



**December 10, 2025**

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

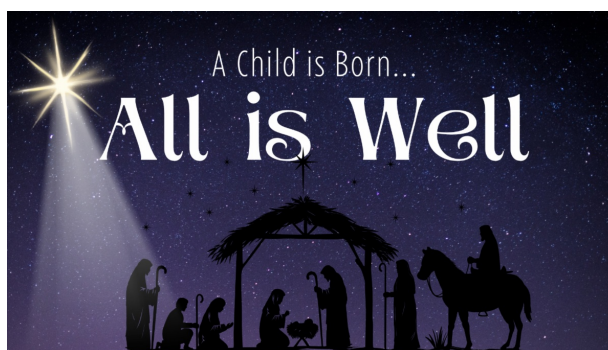
### **Christmas Cantata Sunday**

Come join us this Sunday to celebrate the birth of our Savior through song as our choir presents a Christmas Cantata.

Encompassing everything Christmas is truly about, this musical will take you back to the moment that everything changed...

The moment that brought hope, peace, joy, and love into our world.

The moment the world could finally say, *A Child Is Born... All Is Well.*



**Service time change for this week! Join us online at 10:30!**

**9:00AM - Sanctuary** (in person only)

**10:30AM - Sanctuary** (in person and online)

## THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

Wednesday, Dec. 10 / **CK Christmas Play Practice** / 6:30PM / the Stadium

Thursday, Dec. 11 / **YAMS Ladies Bible Study** / 6:00PM / Pointe Hangout Space

Friday, Dec. 12 / **Elevation Christmas Banquet** / 6:00PM / The Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 14 / **Emerge BIG Christmas** / 6:00PM / The Pointe

Sunday, Dec. 14 / **CK Christmas Play Practice** / 6:30PM / the Stadium

Monday, Dec. 15 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 16 / **Elevation Christmas Party** / **11:00AM** / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 16 / **Circle of Hope** / 6:00PM / Fellowship Hall

## GENERAL INFO

### **Prayer Requests**

**Lisa Bailey** - recovering from surgery

**Chip Craig** - recovering from hospitalization

**Brian Gilbert** - health

**Phyllis Brock** - back home from recent hospitalization.

**Matt Whittle** - recovering from surgery

**Roger Lee** - recovering from hip surgery



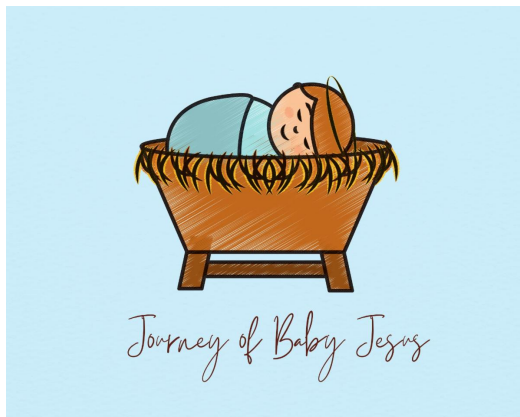


### Welcome to the World Little One!

Please help us congratulate James and Miranda Bennett on the birth of their sweet baby girl! **Charlotte Amelia Bennett** was born on November 26, 2025 at 3:56PM, weighing 7lbs 6oz and measuring 21 inches long! Let us continue to keep the new parents in our prayers as they adapt to this new and beautiful season in their life!!



*"Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him." - Psalm 127:3 NLT*



### Journey of Baby Jesus Continues

Share pictures with us on **FACEBOOK** or **email to Mary Beth!**

If you get to participate, be sure to write in the journal and pass Him on within 24 hours to another SCC family!

**His journey must continue so that he can be brought to the manger at our Candlelight Christmas**

**Service on Sunday, December 21.** We pray that this experience will help us all remember to invite Christ into our home, and our hearts, this Christmas season.

### 1NIGHT WEDNESDAY RETURNS

1Night Wednesdays start back on January 7 at 7pm. More details to follow!

### **NIB Year #15 is in the books!**

No more reminders or pleas for volunteers, costumes, or heaters, lol. Instead, a sense of gratefulness for every person who stepped up to help through serving, financial giving, prayers, and plain old hard work! Your contribution made it happen and we couldn't be more thankful for you. God is so good!



### Census Totals & Interesting Info

- Thursday - 1077 Guests / 250 Volunteers
- Friday – Rained out
- Saturday – 1106 Guests / 243 Volunteers
- Total Guests for the weekend : 2283 (last year our 3-night total was only 2708!)



- Total Volunteers for the weekend - 493
- Donations collected at Bethlehem - \$2037.99
- Youngest NIB volunteer - 4 months old
- Oldest NIB Volunteer – 90 years old
- Guests came from all over NC with the farthest guests coming from California!

If you were a guest or volunteer and have a story to share of something you heard or saw in Bethlehem that touched your heart, please share! If you were a volunteer and have suggestions or observations that might help, please share that, too. This is a church-wide effort and we welcome your input! Email Mary Beth or any of the Pastors and Staff!

