



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

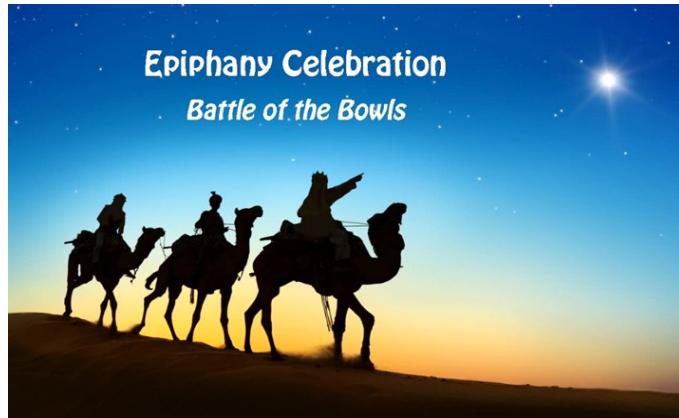
8:30 am Contemporary Worship

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

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.

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.



FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

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!



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



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.



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