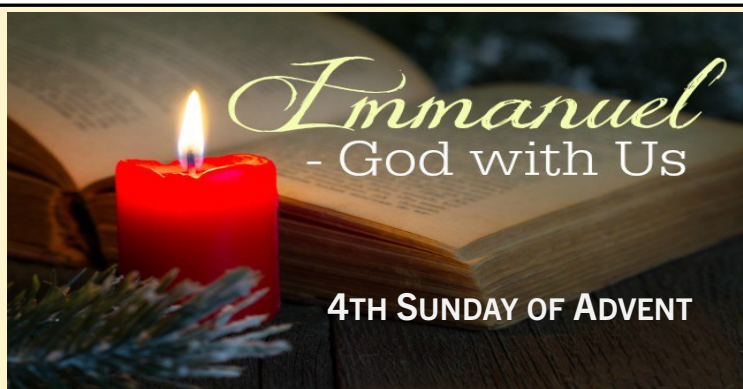




KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 21, 2025



Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the Altar are given by Tyler and Hannah Wiethorn to the Glory of God.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT KIMBALL

Services will be on Wednesday, December 24th, with a family service at 5:00 pm featuring a children's sermon and a nursery provided for this service. Our Evening Service begins with a Holiday Prelude at 10:30 pm, and the service to follow. Please note: There are carols, candlelight, and Holy Communion offered at both worship services. We do hope that you'll join us for one of these beautiful services on Christmas Eve.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS COOKIE

Today is the last chance to sign up for this wonderful holiday tradition. Please note that we will be packaging cookies on Tuesday, December 23 at 10:00 am.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday December 21

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Christmas Prog. Practice
10:00 am Adult/ HS/MS Sun School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm Handbells
2:00 pm Christmas Play Cast Arrive
5:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

Monday December 22

10:30 am Senior Food Distribution

Tuesday December 23

10:00 am Operation Christmas Cookie Packing

Wednesday December 24

5:00 am Christmas Eve Worship—Family
10:30 pm Special Music
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday December 25

Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

Friday December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday December 28

10:00 am Combined Worship Service



Offerings for staff end of year gifts will be received through December 21st. Checks should be payable to Kimball Memorial Lutheran and earmarked for "Staff Gifts" in the Memo Line.

KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2026 TIME AND TALENT



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Please note that 2026 Time and Talent sheets are available this morning from the ushers. 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!

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
 Teresa Beaver
 Hans and Jon Bengstrom
 Mildred Black
 Debbie Bost
 Tommy Brown
 Family of Cassie Cannon
 Cindy Casey
 Kevin & Emma Clamser
 Tim Cox
 Laura Davis
 Elvin Demarcus
 Gary Dennison
 Hamp Dulin
 Gene and Jackie Ellington
 Tony Evans
 Blake Fall & His Mom
 Melva Feggins
 Abby Ferguson
 Will Fesperman
 Josh Frair
 Judy Frye
 Jan & Steve Garmon
 Frida Gomez
 Tommy Graves
 Everette Green
 Patty Gurka
 Kathy & Terry Hall
 Judy Harmon
 Sylvia Harrington
 Zachary Hill
 Patric Hollar
 Derek & Lisa Hooper
 Brynn Hunter
 Gale Kelly & Family
 Cynthia Kinard
 Joe Lambert
 Phyllis Lee
 Becca & Chris Lloyd
 Roz Lloyd
 Tom Mally
 Stefanie Melton & Family
 Karen Sloan Miller
 Jill Mobley
 Billy Morgan
 Mark Mullinax
 Dana & Eddie Nicholson
 Alan Orvin Family
 Paul Parker
 Denise Pegram
 Celeste and Doug Pierce
 John Poston
 William & Carla Pressley
 Carter Quinn and Family
 Mishelle Rayfield
 Gary Ritchie
 Patricia Roberson
 Family of Bobby Roberts
 Lisa Robinson
 Kelly Ryan & Harper

