

December is a time that is supposed to be a time of joy and family, but it isn't for everyone. These times can be really tough, as for some, it is a time where, looking around, people are not here anymore like they once were. Loss happens in our lives, and then it becomes more difficult to celebrate Christmas the way it should be celebrated. So how can we find that joy in our lives so that we can put Jesus' birth in its proper place? By caring for those around us.

Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

Now, this passage may seem out of place around Christmas time, but so often when we are hurting, we do and say things that hurt others. We as Christians are called to help those who are hurting, though. To love them as we love ourselves. To help those who are in need. That need may be physical (such as cannot afford gifts, rent, or food), or it may be spiritual (they are struggling from the loss of a loved one and then connecting to God), or it may be mental/emotional (that loss prevents them from seeing things clearly). There are many things that it can be, and we are called to help. Provide for a person, possibly financially, with our presence, with our prayers, with our love. What they need in order to see Jesus coming to earth to save us all is someone stepping in and loving on them. This passage in Galatians is right before Paul goes into the spirit versus law and then acts of the flesh that people fall into when they give in to the world and Satan's ploys. After that, though, Paul shares a "little-known passage" of **Galatians 5:22-23**, which says:

22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

This Christmas season, are people seeing Jesus through the fruits of the Spirit in your life, or are they seeing the things of this world that Satan and his minions are trying to use to keep us torn down and crippled in our ability to praise God? Be a servant who loves on those who are hurting this Christmas!

Attendance

09/25	11/16/25	11/23/25	11/30/25
130	138	142	109

Offering

Budget YTD: \$204,347

Offering YTD: \$182,116.68

December:

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12/01 - Willing Workers - Sewing and fellowship together for the ladies of the church!

12/7 - Christmas program at 6 pm. Join us to hear our students praise the Lord and bring us to the foot of the manger. At 4:30 PM, there will be a meal to support our students going to Passion in the Summer of 2026. Feel free to eat and then go to the Christmas Program right after!

12/17 - Church Christmas Party. 6-7:30 PM. Bring a finger food or dessert to share, and we will play trivia and enjoy time as a church family!

12/18 - Oldies but Goodies - The older part of our church gathers for a meal and fellowship here at the church at Noon. Join them for a great time of fellowship and caring for one another.

12/20 - Men's Breakfast (8 AM) - Breakfast and fellowship? Absolutely!

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. 6 PM. Join us to praise the Lord and reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior: Jesus Christ!

January:

1/05 - Willing Workers - Sewing and fellowship together for the ladies of the church!

1/11 - Connections class - After the second service, we will have our connections class, where we go through what we believe at Kentucky Road Christian Church and what it means to be a member here. Join us for teaching and pizza right after the second service!

1/15 - Oldies but Goodies - The older part of our church gathers for a meal and fellowship here at the church at Noon. Join them for a great time of fellowship and caring for one another.

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12/01 Sharon Davis

12/03 Caleb Beasley

12/03 Reed Hilderman

12/06 Lynn Nichols

12/14 Buddy Beasley

12/20 Teresa Barnett

12/29 Aiden Barnett

12/31 Lonabe Brisbin

Happy Anniversary

12/01 Bernie & Cindy Phipps

12/01 Ron & Betty Salmons