Here is a note from a first-time guest this year: “We enjoyed it so much. We had never been and my son’s friend at school invited him to come out and see him as a shepherd. My son loved it and even the grumpy teenager got in the truck and said it was fun. You all put so much work into it and have something very powerful and special there.”

We are humbled and encouraged to keep doing this great work! **Go ahead now and mark your calendars and plan to be a part of NIB 2026! The dates will be Dec. 3-5, 2026 and we hope you will make it a priority for your Christmas season. Individually, we can’t do much but together, what an impact! PTL!**

### **PROPANE TANKS**

If you donated one to NIB, please pick up your propane tank and heater top **BY THURSDAY (12/11) AT 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall**. If you only donated a tank and a heater top is still attached, please remove the top and leave it in the Fellowship Hall.

*(If you did not bring a heater, just leave those under the portico as some of them belong to the church)*



### **NIB Costume Return**

**RETURN YOUR NIB COSTUME** and there'll be no prob-llama!

**SOME** have already returned their costumes and that is great! We encourage you to return yours **ASAP (No later than Sunday, Dec. 21)** so our costumers can get them accounted for and ready for storage. Please **RETURN COSTUMES TO THE BASEMENT ASAP** by

appointment **HERE** or call Gail to arrange a time at 919-920-9864.

Please Note: **If you happen to have a costume from a past year, please bring it! No judgement, we promise!**



### **Christmas Caroling**

Adults, students, teens, and children **are encouraged to join us THIS Sunday, Dec. 14th** as we spread Christmas cheer by Christmas Caroling! Nothing lights up the eyes of our homebound members like seeing our children and teens Christmas caroling! We will split into several groups

at **4:00PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Then each group will car-pool to several locations using our SCC vans (or you can follow your group). **Feel free to dress festive and bring bells as we spread Christmas joy!**



## Candlelight Service

Take a break from the busy, quiet your heart and take time to focus on the real reason for the season! Our Candlelight Service is always very special with inspiring music and more, pointing our thoughts towards the Savior who was born in Bethlehem. Bring the family for this beautiful time of celebration! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 21st at 7:00PM** in the Sanctuary and come experience Christmas by candlelight.



*Immediately following our Candlelight service, we will have hot chocolate, wassail, coffee, milk, and cookies in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments!*

## Bible Recap Update

Bible Recap 2025 participants will be meeting on **Sunday, January 4** for lunch. We invite all 2026 participants to join us for a kick off/celebration lunch! Bring a dish to share and come hungry for lunch and God's Word!



## ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

### Helping adults 40 and over reach

- UP in worship to God
- OUT in service to others
- IN to develop spiritually



**elevation  
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MINISTRIES**

### Fall 2025 Coming Events Overview

December 12 (Fri) – Elevation Catered Christmas Banquet & Christmas Celebration by “Waterbound Dulcimers”

January 8 (Thursday) 4 PM – Big Birthday Bash at Western Sizzlin

February 13 (Friday) 6 PM – International Night - Catered Dinner and Special Guests Don & Sarah Reed – Career missionaries to Africa



### Elevation Bible Study

We invite everyone to join us for our **annual Elevation Bible Study Christmas Party** on 12/16 at 11 AM. If you have not attended Bible Study in a while, we'd love for you to join us. If you have never attended, this is a great time to come and make new friends. If you can bring a side dish or dessert, that will be great. But if not, please join us anyway. There is

always plenty. Don't skip because you don't have a dish to bring. Just show up! Chicken, chopped BBQ, slaw, Brunswick stew, and tea will be provided. Our Stoney Creek Child Care Center children will also be sharing their Christmas program with us!

## Elevation Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

A free event for adults 40 and over!



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP. SIMPLY CALL THE OFFICE.

Hot, catered dinner and dessert by "Something Different" in Wilson  
Inspirational, Christmas Concert by "Waterbound Dulcimers" of Eastern NC

New to SCC, only been here a year or two—or a lifelong member—this is a great opportunity to get to know (and grow closer) to your SCC family. "Connections" and "Community" are two of our core values at SCC. This is a great way to connect with others and experience community. It's also a great way to continue to prepare your heart for Christmas!

Please sign up [HERE](#) or at the Elevation Info Center in "The Connector."



## EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY

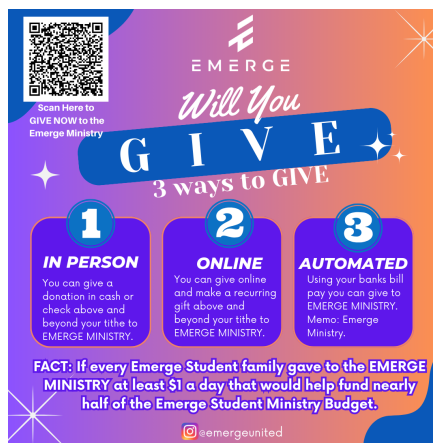


### EMERGE BIG CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 7TH & 14TH!!!

Join us **THIS Sunday, December 14th** for our **FINAL** night of Emerge BIG Christmas! **SO** many awesome giveaways. We will have an ugly sweater contest, so wear your **UGLIEST** sweater!! Pancakes and sausage for dinner, followed by games and **BIG** prizes...we hope to see **YOU** there!!

Consider giving today! Three ways you can support our Emerge Student Ministry Financially!

1. **IN PERSON** - You can give a donation in cash or check above and beyond our tithe to Emerge Ministry.
2. **ONLINE** - You can give online and make a recurring gift above and beyond your tithes to Emerge Ministry.
3. **AUTOMATED** - Using your banking bill pay, you can give to Emerge Ministry. (Payable to SCC and put Emerge Ministry on Memo Line.)



Fact - If every Emerge Student family gave to the Emerge Ministry at least \$1 a day. That would help fund nearly half of the Emerge Student Ministry budget!

## CREEKIDZ MINISTRY





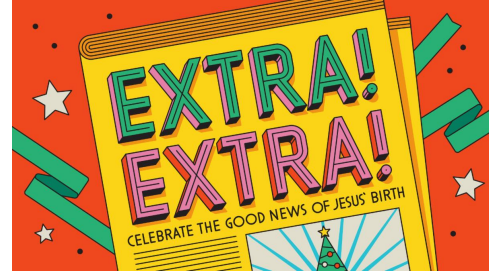


### Preschool Focus for December

**Theme:** Christmas Shapes

**Memory Verse:** *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. John 3:16*

**Bottom Line:** God gave us Jesus.



### Elementary Focus for December

**Theme:** Extra! Extra!

**Memory Verse:** *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11*

**Bottom Line:** Celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth!



### CreeKidz Sunday Schedule Change

This Sunday, our Adult Choir will share their cantata in the main Sanctuary at 9 AM & 10:30 AM. Please note the time change! CreeKidz will still have classes and nurseries will be available.

#### 9 AM Service

- Nurseries / Room 101 & Room 118
- PreK 3 & 4 / Room 104
- K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / the Stadium

#### 10:30 AM Service

- PreK 3 / Room 102
- PreK 4 / Room 103
- K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade / the Stadium



### Jesus Birthday Bash

What a great Jesus' Birthday Bash this past Sunday! Thanks to all those who helped prepare ahead of time and set up Saturday night. Thanks to our leaders who helped serve, had fun with the kids and helped clean up. We couldn't do it without you!

Check out the pictures on our CK Facebook page [HERE!](#) We made Christmas cards for

our shut-ins, played games, blew bubbles, had a birthday snack and blew out candles after we sang HBD to Jesus, got group photos and learned how the candy cane is much more than a sweet treat, it's a reminder of all that Jesus has done for us. We hope the boys and girls will always remember how much they are loved by their church, but more importantly, they are loved by Jesus!

### CreeKidz Christmas Play



Elmville is all abuzz for the big annual Christmas tree lighting. The town's prized tree-topper, the "Elmville Star", is about to be unboxed for the ceremony with all the townsfolk assembled, the Mayor presiding, a live podcaster breathlessly describing it all . . . when the unthinkable happens. The star is missing! Will Christmas be ruined? Will the inaugural "Walk Through Bethlehem" be spoiled? It seems that the program's director, Eve Holiday ("Christmas Eve") knows more than she's letting on. Mystery, majesty, suspense and celebration all wrapped up in awesome songs and Gospel truth in **Christmas Eve** – *the girl who saved Christmas*. Join us as our CreeKidz present this exciting play filled with all things Christmas!



### **Christmas Candlelight Service PreK Nativity**

**LAST CALL! Please register today!**

We are excited for our K3-K4 Preschool children to participate in the Nativity at our special Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 21 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Your child will sit with you until it's their time to shine and then they will come to the

stage! It's really very simple and a great way for them to participate. Our whole church looks forward to this each year! If you would like your child to participate, [sign up HERE](#), no later than Wednesday, Dec. 10. We need Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wisemen, angels and of course lots of animals! They will be the cutest!

## **MORE WAYS TO CONNECT**

How can we pray for you? [Submit a PRAYER REQUEST](#)

Want to receive occasional texts? [Sign up for SCC TEXT MESSAGES](#)

Change of email, address, phone? [Submit a CHANGE OF INFORMATION](#)

Are you interested in serving at SCC? [Start HERE](#)

Building need? Contact Facilities Manager, [Steve Pate](#) (919-502-9588)

Need something added to the Creek Connection? Contact [Kaylin Honeycutt](#)

Need to contact a pastor? **Email by clicking below or text/call them!**

[Josh Whitfield, Senior Pastor](#) 252-286-3014

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