



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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THANK YOU!

The staff of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church wishes to thank our members and friends for the very generous Holiday Bonuses presented to us at morning worship on Sunday, December 29th. As Pastor John mentioned in his remarks, it is indeed a privilege to work with you in doing the ministry of Christ's Church in this place. At a time when so many congregations are struggling in so many different ways, Kimball Memorial's mission and ministry for all ages is strong and faithful. The staff wishes all our members a very Happy New Year, and God's Richest Blessings in 2025. Thank you!

SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

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

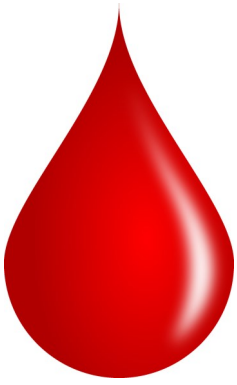
STAFF

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



2025 BLOOD DRIVES

OneBlood is a not-for-profit community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 200 hospital partners and their patients throughout most of Florida, parts of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

- 1 in 3 of us will need a blood transfusion.
- A single blood donation can save 3 local lives. Whole blood is separated into three individual components, platelets, red cells & plasma.
- Cancer, transplant and trauma patients, and patients undergoing open-heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.
- Anyone in good health, at least 16 years old, and at least 110 pounds may donate whole blood every 56 days.
- The number one reason donors give blood is because they want to help others.

FYI In 2024, here at Kimball we collected 45 whole blood units – that’s 135 lives saved!! In addition to that, 18 double units were collected – that’s awesome!

2025 Schedule – Mark Your Calendars!!

- January 15, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, & November 5
- They are all 8-10 weeks apart, so you can donate at each one. All drives for this year will once again be on The Big Red Bus!

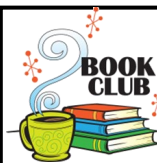
Prior to Donating

- Drink plenty of fluids in the days leading up to your donation to ensure you are hydrated.
- Eat a nutritious, balanced meal that includes iron-rich foods to help maintain your iron levels.
- Please consider donating a life-saving pint of blood. The pain is temporary, but the gift can last a lifetime... contact Doris Teumer at 704-305-0761 or at dmteumer@yahoo.com You can also sign up at oneblood.org

COUNCIL APPROVES LUTHERIDGE APPEAL FOR THE NEW YEAR



Our Congregation Council unanimously approved an upcoming Kimball Memorial Appeal to aid/assist our Lutheran Camp near Asheville, Lutheridge, in a campaign to renovate existing facilities and build new facilities to make the camp more attractive for year-round ministries and activities. The council approved a \$50,000 goal for our congregation, which will be just a part of the 5 million dollar goal for the appeal. We'll hear more about this appeal during the month of February, and we hope to begin collecting monies for the appeal during this year's Lenten Season. Information will be forthcoming on Lutheridge's plans for the future, and we hope each of our members will consider a gift to the appeal in coming months. If you have any questions about this appeal, please contact Pastor John at the Church Office.



KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: Tuesday, January 14 - 10:00 am

Location: Church Parlor

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:30pm

Host: Judy Sloan

Book: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Friday Evening Book Club

Date: January 24, 2025 6:30pm

Host: Howard and Diana Bentley

Book: *The World Played Chess* by: Robert Dugoni



Faith Formation

HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS

We have a new Sunday School Class for our High School/Middle School Youth Group. The class begins each Sunday at 10:00 am, and will meet in the Library. Pastor John will be the primary teacher.

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 - each Wednesday at 10:00 am. For more information please call the Church Office.

January Facilitators:

- 01/08 Pastor John
- 01/15 Deacon Liz
- 01/22 Class
- 01/29 Pastor Joe



HS/MS YOUTH

- **January 12th —12:15 - 2:15 pm** Our High School and Middle School group will meet at church for lunch and a service project on Sunday January 12th from 12:15 pm-2:00 pm in the Commons. Lunch is \$10
- **January 12th Confirmation—2:30-4:00 pm at Kimball** Confirmation will be held at Kimball Lutheran on Sunday January the 12th from 2:30-4pm, please let Pastor John or Deacon Liz know if you aren't able to make it.
- **January 24-26th High School Retreat at Lutheridge** Our High School group will meet at the church on Friday, January 24th at 4:00 pm to head to Lutheridge for Faith Ablaze, a new program that is being hosted by Lutheridge which will include small group where our youth will discover what their faith is like after Confirmation and how it can make a difference in the world. The theme for this weekend is "Being Extra" We will learn about some of the "extra" characters from the bible. Cost for this weekend is \$100. Parents, you can use the following link to pay for the weekend:

