



KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 15, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday 12/15

8:30a Contemporary Worship
10:00a Adult / HS-MS Sunday School
10:00a Christmas Play Practice
11:00a Traditional Worship
12:15p Handbell Rehearsal
4:45p HS/MS Progressive Dinner

Wednesday 12/18

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

Thursday 12/19

11:30 am JOY Lunch
5:00 pm Samaritan's Table
7:00 pm Congregational Council

Friday 12/20

11:00 am Preschool Christmas Party
12:00 - 5:00 pm Carolina Value Pet

Saturday 12/21

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Carolina Value Pet

Sunday 12/22

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Adult / HS-MS Sunday School
10:00 am Christmas Play Practice
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:00 pm Children's Christmas Play

FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of the 11th wedding anniversary of Ben and Whitney Hesley on December 14th.



- **December 24th** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services at 5:00 pm (Family Service) and 11:00 pm (Special Music for the Season begins at 10:30 pm)
- **December 29th** – One Morning Service at 10:00, with a Christmas Brunch in the Commons (preceding the Service) at 9:00 am, sponsored by the Table Sunday School Class.

We hope that all of our worship services are meaningful in this Season of Christmas. If you have any questions about these services, please contact the Church Office.

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.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Progressive Dinner



Our High School / Middle School progressive dinner today. We'll meet at the church at 4:45, with all youth members asked to bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange. We'll call parents when we return to Kimball following the dinner.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

All names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson
 Robin Ballard / Andy Ballard
 Jerry and Pat Beam
 Howard / Diana Bentley
 Sylvia Binnon
 Becky Brantley
 Brad Brothers
 Sharon and Doug Brothers
 Brenda Brown
 Buttner Family
 Florence Calandra
 Emily Clamser
 Jean Davis
 Mary Dorton
 Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
 Emily Clamser
 Teresa Erwin
 Shelly and Ava Farris
 Liz Fisher
 Pastor John and Anne Futterer
 Fran and Keith Garver
 Leigh and John Glass
 Todd Haley
 Scott and Sarah Harmon
 Skyla & Luna Hardister
 Susan and Jim Harris
 Prebble Henrickson
 Kathy and Mike Hunter
 Eric and Jenny Jones
 Pr. David & Diana Keck
 Wilma Keller
 Steve and Peggy Lynch
 Ed MacTaggart
 Dianne Marlin
 Milton Matheny
 Margaret McCombs
 Nathan and Kathryn Murph
 Taylor and Kaylee Murph
 John Pendleton
 Peggy Pergola
 Louise Propst
 Betty Ritchie
 Blake Robinson
 Lisa Robinson
 Kip Russell
 Juanene Savage
 Kathy and Cliff Scott
 Betty Shaver
 Roger Sizemore
 Family of Conrad Sloop
 Chloe Small
 Mary Jo Snipes and Family
 Gaye St. John
 David and Donna Taylor
 Sarah Teumer
 Debbie Troutman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Billy Absher & Family
 Hans & John Bengstrom
 Kyle Bilifer
 Debbie Bost
 Joe Bracey
 Mae Cole & Family
 Jeff & Pam Deaton
 Elvin Demarques
 Dennis & his Wife
 Doug Drye
 Tony Duplisea
 Teresa Eudy
 Will Fesperman
 Melody Fisher
 Roger Freeze
 Tommy Graves
 Sharon Griffin
 Julie Hagy
 Reese, Hannah, & Archie Hagy
 Shirley Hathcock
 Jeff Hearn
 Adam Hipp
 Derek & Liz Hooper & Ryan
 Brandy Hooven
 Hunter & Becca Jackson
 Danny Jennings
 Cynthia Kinard
 Phyllis Lee
 Debbie Lineberry
 George Little Family
 Becca & Chris Loflin
 Bethany Mocus
 Melanie Morgan
 Mike Morton
 Louise Pair
 Paul Parker
 Pedro
 David Philyaw
 Billy Pressley
 Trinity Power
 Will Quinn
 Mishelle Rayfield
 Randy & Julie Rayfield
 Ambria Rich
 Gary Ritchie
 Lisa Robinson (Andy's Sister)
 Schiferl Family
 David Shippel
 Snipes Family
 Tallie Stancil
 Briana Sutphin
 Ethan Talamonti
 Trang Tran
 John Troutman
 Keith Troutman
 Nick Wagner
 Pat & Lil Wagner
 Joann & Albert Wingler
 Judy & Buck Wingler
 Joann & Albert Wingler
 Presidential Transition

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Mason Hott (Texas)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- 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

Jean Davis - Palliative Care at Home



EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

6:00 pm on Sunday, January 5th

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.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30		11:00	
	15-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec
Lectors	Paula Brandle	Diana Bentley	Sally Peterson	Scott Harmon
Worship Assistants	Donna Taylor	Cooper Hinson	Lindsay Daugherty	Alexis Nichols
Acolytes	Lucy Miller	Palmer Russell	Knox Christenson	Liza Jane Lee
Sound	Rick Teumer	Tim Patterson	Terry Steinert	Ryan Hardister
Camera/Projection	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns	/ Tammy Stearns	Tim / Huyla Jackson	Tim / Huyla Jackson
Council Assistants	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley	Heidi Lee / Terry Steinert	Sally Peterson / Terry Steinert
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon	Scott Harmon	Anne Futterer	Anne Futterer
Communion Prep	David / Judy Sloan	David / Judy Sloan	Tony Lippard / Anne Futterer	Tony Lippard / Anne Futterer
Tellers	David / Donna Taylor			
Slide Prep	Amy Black			

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—DEC. 8, 2024

In-Person	167
Online	97
Total	264
General Fund Offering	\$9,550.00

OFFERING: The Offering Plates are located in the narthex, at the entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience. Or you may give online. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec 15 Jim Harris

Dec 16 Susan Bame
Graham Bennett
Steve Lynch
Tanner Small

Dec 18 Helenita Bell

Dec 19 Preston Mays

Dec 20 Bob Hill
Blake Robinson

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.

This Week's Facilitator: Pastor John

STAFF GIFTS

Offerings for staff end of year gifts will be received Sunday. Checks should be payable to Kimball Lutheran and earmarked for "Staff Gifts."

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. There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball. 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.

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

Your gifts to the Blessing Box are always appreciated - if you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

- Water*
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna
- Soup
- Rice Krispie Treats*
- Granola and Nutri-grain bars
- Shelf Stable Milk*
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pop-Tarts
- Soap* / Deodorant* / Lotion
- Wipes / Diapers

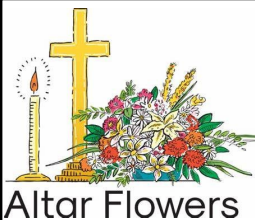
Now that the weather is in transition we are in great need of gently used blankets, sleeping bags and coats. Please place them on the couch in the blessing box room.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Play are each Sunday morning at 10:00 am. The play will be presented on December 22 at 5:00 pm.

CARVER ANGEL TREE

OUR THANKS TO ALL who donated and delivered gifts for the Angel Tree this year. You helped to make the Holidays bright for our Carver Elementary School Kids...Thank you!



2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

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!

Altar Flowers

J.O.Y. LUNCH

Joy Group will have a Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 19th from 11:30-1:00 pm. Bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange. Lunch will be soup and sandwiches. We will have wonderful fellowship along with a short Christmas devotion. If you would like to help set-up please let Deacon Liz know, we would love the help. Sign-up in narthex or Commons.

TIME AND TALENT 2025

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are included in today's bulletin. 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.

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!

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



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