



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 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 14th, and 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 14th** Congregational Meeting at 10:00 with light refreshments being served.
- ◆ **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!



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.

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