



KIMBALL'S WEEKLY NEWS

December 31, 2023



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God.

The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Today is the final day that Don Simmons will be with us as our Music Director. Don will be retiring today after being with us since 2015. We wish Don and Kay all our best, and invite you to join us immediately following today's Worship Service for a reception for Don in the Commons, so that we might express our love, appreciation, and support to him for his ministry among us these past years!

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Pastor Joe Tallent to the Glory of God and in memory of his parents, Dock and Hazel Tallant who would have celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary today.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday 12/31

10:00 am Combined Worship
11:15 am Reception for Don Simmons

Monday 1/01

Church Office Closed

Wednesday 1/03

6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble

Thursday 1/04

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Sunday 1/07

7:15 am Men's Breakfast
8:30 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Joe Gribble SS
10:00 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Traditional Worship
6:00 pm Epiphany Dinner

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY of the Christmas Season, as we continue our 12 day celebration of Christmas. We also want to wish all our members and friends a Happy New Year! Please remember that we return to two worship services (8:30 and 11:00) next Sunday morning, and we resume Sunday School and Faith Formation. We hope you'll join us.



Epiphany Dinner

January 7, 2024

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Our Epiphany Celebration is next Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm, sponsored by our Young Adult

Sunday School Class. We will enjoy a time of good food (Soup and Sandwich Supper) and fellowship - including the Three Kings Cake. You will also have an opportunity to meet our new Music Director, Brian Sevison. A nursery is provided...it will NOT be a late evening. We hope you can join us! Fill out the insert in today's bulletin if you plan to attend.

COMMITMENT CARDS / TIME AND TALENT

If you have not turned in your 2024 Commitment Cards or Time and Talent form, please do so as soon as possible. They are available from our ushers and can be placed in the offering plates, or you may bring them by or mail them to the Church Office. Thank you for your commitment to Christ's Church.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

All names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson
Jerry Beam
Becky Brantley
Brad Brothers
Sharon and Doug Brothers
Brenda Brown
Mabel Brown
Buttner Family
Florence Calandra
Jean Davis
Mary Dorton
Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
Teresa Erwin
Caleb Falls
Ava Farris
Shelly Farris
Judy Ferguson
Liz Fisher
Fran and Keith Garver
Leigh Glass
Todd Haley
Prebble Henrickson
Bob Hill and Family
Teresa Erwin
Tim and Huyla Jackson
David and Diana Keck, Sr.
Eric and Jenny Jones
Steve and Peggy Lynch
Ed MacTaggart
Dianne Marlin
Margaret McCombs
Taylor and Kaylee Murph
Hunter and Holden Patterson
John Patterson
Marty and Perriann Payne
John Pendleton
Louise Propst
Andy, Lisa, Grace, and Blake
Robinson
Joe Saullo
Juanene Savage
Kathy and Cliff Scott
Betty Shaver
Roger Sizemore
Conrad Sloop
Earlene Snipes
Mary Jo Snipes
Gaye St. John
Sarah Teumer
Randy Triage
John Troutman
Betty Walker

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike and Laura Abernathy
Dana Absher
Fay Absher
Richard and Peggy Barlowe
Hans and John Bengston
DeBerry and Judy Blackwelder
Dennis Blackwelder
Margaret Blackwelder
Beth Bobrek
Janey Bryant
Charlie Buttne
Florence Calandra
Family of Jacob Cole
Ben Davenport
Mike Davis
Val and Judy Edwards
Will Fesperman
Rev. Michael Frye
Brandt Goodnight
Tommy Graves
Julie Hagy
Jeff Hearn
Rachel Hipp
Kym Lawson
Phyllis Lee
Suzanne Lent
Love Family
Family of Rolonda Morgan
Judy Park
Dave Parker
Conner Peck
Cohen Pence
Quinn Family
Mishrelle Rayfield
Lora Rector
Gary Ritchie
Gerri Ruane
Alisha Ryan
Schiferl Family
Jerry Sellers
Marsha Scott
David Shippel
Family of Deanna Shue
Steve Smith
Pete Stone
Gary Stuart
Teresa, Janet, AC, Tommy
Natale Valdez
Wiley Family
Buck and Judy Wingler
Joann and Albert Wingler
Barbara Wise

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busted, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Dustin Gatz (Serbia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Mike Peterson (Virginia)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

HOSPITALIZED

Louise Propst - Atrium Cabarrus
(dismissed)

