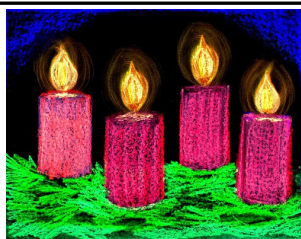




KIMBALL'S TAKE-HOME NEWS

December 22, 2024



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and

Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

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

Monday 12/23

10:00 am Operation Christmas Cookie Packaging

Tuesday 12/24

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship
10:30 pm Special Music
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday 12/25

Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

Thursday 12/26

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table
Church Office Closed

Friday 12/27

Church Office Closed

Sunday 12/29

9:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Combined Worship

FLOWERS

The Christmas Roses are given in memory of Mike and Terry Fisher, Leigh McDaniel Glass, Janet, and A. L. McDaniel, and to the glory of Christ's birth. Given by their children and grandchildren. Christmas was always their favorite time of year, we miss you all!!!!

Christmas Service Schedule



- **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.



EPIPHANY CELEBRATION 6:00 pm—Sunday, Jan. 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.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

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

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson
Robin 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
John Glass Family
Todd Haley
Scott and Sarah Harmon
Skyla & Luna Hardister
Susan and Jim Harris
Prebble Henrickson
Jodi Hott & Family
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
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

Kelly Allen
Hans & John Bengstrom
Dave & Kim Berryhill
Kyle Bilifer
Mildred Black
Dennis Blackwelder
Debbie Bost
Joe Bracey
Tim Cox
Louise Current
Jeff & Pam Deaton
Doug Drye
Teresa Eudy
Will Fesperman
James Goodnight Family
Tommy Graves
Sharon Griffin
Julie Hagy
Reese, Hannah, & Archie Hagy
Morgan Harrington
Jeff Hearn
Ben Hill Family
Adam Hipp
Derek & Liz Hooper & Ryan
Hunter & Becca Jackson
Danny Jennings
Cynthia Kinard
Phyllis Lee
George Little Family
Charles Miller
Bethany Mocus
Billy Morgan
Griffin Morneau
Donna Morris
Mike Morton
Paul Parker
Trinity Power
Will Quinn
Carter Quinn and Family
Mishelle Rayfield
Randy & Julie Rayfield
Sunshine Rhodes
Gary Ritchie
Lisa Robinson (Andy's Sister)
Schiferl Family
Jerry Sellers
David Shippel
Snipes Family
Tallie Stancil
Gary Stuart
Trang Tran
John Troutman
Keith Troutman
Nick Wagner
Brenda Wilson
Joann & Albert Wingler
Judy & Buck Wingler
Joann & Albert Wingler
All Who Are Alone at Christmas
People of Western NC
Chuck, Mary, Tim, Summer, Pedro

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

Barry Christenson - Atrium Main, Charlotte

Louise Propst - Atrium Cabarrus

Jean Davis - Palliative Care at Home



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY DEC. 22 —5:00 PM

We will host an all youth and children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 22nd at 5:00 pm with light refreshments at 4:30 pm. We hope you will join us for this wonderful play along with Christmas carols for the congregation to sing with us.

We are very thankful for Emily Clamser, Shannon Rigsby, and Mary Lee Blackwelder who are directing this year's pageant.

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!

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30	11:00	10:00
	22-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec
Lectors	Diana Bentley	Scott Harmon	Todd Haley
Worship Assistants	Cooper Hinson	Alexis Nichols	Jodie Hott
Acolytes	Palmer Russell	Liza Jane Lee	Alyssa Nichols
Sound	Tim Patterson	Ryan Hardister	Gavin Carpenter
Camera/Projection	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter
Greeters	/ Tammy Stearns	Tim / Huyla Jackson	Frankie Bogutsky/ Tammy Stearns
Council Assistants	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley	Heidi Lee / Bob Boynton	Paula Brandle / Todd Haley
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon	Anne Futterer	Scott Harmon
Communion Prep	David / Judy Sloan	Tony Lippard / Anne Futterer	David / Judy Sloan
Tellers	David / Donna Taylor		
Slide Prep	Amy Black		

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—DEC. 15, 2024

In-Person	178
Online	142
Total	320
General Fund Offering	\$13,394.00

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 25 Ryan Hardister
Dec 26 Cliff Scott
Dec 28 Sydney Bradford
 Charlie Buttner
 Nathan Carpenter

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."

TREAT BAGS

This morning we distribute Treat Bags, a cherished tradition that embodies the spirit of giving and community. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Joe Gribble Sunday School class for their dedication and effort in organizing this meaningful event. Originating during the Great Depression, Treat Bags were created to spread Christmas joy to families facing adversity, reminding us of the power of kindness and compassion in times of hardship.

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.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Kimball family for all the cards, meals, thoughts and prayers during the past two weeks. Daddy loved his church family. We are blessed to be loved and supported by you.

*Jodie, JT, Bryanna, Garrett, Savannah,
Mary Mason, and Levi*

Dearest Church Family,

Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated during Andy's illness and our time of loss. The prayers, cards, hugs, food and love have sustained and continue to support us.

*Much love,
Robin and Ben Ballard*

TIME AND TALENT 2025

Time and Talent forms for 2025 are available from an usher or 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.

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 or on the credenza in the narthex. 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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