[Pay Now](#) (select Youth Ministry, note Lutheridge)



KINGDOM KIDS

- **January 5th—Kingdom Kids and HS/MS Faith Formation** resume. Kingdom Kids will meet in the fellowship hall and HS/MS groups will meet with Pastor John in the Library.
- **January 5th—Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grades** will meet on January 5th during Faith Formation Time 10:00-10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall to make an Epiphany Craft and have devotions.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
11-Jan	Tanner & Jacqueline TRIECE	11
24-Jan	Laura & David PENNEL	27

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, Sylvia Binion, Mary Lee Blackwelder, Becky Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Brenda Brown, Florence Calandra, Barry Christenson, Emily Clamser, Jean Davis, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, Leigh and John Glass, Todd Haley, Prebble Henrickson, Jodi Hott, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Nathan and Kathryn Murph, Taylor and Kaylee Murph, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Betty Ritchie, Blake Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Gaye St. John, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

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01-Jan	Kathryn MURPH
02-Jan	Colson BRADFORD
	Ashley MATSON
03-Jan	Iris KEITH
08-Jan	David KISER
	Darin PEAY
	Diana SAULLO
	Philip WISE
10-Jan	Tom KILBY
11-Jan	Brayden YOUNT
12-Jan	Phillip TROUTMAN
14-Jan	Frankie BOGUTSKY
15-Jan	Miller LAMBERTH
16-Jan	Nicholas BRONSON
	John TROUTMAN
17-Jan	Prebble HENRICKSON
18-Jan	Larry ANDERSON
	Melissa LITTLE
	Dave YOUNG
19-Jan	Gavin CARPENTER
	Briton CHRISTENSON
	Linda HUNSUCK
	Janis RIDENHOUR
22-Jan	Jim FISHER
23-Jan	Tyler RAMSEY
25-Jan	Dalton HARDY
	Aileen TRIECE
	Harrison WOODLE
27-Jan	Ben BALLARD
28-Jan	Blake LARSEN
29-Jan	Natalie KEITH
	David TAYLOR
30-Jan	Jennifer YOUNG

JANUARY SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
5-Jan	Sharon Brothers	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Riley Dodson	TBD	TBD
12-Jan	Darrian Miller	Sarah Harmon	Delaney Little	TBD	TBD
19-Jan	Paula Brandle	Lauren Nichols	Palmer/Asa Russell	TBD	TBD
26-Jan	Tyler Wiethorn	Tim Patterson	Lucy Miller	TBD	TBD

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
5-Jan	Pastor John
12-Jan	Deacon Liz
19-Jan	Class
26-Jan	Pastor Joe

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	CAMERA/ PROJECTION
5-Jan	Heidi Lee	Bob Boynton	Rory Hesley	TBD	TBD
12-Jan	Tim Jackson	Kim Kane	Hank Schmitt	TBD	TBD
19-Jan	Darla Steinert	Anne Futterer	Connor Nichols	TBD	TBD
26-Jan	Peggy Pergola	Huyla Jackson	Liza Jane Lee	TBD	TBD

FLOWER CALENDAR	
5-Jan	Bradford
12-Jan	Troutman
19-Jan	Available
26-Jan	Triece

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Melissa Little / Doris Teumer	Alice Lloyd / Shirley Miller
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Todd Haley	Heidi Lee / Ben Hesley
Healing Prayer	Peggy Lynch	Sherri Matheny
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	Tim & Huyla Jackson

MONTH LONG	
Tellers	Randy & Amy Price
Slide Prep	Amy Black

KIMBALL MEMORIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund	November	Year to Date
Income	\$37,836	\$471,963
Expenses	\$39,336	\$472,088

EPIPHANY SUPPER AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 5th
6:00 pm



Epiphany

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.

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. THANK YOU in advance for your support of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church! Currently, pledges cover about 72% of our 2025 Budget.

TIME AND TALENT 2025

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are 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. We will be sharing your interests in serving with committee chairs in early January so please complete your form as soon as possible.

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. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Kimball Memorial.

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J.O.Y. Group

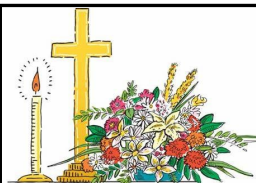


J.O.Y.

January 15th—Joy Group Planning Meeting We will meet on Wednesday, January 15th after the Bible Study to plan our 2025 Joy Calendar for the year, if you would like to help, we will meet in the commons directly after.

January 16th—Joy Group Lunch Join us on Thursday January 16th at 11:30 am at Johnny's Farmhouse, we will have a short devotion and will go over our 2025 Joy Group calendar for the year.

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR



Altar Flowers

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!



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

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece / Bettie Overcash

MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD Gaye St. John

SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE Mary Dorton

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

Greens at Cabarrus Betty Ritchie (*Rehab*)

AT HOME Jean Davis / Louise Propst



CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- Thank you to all those who helped decorate the church for Advent. It looks beautiful!
- Thank you to Deacon Liz, the youth, and parents who sponsored and served the Thanks and Thanksgiving meal last week. The food and fellowship were fabulous. We are truly blessed to have so many young people in our church.
- The Table Sunday School Class will be hosting a continental breakfast on 12/29/24 to raise funds for the MS/HS youth programs. This will be held at 9:00 a.m. (before the one 10:00 service).
- The Table Sunday School will be hosting the Epiphany Soup Supper on January 5th. Please check the bulletin for details.
- The elevator has been repaired and is now working again.
- Offerings through October are \$15,000 less than budgeted. Please prayerfully consider your gifts through December to help make up this difference.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on 12/8/2024 at 10:00 a.m. to review/approve the 2025 proposed budget, Council Nominees and revised Endowment Bylaws.
- We will need a quorum to conduct the church's business, so please make an effort to be in attendance. Lutheran Men will be hosting breakfast as an added enticement to stay after the 8:30 or come early before the 11:00 AM services.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES JANUARY 8TH**

Each Wednesday morning, beginning January 8th, there will be a Bible Study in the Church Parlor. This study is led by Pastor Joe Tallent, Deacon Liz Fisher, Pastor John Futterer, and one of the class members on a rotating basis. The studies last about an hour to an hour and a half in length, and can cover a whole range of topics and interests. There is plenty of time for discussion at these studies, and usually an informal dutch treat lunch at a local restaurant following the study. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Pastor John at the Church Office for more information. Please join us!

IMPORTANT—SUNDAY MINISTERS

We deeply appreciate your commitment to serving at Kimball, and we understand that life can bring unexpected challenges, especially on Sunday mornings. If you find out ahead of time that you are unable to fulfill your scheduled service, please reach out to the church office at your earliest convenience. Your proactive communication is invaluable to us, as it helps ensure a smooth and uplifting worship experience for everyone involved. To keep you informed, we will send multiple emails regarding your schedule, and you can always find the current and next Sunday's schedule included in the Take-Home-Announcements, on the website or in the monthly newsletter. Thank you for your dedication and service here at Kimball.



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Ex-Officio

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- Pastor John Futterer pastor@kimballchurch.org
- Howard Bentley treasurer@kimballchurch.org

2025 Executive Council

- President Sally Peterson
- Vice President..... David Sloan
- Secretary Kim Kane
- Treasurer Howard Bentley



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 January. Note that Cat Only clinics are now on Thursdays.

- Jan. 23 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- Jan. 24 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- Jan. 25 10:00 am—2:00 pm

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Office Closed	2 5:00p Samaritan's Table	3	4
Christmas 2 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal 6:00p Epiphany Dinner	Epiphany 6 Preschool Returns	7	8 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	9 5:00p Samaritan's Table	10	11
Baptism of Our Lord 12 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal 12:15p HS/MS Youth Lunch 2:30p Confirmation-Kimball	13	14 10:00a Tuesday Morning Book Club 6:30p Tuesday Evening Book Club	15 10:00a Bible Study 3:00p Blood Drive 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	16 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	17	18 10:00p – 2:00p CVP
Epiphany 2 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a HS/MS Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbell Rehearsal	20 6:30p Preschool Board	21 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	22 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary Ensemble 7:30p Chancel Choir	23 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table	24 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 6:30p Friday Book Club HS Retreat	25 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic HS Retreat
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