Conrad Sloop - Atrium Cabarrus
(dismissed)

David Taylor - Atrium Main, Charlotte
(dismissed)

PRAYERS-SPECIAL NEEDS

If you know of a member of the congregation who is hospitalized, sick, or has special needs, contact:

Church Office @ 704-933-4101
Pastor John Futterer @ 704-699-2547
Deacon Liz Fisher @ 704-713-1758.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS COOKIE

A fantastic, wonderful "thank you" to our cookie bakers, packers, and deliverers who participated in the Operation Christmas Cookie Project this year. Seventy-two boxes of cookies were packed and distributed this Christmas, bringing blessings to those who have to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 31, 2023

LECTOR

Peggy Pergola

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Alexis Nichols

ACOLYTE

Skyla Hardister

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

Paula Brandle / Karen Whitley

Bob Boynton / Terry Steinert

COMMUNION PREPARERS

David and Judy Sloan / Tammy Stearn

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

Peggy Lynch / Joyce Mallernee

GREETERS

Keith Garver / Milton, Sherri and Gracie Matheny

PROJECTION/SOUND

Tony Lippard / Milton Matheny

TELLERS

Bob Boynton / Eric Jones

REGISTER OF
ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 24, 2023

Attendance **124**

GENERAL
FUND **\$ 10,738.94**

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

ATTENDANCE

5:00 Family Service 78

11:00 Festival Service 102

Total 180

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

A total of **\$830** was received that will be split equally between CCM and Novus Ways Ministries.



Our next Youth event is Saturday, January 20th - a trip to Charlotte for lunch and a Charlotte Checkers' Hockey Game. We'll meet at Kimball Memorial at 12:30 on that Saturday. Cost is \$20 for lunch/hockey - Please turn your money in to the Church Office or speak with Deacon Liz or Pastor John about your desire to attend. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



Kimball provides a number of different options for our congregation to electronically present their offerings to the church.

BILL PAY – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball. The frequency of the check issuance and the amount of the check is determined by the individual and is easily changed.

TITHE.LY (through kimballchurch.org) – By going to our church website, individuals can present offerings through an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as recurring. There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball. Electronic offerings set up by our previous provider, Vanco, will remain in place and the change to Tithe.ly will have no impact on these items. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- Rice Krispie Treats / Little Debbie Snacks
- Canned Chicken
- Any kind of Chips
- Travel sized packs of Tissues
- Deodorant
- Combs/Brushes

RUNNING LOW:

- Diapers
- Canned Beans (Kidney, Black Beans, etc.)
- Plain Crackers / Saltines

WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF:

- Capri Sun
- Granola / Nutra-grain Bars
- Pudding
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Thanks!

Kara Hardister / Kathy Hunter

Please place your items in the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Classroom on the first floor of the educational



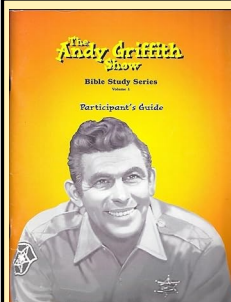
FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta (other than spaghetti), pasta sauce, rice
- Canned corn, peas, carrots, potatoes, diced tomatoes, and mixed vegetables
- Peanut butter and soup
- Any kind of canned beans (baked, chili, kidney, etc.)
- Any canned fruit (mixed, pears, pineapple, etc.)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Diapers

As always, they especially seek low sodium, no sugar-added, and whole grain items.

Currently, they have plenty of: tuna and spaghetti.

Please place your items in the containers on the ramp. Thank you!



ANDY GRIFFITH BIBLE STUDY

Pastor John begins a six week class entitled "The Andy Griffith Bible Study" beginning next Sunday morning in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom, upstairs near the nursery. If you're a young adult and not already involved in Sunday School - please join us! There is nursery care during the Sunday School Hour...please join us!

BE THE LIGHT SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We'll receive special offerings on the four Sundays in January for the "Be the Light" Campaign, which is finishing up in 2024 for Kimball Memorial. We have plans to meet our goal during this year - hopefully during the month of January. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin during the upcoming month - your gifts will be most appreciated!

KIMBALL STAFF

Rev. John Futterer, Senior Pastor
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Deacon Liz Fisher, Minister of Word & Service
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Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator
churchoffice@kimballchurch.org

Dr. Don Simmons, DSM, Music Director
(Chancel Choir / Handbells) and Accompanist
musicdon2@yahoo.com

Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus
Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita