



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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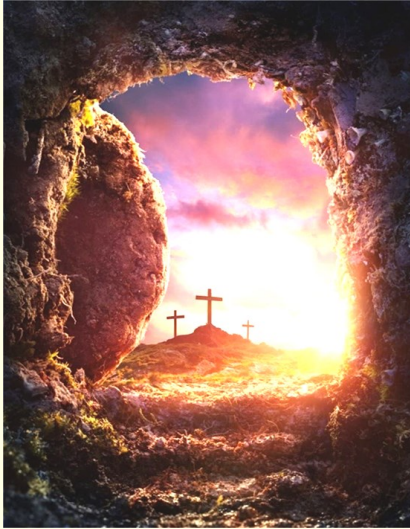
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From the Pastor....

## FULL OF EMPTINESS

There's a wonderful story that we learned in seminary – it's been used in countless sermons and Childrens' Sermons this time of year. It concerns the Sunday School teacher who asked the children in her class to bring a plastic egg on Easter Sunday, each one filled with something that symbolized the meaning of the resurrection. Easter Sunday rolled around, and the teacher took each child's egg in turn, opening it and making a

point of amplifying and reinforcing its meaning. Once child had a tiny flower, and the teacher spoke of the new life that springs forth at Easter. Another egg contained a crayoned picture of Christ, and the teacher spoke of that. Another had a small nail, and the point was made about the nails of the cross. Another had a round pebble that represented the stone that had guarded the tomb.

But the teacher was dumbfounded when she opened the egg of seven-year-old Brian...a student who struggled academically and in other areas of his life. When the teacher opened Brian's egg...there was nothing there! But not to worry, Brian spoke up and said: "It's full of emptiness-just like the tomb of Jesus". His was the best lesson of all!

As everything begins to come alive again this spring, it's my prayer for you that your faith will come alive with the Hope and Promise of Easter. As John Stott suggests: "It was Easter which transformed Peter's fear into courage and James' doubt into faith. It was Easter which changed the Sabbath into Sunday and the Jewish Remnant into the Christian Church. It was Easter which changed Saul the Pharisee into St. Paul the Apostle and turned his persecuting into preaching." May it do the same for us!

Peace and Love,



**8:30 am**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00 am**  
**Traditional**

**Online On YouTube**  
[@kimballlutheranchurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballetherranchurch6062)

## STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,  
*Senior Pastor*  
Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,  
*Parish Administrator*

Brian Sevison,  
*Music Director*

Howard Bentley,  
*Treasurer*

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,  
*Pastor Emeritus*



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **April 16 Holy Wednesday, 6:30 pm**  
Corporate Confession and Forgiveness
- **April 17 Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm**  
Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar
- **April 18 Good Friday, 6:30 pm**  
Tenebrae Service of Shadows and Darkness

## EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE



- **7:00 am** Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion
- **8:00 am** Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Lutheran Men
- **9:00 am** Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion

(Please Note: ONE Service at 9:00 am)



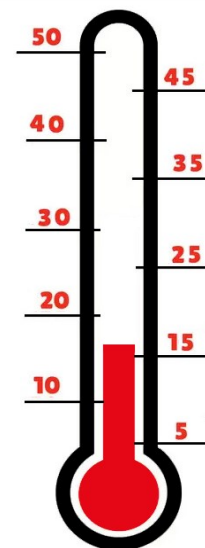
## 2025 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE JESUS – SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND

Lent provides us with the perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant, Friend...Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we have each received when Christ laid down His life for us on the cross, and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest Friend, and what each characteristic means to us as his modern day disciples.

## OUR REMAINING SCHEDULE OF LENTEN ACTIVITIES

- **Wednesday – April 2nd - 6:30 pm**  
Vespers – Jesus as Protector
- **Wednesday – April 9th – 6:30 pm**  
Vespers – Jesus as Comforter

A nursery is provided for all evening worship activities.



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LIGHT A CANDLE  
the **Lutheridge**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
PASS THE FAITH



## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

- **Kingdom Kids & 3rd–5th Grades:** Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
- **Middle & High School Class:** Library
- **Nursery:** Available during Faith Formation

We are also seeking volunteers to help lead Faith Formation sessions during the summer. If you're interested, please text Deacon Liz **704-713-1758**.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### THE TABLE CLASS

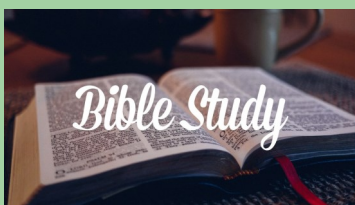
You are invited to the Table Sunday School class as we explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in the far left corner upstairs in the education wing at 10:00 am.

#### THE JOE GRIBBLE CLASS

The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.

#### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion.



#### April Facilitators

**Apr. 02** Pastor John  
**Apr. 09** Deacon Liz  
**Apr. 16** Class  
**Apr. 23** Pastor Joe  
**Apr. 30** Class



### HS/MS YOUTH

#### LUNCH & PROGRAM

**Sunday, April 6 | 12:30–2:15 pm**

All Middle and High School youth are invited to gather for lunch, fellowship, and a short program.

#### SAMARITAN'S TABLE SERVICE PROJECT

**Wednesday, April 10 | 3:30–5:30 pm**

We will prepare and serve meals for Samaritan's Table. Meet at the church between 3:30–3:45 pm to begin cooking and packing. Serving begins at 5:00 pm. Great opportunity for service hours—text Deacon Liz if you plan to participate.

#### CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME

**Saturday, April 12 | 1:30–7:30 PM**

All HS/MS youth are invited to a Charlotte Checkers hockey game! We'll leave the church at 1:30 pm, stop for "lupper" (lunch + supper), and attend the 4:00 pm game. Return time is approximately 7:30–8:00 pm. **Cost:** \$20 per person (includes ticket and meal.) Please send extra money if your youth would like snacks. Note: The arena is **cashless** (card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay only). **Sign-up deadline:** Wednesday, April 2.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Sunday, April 6 | 2:30–4:00 pm**

Our next MS Confirmation class will meet at Kimball on Sunday April 6th after our HS/MS Youth Lunch. Pick up will be at 4:00 pm.

### KINGDOM KIDS/3RD-5TH GRADERS

#### RESURRECTION EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 13 | 12:30–2:00 pm**

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We'll enjoy lunch, crafts, games, a devotion, and, of course, an exciting Easter Egg Hunt with a special visit from the *Resurrection Easter Bunny*! A sign-up sheet will be posted by April 1. **Middle and High School Youth** are invited to help hide eggs and assist with the event—great opportunity for service hours!



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/05	Buddy & Nevina CHRISTY	22
04/07	David & Donna TAYLOR	51
04/09	Tony & Paula LIPPARD	20
04/09	Tanner & Chloe SMALL	3
04/10	Morgan & Ame GUY	15
04/12	Michael & Sylvia SLOOP	61
04/16	Eddie & Lisa DUNLOW	42
04/22	Shane & Amy JOYCE	19
04/24	Dana & Dean HINSON	22
04/26	Ginger HAMILTON	11
04/28	Keith & Heidi LEE	13
04/28	Peggy & Robert PERGOLA	52
04/29	Karen & Martin MCCALL	8
04/30	Jon Todd & Jodie HOTT	31

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MILITARY

- Christopher Bame (California)
- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Utah)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

### KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson, Robin Ballard, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard / Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Mary Lee Blackwelder, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Frankie Bogutsky, Florence Calandra, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Sam & Jane Falls, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Sudie Foil, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David & Diana Keck, Tony Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs Pat Moser, 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, Randy Tallent, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman



## APRIL

01-Apr	Paula LIPPARD
	Ethan POLZIN
05-Apr	Charles CALANDRA
	Nancy DEMENY
	James DILLON
	Susan HARRIS
	Joyce MALLERNEE
	Craig NICHOLS
07-Apr	Jonathan PATTERSON
10-Apr	Tammy STEARNS
11-Apr	Tim JACKSON
12-Apr	Kelli OVERCASH
15-Apr	Zander NICHOLS
16-Apr	Tyler WIETHORN
17-Apr	Ryan KEITH
18-Apr	Eddie DUNLOW
	Carter MYRICK
22-Apr	Samantha HELMS
23-Apr	Michael SLOOP
	Elizabeth WISE
24-Apr	Kayell SCHMITT
25-Apr	Abby CARPENTER
26-Apr	Devon SCOTT
27-Apr	Jerry LAMBERT
	Taren MYRICK
28-Apr	Ann FISHER
30-Apr	Rory HESLEY

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**CAREMOOR** Aileen Tiece

**MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD** Gaye St. John / Betty Shaver

**SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE** Mary Dorton

**AVANTE OF CONCORD** Dianne Marlin

**AT HOME** Louise Propst

# APRIL SUNDAY MINISTERS

<b>8:30</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>6-Apr</b>	Lisa Robinson	Sarah Harmon	Gus Miller
<b>13-Apr</b>	Todd Haley	Darian Miller	Delaney Little
<b>20-Apr 7:00 am</b>	Diana Bentley	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Colby Miller
<b>27-Apr</b>	Fran Garver	Jodie Hott	T J Black

<b>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	
<b>2-Apr</b>	Pastor John
<b>9-Apr</b>	Deacon Liz
<b>16-Apr</b>	Class
<b>23-Apr</b>	Pastor Joe
<b>30-Apr</b>	Class

<b>11:00</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>6-Apr</b>	Tony Lippard	Jerrod Smith	Hunter Murph
<b>13-Apr</b>	Michelle Nichols	Ben Hesley	Skyla Hardister
<b>20-Apr 9:00 am</b>	Jerrod Smith	Sally Peterson	Liza Jane Lee
<b>27-Apr</b>	Pat Tallent	Lindsay Daugherty	Reagan Cauthen

<b>FLOWER CALENDAR</b>	
<b>6-Apr</b>	Available
<b>13-Apr</b>	Available
<b>20-Apr</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>27-Apr</b>	Hesley

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns	Tim & Huyla Jackson
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Rick Teumer / David Sloan	Tom Ramseur / Hannah Wiethorn
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Debbie Troutman	Joyce Mallernee
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Judy & David Sloan	Lindsay Daugherty

<b>MONTH LONG</b>	
<b>Tellers</b>	Steve & Peggy Lynch
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Amy Black

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is with great joy that we welcomed James and Lydia Dillon into membership recently, as they transferred from Lutheran Congregations in Texas and Florida. They were sponsored in membership by their Table Sunday School Class.

**Address:** 1126 Royal Creek Drive; Apt.10-1126, Kannapolis, NC **Phone:** (904-891-2442).

**James** [james.dillon50@gmail.com](mailto:james.dillon50@gmail.com)

James enjoys NASCAR, cars in general, and sports of all kinds. He is employed by Waste Management.

**Lydia** [lydia.elisabeth.west@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.elisabeth.west@gmail.com)

Lydia loves the beach, and enjoys painting and poetry.

Together the couple (newlyweds who were married this past June!) enjoy new food spots and exploring with their puppy, Daisy. We will rejoice to receive other new members in March – their information will be in upcoming bulletins and in the May Newsletter.



Every month, we host a low-cost vet clinic for dogs and cats in the KAC (Kimball Activity Center.) Services include:

- Allergies
- Dermatology
- Flea and Tick Control
- Heartworms (Dogs)
- Nutrition
- Vaccinations

The schedule will be published in the newsletter each month. Below is the schedule for February. Note that Cat Only clinics are now on Thursdays.

- **Apr. 24** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **Apr. 25** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **Apr. 26** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



### J.O.Y. Group

**FORT DOBBS OUTING**  
Wednesday, April 24 |  
10:00 am

Join us for a day of history and fellowship as we tour Fort Dobbs and enjoy a picnic lunch.

- Tours available every 45 minutes.
  - **Cost:** \$1 (Seniors/Military), \$2 (Adults)
- Bring a chair or blanket; picnic shelter available. Sign-up sheet and lunch details coming soon!



## 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.

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. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

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

## FILLED EGGS NEEDED

We are in need of filled Easter Eggs. You can fill them with candy or any other surprises. When you finish filling your eggs, you can return them inside of the blue barrel that will be in the Commons.



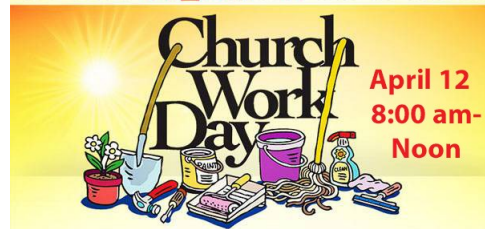
## HS/MS YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we enter the Lenten season, would you consider leading Middle and High School Sunday School one Sunday in March or April? Reach out to Hannah Wiethorn (704-301-0605) if willing. Lessons will be provided.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A grief support group will begin on Thursday, April 3rd, at 6:00 pm. The group will meet every other week at West Loop Local and follow an open-format discussion using reflection questions. Workbooks will be provided. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Hannah Wiethorn at 704-301-0605 in advance so she can prepare your materials.

