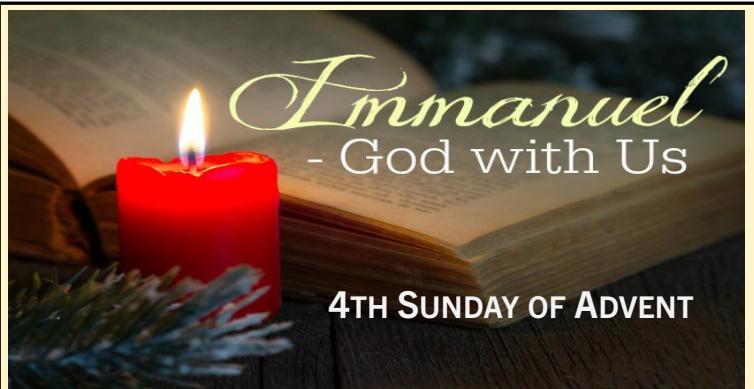




KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

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 childrens' 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.

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!



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.

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 Triece
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 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!

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.



Worship ONE

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

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