



# KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 14, 2025



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

## FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the Altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of Ben and Whitney Hesley's 12th wedding anniversary today.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**HS/MS Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange**  
**5:00–8:00 pm**

Get ready for one of our most beloved Christmas traditions! We'll travel from house to house, enjoying appetizers, dinner, and dessert at different host homes — with plenty of laughs (and maybe some Christmas karaoke) along the way. We'll finish the night back at church for a White Elephant Gift Exchange — \$10 limit and maximum silliness encouraged! We will return to Kimball Memorial for pick-up at 8:00 pm.

## THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

### Sunday December 14

8:30 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am Light Brunch  
10:00 am Congregational Meeting  
10:00 am Christmas Prog. Practice  
10:00 am HS/MS Sun School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm MS Confirmation and Lunch  
5:00 pm HS/MS Youth Progressive Dinner

### Monday December 15

6:00 am Christmas Prog. Practice

### Tuesday December 16

10:00 am Coltrane Life Center—Bingo  
7:00 pm Church Council

### Wednesday December 17

10:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday December 18

11:00 am Preschool Christmas Party  
5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

### Friday December 19

12:00 - 5:00 pm Vet Clinic  
Treat Bag Preparation in Fellowship Hall

### Saturday December 20

9:00 am Treat Bag Assembly  
9:00 am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Vet Clinic

### 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



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.

# 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  
Mickey and Paula Brandle  
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  
Rose Hartman  
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

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kelly Alexander  
Teresa Beaver  
Hans and Jon Bengstrom  
Zachary Blackwelder  
Mildred Black  
Lee Borba  
Debbie Bost  
Tommy Brown  
Family of Cassie Cannon  
Laura Davis  
Elvin Demarcus  
Terry Dix and Family  
Gene and Jackie Ellington  
Blake Fall & His Mom  
Melva Feggins  
Abby Ferguson  
Will Fesperman  
Jan & Steve Garmon  
Frida Gomez  
John and Becky Graham  
Tommy Graves  
Everette Green  
Kathy & Terry Hall  
Judy Harmon  
Sylvia Harrington  
Dean, Dana, and Cooper Hinson  
Derek & Lisa Hooper  
Family of Todd Hunt  
Della Kate Hunter / Brynn Hunter  
Gale Kelly & Family  
Cynthia Kinard  
Phyllis Lee  
Roz Lloyd  
Tom Mally  
Karen Sloan Miller  
Billy Morgan  
Carole & Bob Muller  
Dana & Eddie Nicholson  
Debbie O  
Paul Parker  
Denise Pegram  
Celeste and Doug Pierce  
William & Carla Pressley  
Carter Quinn and Family  
Mishelle Rayfield  
AC Renkin Family  
Gary Ritchie  
Patricia Roberson  
Family of Bobby Roberts  
Jerry Sellers  
Jeff and Janet Stancil  
Tallie Stancil  
Gary Stuart  
Robin Suggs  
Gabe Todd  
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

- Robin Ballard** - Atrium Cabarrus  
(Discharged)
- Betsy Ellington-Boynton** - Novant Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital
- Roger Sizemore** - Caromont Hospital in Gastonia

Kimball family,  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and visits during Jeff's surgery and recovery. Through your prayers and faith in God's blessings, he is doing well and looking forward to a full recovery. He is halfway there! We appreciate your continued prayers as he begins his physical therapy sessions this week. Again, we are thankful for all you have done for us. It means so much.

Love and Blessings!  
Georgann and Jeff Sapp

## SAMARITAN'S TABLE GIFT CARDS

\$20 Grocery Store/Fast Food gift cards are needed for Samaritan's Table to hand out during the Christmas Season. You may bring these gift cards by the Church Office during regular business hours, or give them to an usher at a Sunday morning worship service.

## SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30		11:00			
	14-Dec	21-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec		
Lectors	Lisa Robinson	David Sloan	Bob Boynton	Huyla Jackson		
Worship Assistants	Donna Taylor	Tim Patterson	Michele Nichols	Ben Hesley		
Acolytes	Skylar Kempf	TJ Black	Lucas & Liam Hesley	Karly Stanwick		
Communion Helper	TBD	TBD	TBD	Emma Messenger		
Sound	Jack Smith	Andy Robinson	TR Roland	Harrison Woodle		
Projection	Gus Miller	Nathan Carpenter	Leam Nealy	Gavin Carpenter		
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky Tammy Stearns		Tom Ramseur Joyce Mallernee			
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer Todd Haley		Bob Boynton Bob Hill			
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman		Anne Futterer			
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman		Tony Lippard Kathy Hunter			
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. 7, 2025

In-Person	157
Online	96
Total Attendance	253
General Fund Offering	\$43,631

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 15	Jim Harris
Dec. 16	Susan Bame Graham Bennet Steve Lynch Tanner Small
Dec. 18	Helenita Bell
Dec. 19	Preston Mays
Dec. 20	Bob Hill Blake Robinson

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>** – 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 14<sup>th</sup>** Congregational Meeting at 10:00 with light refreshments being served.
- ◆ **December 21<sup>st</sup>** Children's Christmas Program at 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Wednesday Night December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
  - ◆ 5:00 pm (Family Service)
  - ◆ 11:00 pm (Special music for the season begins at 10:30 pm)
- ◆ **December 28<sup>th</sup>** – One morning service at 10:00 am. No Sunday School on this morning.
- ◆ **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026** – Regular Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00, with Sunday School between Services. Faith Formation for Children resumes January 25<sup>th</sup>

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!



The Children's Christmas Program will be on December 21st at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Rehearsals on December 7,14 at 10:00.

**SPECIAL REHEARSALS:** We will have an evening practice on December 15 at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided for those attending. There will also be a dress rehearsal on December 20 at 9:00 am. On Dec 21 all cast to arrive at 2:00 for run through.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 14

9:30 Brunch in Commons

10:00 am Meeting in the Sanctuary

This meeting is to vote on Council nominees and approve the budget for the upcoming year. The Council is providing a light brunch in the Commons, prior to the Congregational Meeting, beginning at 9:30 am. Confirmed Members are encouraged to please be present for the annual meeting. Thank you!

**WE SO APPRECIATE** the generous gifts to our General Fund in this final month of the Year. Please note that we have (including today) three more Sundays to make your offerings in this calendar year. The books for 2025 will close on Wednesday, December 31st. All offerings must be in the Church Office by that date, or postmarked by 12/31. **THANK YOU** for your generosity this year in giving - Please consider a special Christmas Gift to your Church in these last weeks of the year!

## CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation class will be meeting immediately after the 11:00 Service today for lunch and a trip to Stanly County for Confirmation. We will return to Kimball Memorial in time to begin the Progressive Dinner at 5:00.

## KIMBALL STAFF

**Rev. John Futterer, Senior Pastor**  
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**Deacon Liz Fisher, Minister of Word and Service**  
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[churchoffice@kimballchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@kimballchurch.org)

**Howard Bentley, Treasurer**  
[treasurer@kimballchurch.org](mailto:treasurer@kimballchurch.org)

**Brian Sevison, Music Director**  
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[bssevison@gmail.com](mailto:bssevison@gmail.com)

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