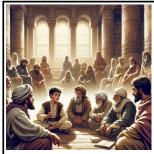


# KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS December 29, 2024





## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to

sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

### THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

## **Sunday 12/29**

9:00 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am Combined Worship

## Wednesday 01/01

Office Closed

### Thursday 01/02

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

#### **Sunday 01/05**

8:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Formation

11:00 am Traditional Worhsip

#### **THANK YOU!**

The staff of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church wishes to thank our Members and Friends for the many expressions of love this Holiday Season. We appreciate your Kindness and Love so very much!



# **FLOWERS**

The Christmas Roses are given in memory of Mike and Terry Fisher, Leigh McDaniel Glass, Janet, and A. L. McDaniel, and to the glory of Christ's birth. Given by their children and grandchildren. Christmas was always their favorite time of year, we miss you all!!!



# EPIPHANY CELEBRATION 6:00 pm—Sunday, Jan. 5th

Please join us for an evening of good fun and fellowship as we gather together with our

Church Family on Sunday evening, January 5th at 6:00 pm, for a supper and celebration of Epiphany. In addition to the meal, we'll "put away the carols" for another year AND enjoy a "Three Kings Cake" for Dessert - with prizes given to the "Royalty who bring forth the Gold" included in this traditional cake. It will NOT be a late evening, so we hope you will join us for an evening of food, fun, celebration, and joy as we usher in the eight week Season of Epiphany! This event is sponsored by our Table Young Adult Sunday School Class.



#### **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

Join us on Sunday morning, December 29th for a Christmas Brunch in the Commons at 9:00 am. One worship service will follow the

brunch at 10:00 am. Thank you to the Table Sunday School Class who is sponsoring this wonderful Christmas fellowship and food.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Please consider a year-end Christmas gift to your congregation! This would be most appreciated as the year comes to a close! For contributions to be counted in 2024:

- Postmarked by 12/31/24 if mailed.
- Transaction Date must be 12/31/24 or before if contributing online. (Vanco or Tithe.ly)
- Received in offering or dropped by the office by 12:00 pm on or before 12/31/24

# WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

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

# KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson Robin 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

John Glass Family

**Todd Haley** 

Scott and Sarah Harmon

Skyla & Luna Hardister

Susan and Jim Harris

Prebble Henrickson

Jodi Hott & Family

Kathy and Mike Hunter

Eric and Jenny Jones

Pr. David & Diana Keck

Wilma Keller

Steve and Peggy Lynch

Ed MacTaggart

Dianne Marlin

Margaret McCombs

Nathan and Kathryn Murph

Taylor and Kaylee Murph

Louise Propst

**Betty Ritchie** 

Blake Robinson

Lisa Robinson

Kip Russell

Juanene Savage

Kathy and Cliff Scott

**Betty Shaver** 

Roger Sizemore

David Sloan and Family

Mary Jo Snipes and Family

Gaye St. John

David and Donna Taylor

Sarah Teumer

Debbie Troutman

## **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Kelly Allen

Hans & John Bengstrom

Mildred Black

Dennis Blackwelder

Debbie Bost

Joe Bracev

Janet & George Chance

Tim Cox

Louise Current

Gary Dennison

Doug Drve

Teresa Eudy

Will Fesperman

Alisa Gibson / Kelsie Gibson

James Goodnight Family

**Tommy Graves** 

Sharon Griffin

Morgan Harrington

Jeff Hearn

Adam Hipp / Tammy Hipp

Hunter & Becca Jackson

**Danny Jennings** 

Kvle Joliff

Diane Jones

Phyllis Lee

Charles Miller

Family of Glenn Mitsch

Bethany Mocus

Billy Morgan

Griffin Morneau

Donna Morris

Mike Morton

Paul Parker

Trinity Power

Will Quinn

Carter Quinn and Family

Diane Rahme

Sunshine Rhodes

Gary Ritchie

Lisa Robinson (Andy's Sister)

Jerry Sellers

David Shippel

Snipes Family

Tallie Stancil Gary Stuart

Ethán Talamonti

Trang Tran Nick Wagner

Sue Williams

Brenda Wilson

Joann & Albert Wingler

Judy & Buck Wingler

All Who Are Alone at Christmas People of Western NC

Chuck, Mary, Tim, Summer, Pedro

# **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.

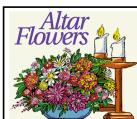
## HOSPITAL REPORT

Barry Christenson - Atrium Main, Charlotte

Betty Ritchie - Atrium Cabarrus

Louise Propst - Atrium Cabarrus (discharged)

Jean Davis - Palliative Care at Home



# 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!

# **SUNDAY MINISTERS**

	10:00	8:30	11:00
	29-Dec	05-Jan	05-Jan
Lectors	Todd Haley		
Worship Assistants	Jodie Hott		
Acolytes	Alyssa Nichols	7	
Sound	Gavin Carpenter	o Be	
Camera/ Projection	Nathan Carpenter	Dete	
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky/ Tammy Stearns	To Be Deter	mined
Council Assistants	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley		
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon		
Communion Prep	David / Judy Sloan	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	Tim & Huyla Jackson
Tellers	David / Donna Taylor	Randy / Amy Price	
Slide Prep	Amy Black	Amy	Black

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—Dec. 22, 2024		
In-Person	213	
Online	81	
Total	294	
General Fund Offering	\$15,117.00	

**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 30 Jerry Beam
Knox Christenson

Jan 01 Kathryn Murph

Jan 02 Colson Bradford
Ashley Matson

Jan 03 Iris Keith

# **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.

#### **BLESSING BOX NEEDS**

As we enter the third year of our Blessing Box ministry, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported this mission over the past two years. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our community.

With the help from the Hardister, Hunter and Murph families, our Blessing Box is now being restocked multiple times each week, and we need your help to continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors. Families, many of whom are regular visitors, depend on the items we provide. The need is great, and your donations help us share God's love in a tangible way.

A list of our most-needed items is available below, but we welcome any contributions you can offer.

- Bottled Water
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna, Soups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Individual bags of chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, Cheez-it's, etc.
- Lance Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Cereal
- Soap / Deodorant / Lotion
- Diapers / Feminine products
- Blankets, Jackets, Cardigans



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS COOKIE

What a heartwarming initiative this is, as our dedicated workers at local businesses, fire stations, police departments, and medical facilities will be delighting in the sweet taste of

holiday cheer with cookies during their shifts on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! A huge thank you to everyone as we packaged a whopping 65 boxes, each brimming with approximately three dozen delectable cookies. This act of kindness not only nourishes their bodies but also warms their hearts, reminding them that their hard work and commitment do not go unnoticed. Thank you to everyone who participated in this deliciously festive endeavor, spreading joy and gratitude in the most scrumptious way possible!

# **TIME AND TALENT 2025**

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are available from an usher or on the credenza in the narthex. 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.

#### **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 or on the credenza in the narthex. THANK YOU in advance for your support of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church!

## **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.



## KIMBALL STAFF

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Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator churchoffice@kimballchurch.org

Mickey Brandle, Treasurer treasurer@kimballchurch.org

Brian Sevison, Music Director (Chancel Choir / Handbells) and Accompanist music@kimballchurch.org

Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus