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KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH –DECEMBER 2024

Dear Church Family,

Let me share a few thoughts with you all this month:

THANK YOU! Pam and I appreciate your kind gifts for Pastor Appreciation! Your thoughtfulness and generosity always mean so much to us both. Your support in all that we do together to worship and minister in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is highly valued indeed.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN SIX YEARS? Since November 2018, you have welcomed and encouraged us as we have journeyed together as “God’s fellow workers” (I Corinthians 3:9). Thank you for including us in the Kimberlin Creek Baptist family!

IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS. Here in just a few days we will enter the Advent season (1 December, to be precise) and things will get very busy! Every year we are reminded that “Jesus is the reason for the season” and we get frustrated when so many in our world leave our Lord out of these festivities. We must be equally careful to keep Christ first in our lives as well. Let’s covenant to keep our coming together for Worship every Lord’s Day, this month (and every month!) top priority. I am encouraging each of us to have a “six-star December” by being present for Worship on all four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve service, and Christmas Sunday. Trust me, we are always blessed when we make Worship number one in our schedules!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. We will come together to worship and praise our Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, 24 December at 11:00 p.m. I am looking for folks to share in song at that time. You would like to do a vocal or instrumental solo or with others, please let me know right away!

A NEW YEAR! Believe it or not, a brand-new year is only a few weeks away. As many are coming up with resolutions, let me encourage us all to rededicate our lives anew with Jesus in the year of our Lord 2025. In the month of January we will begin a Small Group Ministry, with eight or so folks coming together to study God’s Word, pray, minister, and fellowship with one another. We are planning to start out with four or five groups, with each meeting about twice a month but at different times and places. More information will be shared in the coming days!

Again, thank you for being a part of God’s family, as we seek to keep Him first in everything that we say and do. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

With Love for You All,

Pastor Tim.





1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

November Recap

November was a great month! We had 6 teens go to Fusion (formally the ABY Convention). We had an awesome time worshipping with national recording artist, Jason Gray and great messages by speaker Brian Marvel. It was a great time for all of us to get to know others from across the state from other American Baptist Churches. As I'm writing this, tonight we will be volunteering at the OCC drop-off. We hope for many boxes to come in! Then on Sunday, we will have our annual Friendsgiving. We are all looking forward to an awesome time of food, fun and fellowship. We will also have our first bell ringing at Walmart on November 30th from 4-6pm. Stop by and see us!

December

In addition to our regular Sunday morning gatherings, Wednesday evening gatherings, Mondays at Warriors Den and High School Small group, here's everything happening in December:

Dec 6/7- Live Nativity @ Bethlehem Lights at SBYP Camp

Dec 15- Christmas Caroling

Dec 21- Bell Ringing @ Walmart 10am-12pm

Dec 31- Annual New Year's Lock-in

Other News

During the month of November, our teens sold Texas Roadhouse gift cards and Roosters discount cards to help raise money for our trip to Universal Studios next summer. During the month of December, we will be selling wall calendars and pocket calendars, so see one of us to get a nice 2025 calendar for yourself and they make great gifts! As 2024 comes to a close, we have to again say a truly heartfelt, thank you. Your encouragement, your prayers and your support means more than you know. God is doing great things and we are excited to see what He has in store for 2025!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -Pastor Tyler and Leah

Christmas Greeting Booklet

Again this year, I will be putting together a Christmas Greeting Booklet for our church family. If you would like to put a holiday greeting, picture, poem or something meaningful in this year's booklet, please text, email or hand it to me in person by Sunday, December 15th. These will be handed out the following Sunday. Let's make this year's the best one yet!

Thanks! -Pastor Tyler

FUTURE EVENTS

JANUARY IS EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER MONTH

- 1 4:12 Lock-in ends, 9 a.m.
- 3 Craft Night in FLC. 6 PM, Angie A.
- 4 4:12 Youth volunteering at Cradle
- 5 Deacons mtg. 12, CCA mtg. 2, Bd. of Christian Ministry mtg. 3:30, 4:12 Youth Gathering, 5-7:30
- 6 All schools restart
- 8 Family Meal, 5:30; Business mtg., 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30
- 13 CCA Pastor's mtg. at Denny's, 1p
- 15 Family Meal, 5:30; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30
- 18 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2PM
- 19 Trustees mtg., 12; 4:12 Youth Snowtubing, 12-7 PM
- 21 February newsletter articles due
- 22 HS Small Group Bible Study at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM; Family Meal, 5:30; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 24 Trivia Night at SEBYC Fundraiser
- 26 Back up for Youth snowtubing Youth Craft Day at the SEBYCamp
- 28 Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC, 1-6
- 29 Family Meal, 5:30; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30