FAMILY AND FRIENDS..CONT

Jerry Sellers
 Madison Snipes
 Jeff and Janet Stancil / Tallie Stancil
 Sarah Stewart & Kingston
 Gary Stuart
 Robin Suggs
 Sarah & Austin Tinker
 Trinity Turgeon
 Nick Wagner / Pat and Lil Wagner
 Buck & Jody Wingler
 Joann and 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

- **Cookie Athenalos** - Atrium Cabarrus
- **Betsy Ellington-Boynton** - Novant Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital
- **Shannon Rigsby**-Atrium Center for Specialized Surgery (*discharged*)

THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who devoted your time and talents to transform our sanctuary and Commons for the Advent/Christmas season! As we come together in this season of hope and light, let us cherish the vibrant spirit of community that shines brightly through your contributions. Thank you for being an indispensable part of our church family!

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30	11:00	10:00
	21-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec
Lectors	David Sloan	Huyla Jackson	Diana Bentley
Worship Assistants	Tim Patterson	Ben Hesley	Liz Fisher
Acolytes	TJ Black	Karly Stanwick	Usher
Communion Helper	TBD	Emma Messenger	TBD
Sound	Andy Robinson		Colby Miller
Projection	Nathan Carpenter	Gavin Carpenter	Gus Miller
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky Tammy Stearns	Tom Ramseur Joyce Mallernee	Frankie Bogutsky Tammy Stearns
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer Todd Haley	Bob Boynton Bob Hill	Rick Teumer Todd Haley
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman	Anne Futterer	Debbie Troutman
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	Tony Lippard Kathy Hunter	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. 14, 2025

In-Person	175
Online	51
Total Attendance	226
General Fund Offering	\$40,852

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 25 Ryan Hardister
Dec. 26 Jon Stanwick

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Tiece
MORNINGSIDE Betty Shaver
AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

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 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!

Advent & Christmas Services



We will keep you posted each week via phone trees, websites, bulletins, and Facebook...but here is a schedule you can refer to during the month:

- ◆ **December 21st** – regular morning worship services at 8:30 and 11:00, with Sunday School for adults and Christmas Pageant practice for our children between the services.
- ◆ **December 21st** Children's Christmas Program at 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Wednesday Night December 24th** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
 - ◆ 5:00 pm (Family Service)
 - ◆ 11:00 pm (Special music for the season begins at 10:30 pm)
- ◆ **December 28th** – One morning service at 10:00 am. No Sunday School on this morning.
- ◆ **January 4th, 2026** – Regular Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00, with Sunday School between Services. Faith Formation for Children resumes January 25th

We hope that all of our worship services are meaningful in these seasons of Advent and Christmas. If you have any questions about the schedules, please contact the Church Office. We'll look forward to seeing you in this Special Season!



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR Children's Christmas Pageant tonight at 5:00 in the Sanctuary. Hear the Christmas story told in a beautiful way with our children leading the way. Thanks to our directors, parents, grandparents and

other caring adults who have made this pageant possible.

SPECIAL REHEARSAL: On Dec 21 all cast to arrive at 2:00 for run through.

TREAT BAGS

Treat Bags at Christmas are an old tradition at Kimball Memorial, dating back to our earliest days as a congregation in what was - at that time - a mill village here in Piedmont North Carolina. How grateful we are that the Joe Gribble Sunday School Class has revisited this wonderful tradition, and is now offering them again on the Fourth Sunday in Advent. We appreciate those who purchased these gifts and put them together for distribution today.



THERE IS ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday morning, December 28th at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we celebrate the first Sunday of Christmas.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on December 25th, 26th, and 29th...and on January 1st. Offerings to be recorded to your 2025 Giving Record must be in the church office or postmarked by December 31st. Please remember that 2026 Offering Envelopes are in the Commons. As we come to the end of 2025 consider an extra gift to support the ministries here at Kimball

KIMBALL STAFF

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bssevison@gmail.com

Rev. Dr. David Keck, *Pastor Emeritus*