



KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 28, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the Altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of Sydney Bradford (12/28) and Colson Bradford (01/02) birthdays.



IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we confirm five of our young people this morning (to add to the three we confirmed in August!). Today's confirmands are: Reagan Cauthen, an 8th grader at Harris Road Middle School; Riley Dodson, an 8th grader at Kannapolis Middle School; Colby Miller, a 9th grader at Pine Lake Preparatory School; Gus Miller - a 9th grader at Pine Lake Preparatory School; Hunter Murph, an 8th grader at Kannapolis Middle School. All of these young people are active and involved in our Youth Group at Kimball Memorial. We rejoice to receive them as adult members of the Church as they affirm their Baptism in today's worship service.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday December 28

10:00 am Combined Worship Service

Monday December 29

Church Office Closed

Tuesday December 30

12:00-3:00 pm HS/MS Lunch and Movie

Wednesday December 31

New Year's Eve

Office Closes at Noon

Thursday January 1

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Sunday January 4

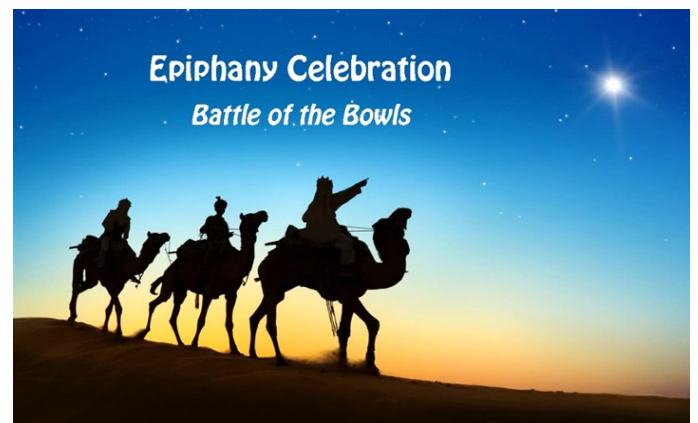
8:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Adult/ HS/MS Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION DINNER

January 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR UPCOMING EPIPHANY celebration and soup/sandwich supper...on Sunday evening, January 11th at 5:30 PM. Included in the festivities will be the "putting away" of the Carols for another year, and a special 3 Kings Cake for dessert. Please let either Emily Clamser (910-612-5522) or Whitney Hesley (704-796-9337) know if you plan to make soup. We hope that you'll join us - a nursery is provided!

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Family and Friends names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie and Lonny Adair
 Sylvia Anderson
 Susan Bame
 Jerry and Pat Beam
 Sherri Bennett
 Howard and Diana Bentley
 Silvia Binnon
 Robin Ballard
 Allen Brantley
 Brad Brothers
 Sharon and Doug Brothers
 Florence Calandra
 Bretta Dodson
 Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
 Betsy Ellington-Boynton
 Teresa Erwin
 Shelly and Ava Farris
 Liz Fisher
 Sudie Foil
 Pastor John and Anne Futterer
 Fran and Keith Garver
 John Glass
 Todd Haley
 Kara, Ryan, Luna, Skyla Hardister
 Susan and Jim Harris
 Prebble Henrickson
 Kathy and Mike Hunter
 Jackson Family
 Sherry Johnson
 Eric and Jenny Jones
 Diana Keck
 Wilma Keller
 Sarah and Skylar Kempf
 Steve and Peggy Lynch
 Ed MacTaggart
 Grace Marcus
 Dianne Marlin
 Sherri Matheny
 Margaret McCombs
 Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller
 Heather and Charlie Miller
 Pat Moser
 Murph Family
 Betty Ritchie
 Lisa Robinson
 Kip Russell
 Juanene Savage
 Kathy Scott
 Betty Shaver
 Roger Sizemore
 David Sloan and Family
 Mary Jo Snipes and Family
 Jean Tatarka
 David and Donna Taylor
 Debbie Troutman
 Betty Walker
 Gary Yount

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kelly Alexander
 Doug Angel
 Teresa Beaver
 Todd Beaver
 Hans and Jon Bengstrom
 Greg Biffle Family
 Mildred Black
 Debbie Bost
 Tommy Brown
 Cindy Casey
 Kevin & Emma Clamser
 Tim Cox
 Laura Davis
 Elvin Demarcus
 Gary Dennison
 Doug Drye
 Hamp Dulin
 Gene and Jackie Ellington
 Tony Evans
 Melva Feggins
 Abby Ferguson
 Will Fesperman
 Josh Frair
 Kaitlyn Freeman & Family
 Judy Frye
 Frida Gomez
 Tommy Graves
 Everette Green
 Patty Gurka
 Judy Harmon
 Sylvia Harrington
 Patty Harrison
 Jeff Hearn
 John & Joni Higginbotham
 Zachary Hill
 Patric Hollar
 Della Kate Hunter
 Brynn Hunter
 Cynthia Kinard
 Joe Lambert
 Phyllis Lee
 Becca & Chris Loflin
 Roz Lloyd
 Stefanie Melton & Family
 Carole & Bob Miller
 Karen Sloan Miller
 Jill Mobley
 Mike Morton
 Family of Nathan Moose
 Mark Mullinax
 Alan Orvin Family
 Paul Parker
 Denise Pegram
 Celeste and Doug Pierce
 John Poston
 William & Carla Pressley
 Carter Quinn and Family
 AC Renkin
 Gary Ritchie
 Lisa Robinson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS..CONT

GMA Rollad
 Kelly Ryan & Harper
 Jerry Sellers
 Madison Snipes
 Jeff and Janet Stancil / Tallie Stancil
 Sarah Stewart & Kingston
 Gary Stuart
 Robin Suggs
 Billy Sumlin
 Sarah & Austin Tinker
 Trinity Turgeon
 Nick Wagner
 Christine Williams / Sue Williams
 Joanne & Albert Wingler

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (Georgia)
- Sinatra Dreisbach (Nevada)
- Mason Hott (Georgia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Martin Luciano (North Carolina)
- 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

Betsy Ellington-Boynton - Carolinas Rehab NorthEast, Concord
Frankie Bogutsky - Atrium Cabarrus

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Georgann Sapp and her family at the December 22nd death of her mother, Cookie Athanaelos, a life-long member of our congregation. This funeral service will be private, and held at a later date. We remember the Hope and Promise of the Gospel, made real through the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	10:00
	28-Dec
Lectors	Diana Bentley
Worship Assistants	Liz Fisher
Acolytes	Usher
Communion Helper	TBD
Sound	Colby Miller
Projection	Gus Miller
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky Tammy Stearns
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer Todd Haley
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman
Tellers	David and Donna Taylor
Slide Prep	Amy Black

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—DEC. 21, 2025

In-Person	171
Online	78
Total Attendance	249
General Fund Offering	\$7,792

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 28	Sydney Bradford Charlie Buttner Nathan Carpenter
Dec. 30	Jerry Beam Knox Christenson TR Rolland
Jan. 01	Kathryn Murph
Jan. 02	Colson Bradford Ashley Matson
Jan. 03	Iris Keith

COMMITMENT CARDS If you have not turned in your 2026 Commitment Card, we encourage you to do soon. They are available from the ushers this morning, or from the Church Office. We are hopeful that cards will be completed this month as we look to our opportunities for ministry in the coming year. **THANK YOU!**

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS are in the bulletin today for 2026. These inserts will be available on Sunday mornings for the month of December. Please take a moment to prayerfully fill one out for the coming year. **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who do so much for this congregation. You are noticed and appreciated!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 are in the Commons this morning for pick-up. Many members are now giving on-line, but if you would like a box of envelopes for the coming year and do not have one, please call the Church Office and one will gladly be provided.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

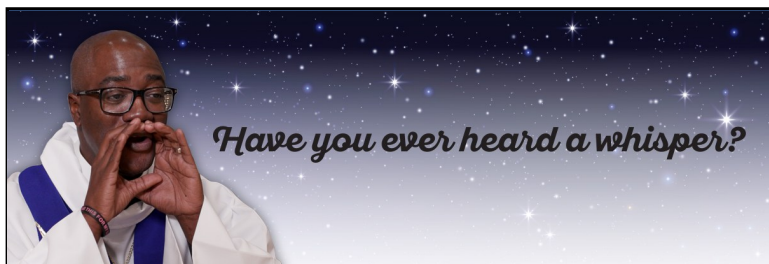
BILL PAY — Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball.

TITHE.LY (through kimballchurch.org) — By going to our church website or using *Scan to Give cards* (found in pew racks,) 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. 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.



FAITH FORMATION VOLUNEERS

Help pass along your faith to the children of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. We are working on signups for volunteers for 2026. Scan this QR code to help. It will not only be a blessing for our children but for you as well!



Have you ever heard a whisper?

This Christmas, listen closely. The heavens are still whispering: "Jesus is here. God loves you. Share that love with the world."

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop, ELCA



Watch Now

Christmas reminds us that God often whispers

Yehiel Curry
ELCA Presiding Bishop

OFFERINGS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE by Wednesday, December 31st, or postmarked by that date if mailed in. Please consider a Holiday Gift to your church as the New Year approaches. Turning in your 2026 financial commitments, completing your Time and Talent Sheets, and picking up your 2026 Offering Envelopes in the Commons, will be most appreciated! Please note that the church office will be closed on New Year's Day, and that we will resume with two services next Sunday, January 4th.

THANK YOU

The Staff of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church wishes to thank the congregation for all their gifts and thoughtfulness during this Holiday Season. It is a joy for us to be in ministry with you in this place! Blessings to each of you in this coming New Year.

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are the chair or coordinator of a ministry committee/area it's that time of year again when we compile our Annual Reports. Please send these to the church office as soon as possible.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

In liturgical churches such as Kimball Memorial, the Christmas Season lasts for Twelve Days, time enough for the calling birds, gold rings, and pipers piping! For today and next Sunday, the church celebrates the Christmas Season as we continue to sing carols and have scriptural lessons that speak to the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We trust that your Holiday Celebrations have been and are good and joyous.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
HS/MS Lunch & Movie
12:00–3:00 pm

Before we ring in the New Year, we'll gather for lunch and a movie day at church! A relaxing afternoon to unwind, share some popcorn, and look back on an amazing year of faith, fun, and friendship together.

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