Hurry just a few more shopping days. We must rehearse before the Christmas play. There are stockings to be stuffed. I wonder if we'll have enough. We've already spent too much anyway. It's hard to believe that December 2024 is upon us already. As hard as that is to believe, it is also exciting as this time of year is my favorite time of year. As a kid it seemed like Christmas would never get here. You spent all year trying to be good with hopes that when Christmas day rolled around you would hit the jackpot, or maybe at times you weren't so good, and you put on your tough act and pretended it didn't matter if you received any goodies or not. As I was thinking about this I thought about that first Christmas that we read about in the Bible. I know that in our family when we have the whole family together, we all gather in the living room and my dad will get out his Bible, and all of the grandkids, and all of my siblings and our spouses will circle around as Dad reads the Christmas story. As I was thinking about this I started thinking about what had went on before we break into Matthew chapter 1. There are approximately 400 years between the recordings of the Old Testament and the New Testament, this was a time when God was silent and it seemed that he had given up on his creation due to man's constant struggle to simply follow God's law. I can't help but think that during this time of silence from God that no doubt he was preparing the greatest Christmas gift that mankind will ever know all for the simple purpose of reconciling us back to Him. I also like to think in my simple mind that there were people that like myself as a kid had heard that a Messiah was coming and they tried there best to live in such a way that they would one day be able to witness this great gift, and be blessed by the outpouring of Love that God demonstrated by sending us his only Son, as that greatest gift that has ever been given to man. So as we enter this Christmas season and it seems like we are so busy, try to remember to spend a little more love this Christmas, spend a little more time with family and friends, because it won't truly be a holiday unless you go out of your way, and spend a little more love this Christmas season. Merry Christmas, Perry Stainbrook

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	SS	MW	OFFERING
Oct. 27	36	90	\$ 2,800.00
Nov. 3	35	98	\$ 3,450.00
Nov. 10	37	91	\$ 3,000.00
Nov. 17	51	120	\$ 4,100.00

4 Wk. Total Received \$ 13,350.00

4 Wk. Total Needed \$ 15,204.00

4 Wk. Rec. Last Month \$ 12,950.00

2024-2025 YTD needed: \$ 45,612.00

2024-2025 received: \$39,750.00

(September 1, 2024-November 17, 2024)

The Vienna Baptist Church invites you to hear the Hoppers in concert at their church on Sunday evening, December 15 at 6 PM. The concert is free but they will take up a love offering. Doors will open at 5 PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY, Wednesday, December 18, 6-7:30 PM in the Family Life Center. This is for everyone to enjoy.

Christmas Eve Service, 11 PM. This is one of our most Blessed Services. We know it is late but bring your kids in their PJs and start Christmas with a wonderful and memorable time.

**COFFEE CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 CAROLS AND CHOIRS**

Carols & Choirs will be held at the Scottsburg First Baptist Church, 122 N. Hyland Street in Scottsburg at 6:00 PM. All the churches in the association are invited to participate but not all do. There will be lots of beautiful music that evening.

We also support the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indy that evening. The offering taken that evening will go to them plus we ask those attending to bring either frozen turkeys or unwrapped Christmas gifts for all ages to go to the center.

The Lick Branch Baptist Church, 10439 W Deputy Pike, Deputy, IN invites everyone to the Melton Family Concert at their church on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 PM. Join them for an evening of fellowship and music. Refreshments to follow the concert.

Angie Avendano will have her monthly Craft Night on December 6 at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to attend whether you do crafts or not. Besides Angie, Rita & Malina (our children's leaders), Linda Binkley and I joined them last month for a wonderful night of food, laughter and fellowship. Plus we folded lots of OCC boxes.

BETHLEHEM LIGHTS AT THE CAMP

On Friday & Saturday night, December 6/7 the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp, 3127 W. Co Rd 800 S, Greensburg, IN, will be having their annual Bethlehem Lights at the camp from 5-8 PM. It is a free event but donations can be made to the camp. It is a drive through Light Display & Live Nativity (KCBC 4:12 Youth will be doing this). What you will see there: 1) a light display of the cabins, chapel, dean's cabin and Grace Hall. 2) Live Nativity - come see the live nativity and share the story of Jesus with your family. 3) Snacks - there will be several free snack options. 4) Selfie Stations - these picture stations will be located inside Grace Hall and allow your family a free photo session in front of a Christmas themed background, taken with your cell phone! 5) Tree House - the camp store will be open with items to purchase for last minute Christmas gifts. 6) Music and Carols in the Chapel - come experience the beauty and amazing acoustics of the chapel. Enjoy this time with family where you can sit and listen or sing along to some Christmas music.

LUNCH WITH SANTA, Sunday, December 8, 12-1 PM in Family Life Center. Bring your kids & grandkids to see Santa and enjoy a lunch prepared by CoMBaT.

MRS. CLAUS KITCHEN, Friday, December 13 beginning at 6 PM in the Family Life Center. Come and help decorate cookies that the McDonald family will be baking that evening. Cookies are for the shut-ins that our 4:12 youth will be delivering on Sunday, December 15 as they go Christmas caroling.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY DONATIONS
150 SHOE BOXES FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS**

DECEMBER: 750 Sall Toys JANUARY: 300 Combs, 300 Washcloths
FEBRUARY: 300 Toothbrushes MARCH: 150 Small Stuffed Animals
APRIL: 150 Activity Books MAY: Small Toys, Activity Books & Sticker Sheets
JUNE: 1800 Pencils, 750 Pens JULY: 150 Big Pencil Sharpeners, 300 Big Erasers
AUGUST: 1800 Small Erasers, 150 Crayons (24 Count)
SEPTEMBER: 150 Colored Pencils, 300 Glue Sticks
OCTOBER: 150 Notebooks, 150 Drawstring Bags **NOVEMBER: 300 Sticker Sheets**

Items may be brought during the month listed or anytime you have something available. They can be put in the box under the communion table in the sanctuary.



Mark 10:14-15

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Merry Christmas Church Family

Goodness sakes, how are we at the end of 2024? Thank you doesn't seem big enough for all the ways you support our Children's Ministry! Your prayers, love and generosity are making a huge difference for the Kingdom of God! We also want to say an even BIGGER thank you, if that's possible, for sharing such AMAZING children with us! We are so BLESSED to be a part of their lives!

What a year it has been for Kingdom Kids! We were able to bless some of our Church members, by delivering "Valentine's and Fall Blessings!" Pastor Tyler and Ms. Angie took the largest number of Kingdom Kids and 4:12 Youth to Church Camp this past Summer. We are looking forward to Camp in 2025 "Mountain Mover!" We have had 2 AWESOME Lock-ins. We tie dyed t-shirts in the Spring and some were able to tie dye hoodies in the Fall. We would love to invite ALL Kingdom Kids and their families to our "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm.

Our Kingdom Kid's are not only growing up physically, more importantly, they are growing spiritually! We've done too many lessons to mention. We have some MIGHTY little Prayer Warriors. They may be young however we see the Holy Spirit moving through them. Stay tuned, exciting things are being planned for Kingdom Kids in 2025!

May God bless you and keep you safe in 2025!
 Lots of love, Ms. Angie A., Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina

Operation Christmas Child 2025

I love being a part of this AMAZING Ministry. Thank you, thank you, and a billion more thank yous and it still wouldn't be enough thank yous. Your level of generosity is making a difference for the Kingdom of God! We are going to slightly shift our focus, from here on out. We will be shopping with a specific age range in mind each year. For 2025, we will be filling Shoeboxes for 2-4 year olds (75 girls and 75 boy.) As a reminder, Samaritan's Purse requires ALL items to be NEW! Please review the updated list. If you have questions please see or contact Ms. Angie A.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 **Joe & Sandy Lucas, 1990**
- 1 Rev. Tim Mohon
- 2 Brenda Yount, Abby Walsh, Whitley Whitten
- 3 Mary Robbins, Melissa Hill
- 4 Macy Gibson
- 5 Lillyan Blevins
- 6 Rebecca Wagner
- 8 Danny Snelling, Eli Hunt, Holly Armstrong, Brandon Hublard
- 9 Beth Nowlin, Raegan Goode
- 10 Destiny Simpson
- 12 Saige Nowlin
- 13 Pat Smith
- 14 Lily Petty, Harper Petty, Jason Middleton
- 15 Alyssa Hublard
- 16 **Jason & Janet Bledsoe, 2006**
- 16 Avery Hublard
- 17 **Darrell & Alice Brock, 2022**
- 17 Roger Lawson
- 19 **David & Martha East, 1970**
- 20 Janet Wells
- 21 Chris Jeffries, Angie Riley, Emma Johns
- 22 Doug Gross, Kim Lucas
- 24 Cindy Gibson
- 25 **Jim & Hazel West, 1953**
- 26 **Lawrence & Linda Parks, 1965**
- 26 **Roger & Marilyn Griffin, 1969**
- 26 Janet Bledsoe, Sharon Davis, Mark Braden
- 29 **Adam & Andrea Gibson, 2007**
- 29 Thelma Noble, Joe Lucas
- 30 **Alex & Kaitlin Smith, 2023**
- 30 Carolyn Nowlin
- 31 Jim Berna

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CHRISTMAS**