. Christian tradition of sharing a festive meal on Christmas Eve  
11. Christian belief in reflecting on Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve.

## Christmas Eve



12. Belief that Jesus was born at this time on Christmas Eve  
15. Christian custom of exchanging well-wishes on Christmas Eve  
18. Period leading to Christmas, starting four Sundays before  
19. Biblical event symbolizing Jesus' birth



# December Birthdays

2nd - Renee Redding & Quentin Whitaker

3rd - **Brandon Reeder**

4th - Jennell Williams & Pam Tanner

5th - Addison Spoon

6th - **David Cummings & Tonya Stamey**

7th - Jeannie Oetgen, Tommy Williams, Carrie Miller  
& Tonya Ballard

9th - Eugene Bass & Joy Wall

10th - **Kacey Porter**

11th - Wyatt Johnston, Christina Travis, & Rachel Minter

12th - Judy Watson & John Smith

13th - **G.E. Underwood & Emma Bass**

15th - Phoebe Stamey

18th - Bridgette Summerville & Taylor Beaver

20th - **Pricilla Purdy & Jean Roberts**

21st - Kathy Milstead, Jesse Parks, Jason Turner, Ayden Blakely,  
Kayla Chapman, Stella Spoon, & Carol Brown

22nd - Drew Thomas

25th - **Latasha Givens**

26th - Sue Parker, Carolyn Fuller & Kameron Harper

27th - Mike Travis & Eric Green

28th - **Michelle Goodwin & Derek Trichelle**

29th - Sherri Johnston, Billy Nance, Sarah Minter,  
Beverly McManus, & Matthew McElroy

31st - Alli Smith & Ella Sue Petch