



# KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 8, 2024



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

## FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar today are given by Mickey and Paula Brandle to the Glory of God and in honor of their daughter, Rachel Gatz's birthday on December 7th.



## CARVER ANGEL TREE

We are excited with your response. There are only 5 angles left to be adopted.



Sign up by scanning the QR code.

## THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

### Sunday 12/8

7:15a Men's Breakfast  
8:30a Contemporary Worship  
*Breakfast Available before Meeting*  
10:00a Congregational Meeting  
10:00a Christmas Play Practice  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
12:15p Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday 12/11

10:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday 12/12

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

### Friday 12/13

12:00 - 2:00 pm Lutheran Services Carolinas' Christmas Party

### Sunday 12/15

8:30a Contemporary Worship  
10:00a Adult / HS-MS Sunday School  
10:00a Christmas Play Practice  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
12:15p Handbell Rehearsal  
4:45p HS/MS Progressive Dinner

## STAFF GIFTS

Offerings for staff end of year gifts will be received Sunday. Checks should be payable to Kimball Lutheran and earmarked for "Staff Gifts."

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes have been cancelled for this afternoon. Classes will resume in January, and parents will receive an updated schedule before the new year.

## GIFT CARDS

\$20 Grocery Store/Fast Food gift cards are needed for Samaritan's Table to hand out during the Christmas Season. You may bring these gift cards by the Church Office during regular business hours, or give them to an usher at a Sunday morning worship service.

## TIME AND TALENT 2025

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are included in today's bulletin. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve at Kimball next year. Completing the cards helps in scheduling and making sure that we utilize your gifts in ministry.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

*Progressive Dinner*



Our High School / Middle School progressive dinner is next Sunday. We'll meet at the church at 4:45, with all youth members asked to bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange. We'll call parents when we return to Kimball following the dinner.

# WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

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

## KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson  
 Robin Ballard / Andy Ballard  
 Jerry and Pat Beam  
 Howard / Diana Bentley  
 Sylvia Binnon  
 Becky Brantley  
 Brad Brothers  
 Sharon and Doug Brothers  
 Brenda Brown  
 Buttner Family  
 Florence Calandra  
 Emily Clamser  
 Jean Davis  
 Mary Dorton  
 Lisa and Eddie Dunlow  
 Emily Clamser  
 Teresa Erwin  
 Shelly and Ava Farris  
 Liz Fisher  
 Pastor John and Anne Futterer  
 Fran and Keith Garver  
 Leigh and John Glass  
 Todd Haley  
 Scott and Sarah Harmon  
 Skyla & Luna Hardister  
 Susan and Jim Harris  
 Prebble Henrickson  
 Kathy and Mike Hunter  
 Eric and Jenny Jones  
 Pr. David & Diana Keck  
 Wilma Keller  
 Steve and Peggy Lynch  
 Ed MacTaggart  
 Dianne Marlin  
 Milton Matheny  
 Margaret McCombs  
 Nathan and Kathryn Murph  
 Taylor and Kaylee Murph  
 John Pendleton  
 Peggy Pergola  
 Louise Propst  
 Betty Ritchie  
 Blake Robinson  
 Lisa Robinson  
 Kip Russell  
 Juanene Savage  
 Kathy and Cliff Scott  
 Betty Shaver  
 Roger Sizemore  
 Family of Conrad Sloop  
 Chloe Small  
 Mary Jo Snipes and Family  
 Gaye St. John  
 David and Donna Taylor  
 Sarah Teumer  
 Debbie Troutman

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Billy Absher & Family  
 Hans & John Bengstrom  
 Mildred Black  
 Dennis Blackwelder  
 Debbie Bost  
 Joe Bracey  
 Tommy Brown  
 Mae Cole & Family  
 Jeff & Pam Deaton  
 Ed & Anne Dehlin  
 Elvin Demarques  
 Doug Drye  
 Tony Duplisea  
 Teresa Eudy  
 Will Fesperman  
 Melody Fisher  
 Roger Freeze  
 Jan & Steve Garmon  
 Sue Gill  
 Tommy Graves  
 Sharon Griffin  
 Julie Hagy  
 Reese, Hannah, & Archie Hagy  
 Shirley Hathcock  
 Jeff Hearn  
 Dan Hill Family  
 Derek & Liz Hooper  
 Ryan Hooper  
 Brandy Hooven  
 Hunter & Becca Jackson  
 Danny Jennings  
 Phyllis Lee  
 Debbie Lineberry  
 Becca & Chris Loflin  
 Melanie Morgan  
 Mike Morton  
 Louise Pair  
 Paul Parker  
 David Philyaw  
 Billy Pressley  
 Will Quinn  
 Diane Rahme  
 Mishelle Rayfield  
 Ambria Rich  
 Gary Ritchie  
 Schiferl Family  
 Jerry Sellers  
 David Shippel  
 Snipes Family  
 Tallie Stancil  
 Gary Stuart  
 Briana Sutphin  
 Trang Tran  
 Nick Wagner  
 Pat & Lil Wagner  
 Joann & Albert Wingler  
 Judy & Buck Wingler  
 Presidential Transition

## MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Mason Hott (Texas)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (North Carolina)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

### 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.

### HOSPITAL REPORT

**Mary Lee Blackwelder**—Novant  
 Huntersville

**Lisa Dunlow** - Gateway Surgical Center  
 (discharged)

**Gaye St. John** - Atrium Main, Charlotte

**Jean Davis** - Palliative Care at Home

### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to: the Family and Friends of Andy Ballard, who passed away on November 24th. Funeral Services were held here at Kimball Memorial yesterday; and to the Family and Friends of John Pendleton, who departed this life on December 2nd. The funeral service for John will be this afternoon at 2:30 at Kimball Memorial, with a time of visitation with the family from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM today in the Commons; and to the Family and Friends of Leigh Glass, who passed away on this past Wednesday. Funeral services had not yet been planned at the time our bulletin was completed - we will keep the congregation informed on funeral plans for Leigh. We remember the Hope and Promise of the Resurrection in this Advent Season, and entrust these dear ones to God's care and comfort.

## SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30		11:00	
	8-Dec	15-Dec	8-Dec	15-Dec
<b>Lectors</b>	Lauren Nichols	Ava Ramsey	Michelle Nichols	Sally Peterson
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	David Sloan	Donna Taylor	Bob Boynton	Lindsay Daugherty
<b>Acolytes</b>	Anniston Wheatley	Lucy Miller	Skyla Hardister	Knox Christenson
<b>Sound</b>	Keith Garver	Rick Teumer	Milton Matheny	Terry Steinert
<b>Camera/Projection</b>	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter
<b>Greeters</b>	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns	Tim / Huyla Jackson	Tim / Huyla Jackson
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley	Heidi Lee / Terry Steinert	Sally Peterson / Terry Steinert
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Scott Harmon	Scott Harmon	Anne Futterer	Anne Futterer
<b>Communion Prep</b>	David / Judy Sloan	David / Judy Sloan	Tony Lippard / Anne Futterer	Tony Lippard / Anne Futterer
<b>Tellers</b>	David / Donna Taylor			
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Amy Black			

## ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—DEC. 1, 2024

In-Person	151
Online	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$7,969.00</b>

**OFFERING:** The Offering Plates are located in the narthex, at the entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience. Or you may give online. Thank you!

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Dec 11** Keith Garver

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion.

**This Week's Facilitator:** Pastor John



## COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card for 2025, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Additional cards are available from the ushers. **THANK YOU** in advance for your support of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church!

**WITH GREAT JOY** we welcomed Franklin Ian Myrick and Rosalea Isla Myrick into membership on December 2nd, via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. These twins are the children of Cody and Maryn Myrick of our congregation, and they were born on February 5th, 2023. Carter Myrick is the proud and helpful big brother; uncles Austin Myrick and Dillon Myrick served as sponsors. We rejoice with this family at this blessed time!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS



**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.

**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. 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

Your gifts to the Blessing Box are always appreciated - if you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

- Water\*
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna
- Soup
- Rice Krispie Treats\*
- Granola and Nutri-grain bars
- Shelf Stable Milk\*
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pop-Tarts
- Soap\* / Deodorant\* / Lotion
- Wipes / Diapers

Now that the weather is in transition we are in great need of gently used blankets, sleeping bags and coats. Please place them on the couch in the blessing box room.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Play are each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. The play will be presented on December 22 at 5:00 pm.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Commons, arranged alphabetically. If you normally contribute online or through automatic bank check, you will not find physical envelopes for yourself unless you desire. If you still want envelopes, please notify the church office. Also, the first envelope in the pack is for an initial offering of \$5 to offset the cost of the envelopes if you desire. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Kimball Memorial.



### SCAN TO GIVE

Open your camera app on your phone, point at QR Code and then touch link that pops up.

Generous giving enables Kimball to plan and carry out its mission:

- ♦ To reach out to all God's children within the world,
- ♦ Accepting and teaching them the unconditional love and grace of Jesus,
- ♦ So that they grow as disciples and experience and share God's love.

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[www.kimballchurch.org](http://www.kimballchurch.org)  
704-933-4101

## SCAN TO GIVE

Forgot your checkbook, don't have cash with you? These Scan to Give cards are located in the pews in the sanctuary and provide an easy way to contribute to Kimball. Just open the camera app on your cell phone, point to the QR code, click on the link that appears and it will take you to our secure online Tithe.ly giving site. Thank you!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

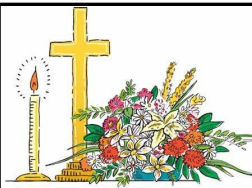


### December 8 Congregational Annual Meeting

10:00 am between services

1. Vote on nominations for Council
2. Approve the 2025 Budget.
3. Adopt revised Endowment Bylaws

The Lutheran Men have graciously offered to serve breakfast to anyone staying after the 8:30 service or coming early to the 11:00 service to attend the Congregational Meeting at 10:00.



## 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar for 2025 is up in the narthex for your use. Please use this chart to reserve flowers on Sundays during the upcoming year. Thank you!



## KIMBALL STAFF

Rev. John Futterer, Senior Pastor  
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Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus