

Kimberlin Chronicle

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KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Church Family,

Events in life affect us all in myriad ways. When I look back at occasions that were all too tragic, I am amazed at how our Lord Jesus Christ can bring forth new life and vitality in the overwhelming nature of life.

It has been several years now since a church that I pastored experienced a dark moment. At first glance the evidence just pointed to carelessness on someone's part. "Why didn't they pick that up after they knocked it over?" The more I took in the surroundings it was very evident that something else was going on. A television in the children's area, the computer that was used for power point presentations in worship were no longer sitting in their normal spots. Yes, our church had experienced a break-in and the perpetrators were very effective in their crime.

Items such as electronics were missing; items that could be sold easily for ready money. Even items that you would not think of, such as metallic symbolic objects that could be scrapped for cash, were no longer present.

A police report was quickly filed but there was no discernable evidence of the identity of those who had committed the robbery. Our insurance took care of some of our loss, but no items were ever recovered. Well, with one exception...

As disheartening as it was to undergo what felt like a violation of our very beings, most of the electronics were easily replaceable, and at their age probably should have already been replaced. There was one loss that shook us all to our core...the "golden" cross that sat on the communion table.

How in the world could someone steal a cross!!! Yet, they took it, probably in hopes that it was made of precious metals that would fetch a handsome reward. Apparently, it was refused by the salvage dealers because about two weeks later law enforcement found it discarded by the side of the road, beaten and bruised, if you will "rejected by men."

The feelings and emotions of this incident came

flooding back to me this past week. For some time now the cross that sits on our communion table has been broken. The welding at the point of connection has loosened over the years and we have barely held it together. On one occasion it came apart and landed on my foot (and, yes, it hurt!).

I don't know about you, but I can't throw a cross away. How can you pitch a cross? The initial pricing of a replacement we found quite expensive. What in the world can we do about it?

I was blessed this past Sunday when Mickey Hall returned the cross to the sanctuary repaired. He used some of his "mickmeister magic" (okay, he tapped a screw in from the bottom to hold it in place), cleaned years of tarnish, and restored it to its rightful place. Thank you, Mickey!

I am reminded of how our world takes the claims of Christ for granted, how they reject the proclamation of the Word in their lives, how they judge the preaching of the cross of Christ as pure foolishness (I Corinthians 1:18). I pray that we will all rededicate our lives and our focus on the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that is the source of true power and whose love is embodied by the "old rugged cross." May we all boast of nothing but the cross of Christ (Galatians 6:14)!

In our previous church we also had a "mickmeister" experience in that unbeknownst to me or anyone really, a member who was a woodworker, quietly crafted a new cross that was a true piece of art. I cannot relate the joy that we felt that Lord's Day when he surprised us with his gift. Much like I experienced this past week!

Remember: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18, KJV).

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.

January Recap

We had a great time ringing in 2025 together at our New Year's lock-in, staying up all night long! Unfortunately, due to scheduling, we weren't able to go to Cradle. We're hoping to get there soon. We've not been able to meet at Warriors Den because of the frigid temps, but the teens are eager to get back to it. We had an awesome time at Fuse at First Baptist Columbus playing a Robbery Mystery game. The adults played characters from the story and the teens had to solve the crime! We are taking one team of teens to trivia night at SBYPcamp on Friday the 24th. We're all excited for that!

February Events

1st- Winter Jam in Louisville

5th- High School Small Group

8th- Deliver items to Edna Martin

16th- Pulled Pork Lunch Fundraiser & Gathering

19th- High School Small Group

Hopefully we'll be able to get back to Warriors Den on Mondays real soon!

Bible Study

This month, we began an 8-week study on the Sermon on the Mount. Here is a short overview:

"We will weekly have the chance to confront students with the truth of the kingdom of heaven, and to consider the truth of their hearts. Whether they've been in the church their whole lives, or are brand new to Christianity, they will learn in a clear-cut manner through Jesus' teachings what life with Jesus in the kingdom requires. Inasmuch as we are a new covenant people compelled by the love and grace of Christ (2 Cor 5:14), we must remember that we are also a set-apart, distinct people, called to be holy as we live no longer in the darkness, but in the light (1 Pet 2:9-10; Eph 5:7-14)."

2025 has started off great and we are looking forward to an awesome year! Thank you for all of your prayers, encouragement and support. God is doing great things!

Blessings, Pastor Tyler and Leah

FUTURE EVENTS

- 3/02 4:12 Youth Gathering, 5-7:30 PM
- 3/04 Women's Small Group at Dana's, 6:30 PM
- 3/05 HS Small Group at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
Family Meal, 5:30P, Lenten Service, 6:30P
- 3/07 Craft Night in FLC, 6 PM, Angie A.
- 3/08 FLC in use, 2-6 PM, Becky Stainbrook
Coed Small Group at KCBC, 5 PM with
Stephen Spicer leading
- 3/09 Daylight Savings time begins, 2 a.m.
1st Sunday in Lent; Deacon's Mtg., 12 PM
CCA Annual Mtg. at First Marion, 4 PM
- 3/10 CCA Pastor's mtg. at Denny's, 1 PM
- 3/12 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Business mtg., 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids,
6:30 PM
- 3/13 Semi-formal Annual Banquet at SEBYCamp
6 PM (4:12 Youth volunteering for it)
- 3/14-15 Ladies Retreat at SEBYCamp, 6 PM-3 PM
- 3/14-15 Pastor Tim will be in Ohio
- 3/15 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM
- 3/16 Trustee's mtg., 11:45 a.m.
4:12 Youth cleaning county parks, 12-7PM
- 3/17-24 Pastor Tim will be on vacation
- 3/18 Women's Small Group at Dana's, 6:30 PM
- 3/19 HS Small Group at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom
Kids, 6:30 PM
- 3/21 Kingdom Kids Night at KCBC, 6-8:30 PM
- 3/22 Coed Small Group at KCBC, 5 PM with
Stephen Spicer leading
- 3/23 Rev. Steve Allen preaching today
- 3/23-26 4:12 Youth Retreat at SEBYC
- 3/25 April newsletter articles are due

Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die. Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I. It's hard to believe the month of January is already past and we are in month 2 of 2025. As I was thinking about this I was reminded that February is the love month, with valentine's day falling right in the middle of the month, and to me there was no greater valentine than my Savior dying for my sins on the cross. Thinking about this I can't help but think about how much God the father really loved us and longed for us to be created to have a relationship with him. I can't help but think that as an all knowing God, and knowing that it would cost his own Son his life, he was still willing to reach down and pick up a handful of dust and create us in his own image. I also think about the love and patience he had with mankind that even tho sin abounded and God was so aggravated that he wanted to wipe us off the face of the earth, he loved us enough to spare Noah and his family to continue the human race, even tho he had to know that by doing so would cost his own son his life. Then I think of how we squandered that chance and ended up away from God just like before the flood until out of his great love for us God put the plan in motion to send his only son to earth to die for our reconciliation. And at last as the time came and Jesus was betrayed he demonstrated the greatest act of love known to man by laying down his life to give us hope beyond the grave. So as we go into this month and approach valentine's day, may we remember that love is much more than roses, chocolate, or going out to eat, but it is patience and long suffering during those days and times that we get aggravated and impatient with one another, and may we love like God the father and God the son did when we were so unlovable in our sin they were able to look beyond our faults and see our needs. Living and loving in such a manner will magnify our relationship with our home family and our church family so much so that the ones around us will know that we are different by the way we love one another.

Love you all. Perry Stainbrook

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	SS	MW	OFFERING
Dec. 29	39	106	\$ 5,964.92
Jan. 5	No Services		\$ 500.00
Jan. 12	29	75	\$ 3,800.00
Jan. 26	35	83	\$ 2,000.08

4 Wk. Total Received	\$ 11,765.00
4 Wk. Total Needed	\$ 15,204.00
5 Wk. Rec. Last Month	\$ 15,180.00

2024-2025 YTD needed: \$ 79,821.00
 2024-2025 received: \$54,930.00

(September 1, 2024-January 19, 2025)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

January	08	15	22
Meal	ICE	34	33
ABS		19	15
4:12 Youth		12	13
Kingdom Kids		12	13
Totals		43	41

Avg. Meal-34; ABS-17; 4:12 Youth-13; KK-12;
 Total-42

CCA ABMen's new officers for 2025: Dale Armstrong,
 President; Stan Carroll, Vice-president; Mark Monroe,
 Secretary & Tyler Griffin, Treasurer.

SMALL GROUPS

The Small Groups have begun to meet. The Women's Group is full. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the home of Dana Stephens at 6:30 PM. There is still room in the Men's Group and the Coed Group. The Men meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church at 5 PM. Pastor Tim is leading this group. The Coed Group meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at the church at 5 PM. Stephen Spicer is leading this group. If you would still like to join a group, there is still room available in those last 2 groups.

**EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER
 CANNED GOODS DRIVE**

There is still time to bring in items for this mission event. Our goal is to reach 2500 items. As of this date, January 23, we only have 144 items + \$167 in cash for a total of 311. You still have through February 2 to bring in your items or give a cash or check donation. Please make out checks to Kimberlin Creek.



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be here at our church on Tuesday, February 4th from 1-6 PM. Please plan to come and give "THE GIFT OF LIFE" that day. This event is held in our Family Life Center.

4:12 YOUTH PULLED PORK FUNDRAISING MEAL

Please plan and come out to support our 4:12 Youth. They always have a wonderful meal prepared that you can sit and enjoy in the Family Life Center or get it to go. It is all for just a free will donation that will help our youth program. Pastor Tyler & Leah do a wonderful job with our youth. Besides all the fun things they get to do, they have a lot of Bible Study time and do so much volunteer work for our community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you haven't been coming to Sunday School, you are missing out on a fun time to learn about the Bible. We have classes for children, youth and adults. We meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Try it and you will like it.



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

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 DECEMBER: 750 Small Toys
JANUARY: 300 Combs, 300 Washcloths

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."



Greetings Church Family,

We pray this finds you and your family doing well? It is also our prayer that you are keeping warm during this Artic Winter? Despite the cold temperatures, we were thrilled to have 10 Kingdom Kids at our first "Fun Friday" event. We had a "Tallest Tower" Challenge and a "Sorting by Color" Challenge. Kenzie built the tallest tower and Lylah had the most colors sorted! We also ate, had a time of fellowship and we just had FUN! Church, do you remember the last time you had FUN with a fellow Believer? We'd like to encourage you to call a friend and MAKE time to get TOGETHER! God created us to be TOGETHER!

On Sunday, February 9th, we will deliver our "Valentine's Blessings again! We'll meet in the small Fellowship Hall (the one with the couches) after Worship, head to McDonald's for lunch and then deliver our Valentine's Blessings. Pick up time is 3 pm @KCBC. Your child(ren) will need an UPDATED Consent form. Even if your child does not join us for "Valentine's Blessings," we will still need an UPDATED form for our next "Fun Friday!" Speaking of "Fun Fridays" our next date will be Friday, February 21st from 6 pm-8:30 pm. February's theme is Valentine's Day.

Thank you for continuing to support our children and our Ministry through your prayers, love, and financial support.

May God bless and keep you, Ms. Angie A., Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Malina Jeffries, Daniel Stone, Michael Dickerson, Gordon Miller
- 7 Samantha Campbell
- 8 Zoey Simpson
- 10 Patrick Wagner, Ryan Blevins
- 11 Beulah Wells (90), Barb Deal
- 12 **Keith & Tracey Bixler, 1993**
- 12 Tim Brunner, Lucy Hatcher, Amanda Hurt
- 13 Marly McNeely, Doug Snelling
- 14 Juanita Hobbs, Kyrie Joyce, Leslie McDaniel, Emily Amos, Cody Fortner, Valerie Petty, Piper Rankin, Charlie Shields, Lonnie Wells, Taylor Towne
- 16 **Earl & Karen McClellan, 1996**
- 17 Molly Bledsoe, Diane Mullins, Virgil 'Mac' McKinney
- 18 **Chris & Jenny Beverly, 1994**
- 18 **Matt & Amanda Jones, 2006**
- 18 Hailey Stone
- 19 Odin Petty
- 20 Clayton Gibson
- 21 Alicia Johns
- 22 Jeff Jackson
- 23 Jason Johns
- 25 **Larry & Nicole Peacock, 2023**
- 26 Jay Stephens, Pat Berna
- 27 Dana Stephens, Makayla Nowlin
- 28 **Markt & Sherry Nay, 1993**
- 28 Angie Avendaño

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