It's Your **Ch\_rch & u** are needed!



An Indoor/Outdoor cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 for 8:00 am until Noon. Please bring cleaning supplies for indoor cleaning and outdoor tools (rakes, trimmers, garbage bags) for grounds work. Many hands make light work!

## BRUNCH—MARCH 30

Our Table Sunday School class is sponsoring a brunch on Sunday, March 30 at 9:00 am. Join your church family for food and fellowship before our one worship service at 10:00 am.





# Worship ONE

## March 30 at 10:00 am

*Blended Worship*





## KIMBALL KAMP

June 9-13 | June 16-20 | (Depending on interest July 23-27, 2025)  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (M-Th), 12:00 PM (Fri)

- ♦ For Ages: Preschool – 8th Grade
- ♦ Faith, Fun, Crafts, Games, Worship & More!

Affordable Pricing!  
☒ \$200 per week | ☒ \$350 for 2 weeks | ☒ \$450 for 3 weeks  
☒ Scholarships Available!

### Kimball Kamp Day Camp 2025

- Why Choose Kimball Kamp?
- ✓ Christ-centered summer fun!
  - ✓ Engaging weekly themes, crafts, games & worship
  - ✓ Age-appropriate learning & activities
  - ✓ A safe, supportive environment for all campers
- ♦ Spots Are Limited – Secure Yours Today!



### LUTHERIDGE SUMMER CAMP

June 22—27

Lutheridge Summer Camp will be held from June 22nd to 27th, 2025. Please register by March 16th by contacting Deacon Liz. Transportation is via charter bus with a maximum of 30 youth. Costs vary by program, though efforts will be made to secure scholarships to reduce the fee to \$350 per child. Payment schedule will be: \$100 on March 16th, \$100 on April 13th, and \$150 on May 18th. For scholarship assistance, please reach out to Deacon Liz or Pastor John.

#### Ways to Pay

- Check (through the offering and earmark it Lutheridge Summer Camp)
- Online-Tithe.ly <https://tinyurl.com/dndb9ahn> you can also find the link on our webpage at [www.kimballchurch.org](http://www.kimballchurch.org) and click giving. Pull down the menu and choose Lutheridge Camp.

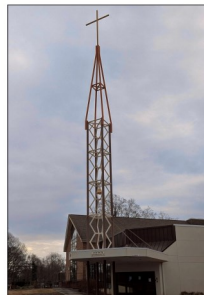
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Member Directory  
March 2025

### 2024 ANNUAL REPORT / 2025 MEMBER DIRECTORY

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REPORTS OF 2024 MINISTRY

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Member Directory were emailed to all members last week. A limited number of printed copies are available in the Narthex.

### KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS



#### Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: April 1 10:00 am

Host: Meets in Church Parlor

### WELCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Any young women of our congregation, who choose to further their post-high school education are invited to apply for the WELCA scholarship. The Scholarship shall be for one year only and in non-renewable. Each applicant shall submit the completed form to Kimball WELCA by May 1st before their high school graduation. An application may be picked up in the church office.



# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Book Club	<b>2</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table 6:00p Grief Support Grp.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Lent 51</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:30p HS/MS Lunch & Program 2:30p Confirmation	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Lenten Worship 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> 3:30p HS/MS Samaritan's Table Prep 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:30p HS/MS Youth Charlotte Checkers Game
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:30p Easter Egg Hunt	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	<b>16</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Corporate Confession 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>Maundy Thursday 17</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table 6:30p Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>Good Friday 18</b> 6:30p Good Friday Worship	<b>19</b>
<b>Easter Day</b> 7:00a Sunrise Worship 8:00a Breakfast 9:00a Combined Worship	<b>21</b> Easter Monday Office Closed	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> 10:00a JOY-Ft. Dobbs 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	<b>25</b> 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	<b>26</b> 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
<b>Easter 2</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>28</b> 6:30p Preschool Brd	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir			



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