

Friendship International



DECEMBER 5, 2025

BEING PRESENT

If someone mentions the word "present" especially at this time of year, you might immediately think of the gifts we are working so hard to obtain, beautifully wrap, and place beneath the Christmas tree.

But in English, the word present is also used as a noun to describe the current time that's happening right now (the past already took place, the future has not taken place yet, and the present is right now).

So when we talk about someone "being present," we are saying that someone is here with us, focused, and attentive to what's going on right there and then.

Being present with our friends, family, and loved ones means not letting ourselves get distracted by phones and technology, by worries and stress, by chores, or by anything else that can pull us away.

Another way to say it is to be "in the moment."

This Christmas season, while we are with those we love the most, let's commit to being present with them: to listening well, to enjoying the moment, and to setting aside unnecessary distractions. Don't let the busyness or the to-do list keep us from enjoying what is right in front of us.

We hope and pray that this holiday season you are able to create many new wonderful memories!



UPCOMING DATES

December 5	Christmas Decorations (Craft Day)
December 12	The Christmas Story with Jaime Riggs (No Classes)
December 19	Last Day of Semester for Friendship / Extended Classes
January 16	Return to Friendship

WINTER VILLAGE AT GATTON PARK



Gatton Park

795 Manchester Street, Lexington

Thursday, Dec 4 – Tuesday, Dec 23

5:00 pm–10:00 pm Nightly | FREE

Winter Village at Gatton Park is a free, nightly holiday celebration that turns the park into a sparkling winter wonderland. Guests can walk among dazzling lights, experience the immersive 80-foot digital Christmas tree. Kids will love Winter Play, an interactive LED playground, while visitors of all ages can enjoy festive treats (for purchase) and family-friendly activities.

[Click for more info and FAQs](#)

WILMORE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 6th

FREE EVENT

Christmas fun for the family in the small town of Wilmore! Stroll the streets of Wilmore (south of Lexington) with open houses, art fair, train rides, craft fair, official tree lighting, musical concerts located throughout town, downtown shopping, food, singing, and vendors.

[Click here for the full schedule of events for the day.](#)



CHRISTMAS BRASS CONCERT

Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 PM

FREE admission, \$10 suggested donation

(The way this works in the U.S. is that the suggested donation is nice to give, if you have it, but not required.)



Salvation Army Chapel

**736 W Main St
Lexington, KY**



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