



December 17, 2025

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

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*.



Service time change for this week! Join us online at 9:00AM!

9:00AM - the Pointe (in person & online)

10:30AM - the Pointe (in person **ONLY**)

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

Wednesday, Dec. 17 / **CK Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal** / 6:00PM / the Pointe

Saturday, Dec. 20 / **CK Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal** / 10:00AM / The Pointe

Sunday, Dec. 21 / **CK Christmas Play** / 9:00 & 10:30AM / the Pointe

Monday, Dec. 22 / **Prayer Team** / 7:30PM / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 23 / **Elevation Adult Bible Study** / 10:00AM / Fellowship Hall

GENERAL INFO

Prayer Requests

Howie Shaw - metastatic thyroid cancer

Martin Hooks - lung infection

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



Holiday Office Hours

Wednesday, Dec. 24 CLOSÉD
Thursday, Dec. 25 CLOSÉD
Friday, Dec. 26 CLOSÉD
Thursday, Jan. 1 CLOSÉD



Journey of Baby Jesus

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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 21st. We pray that this experience will help us all remember to invite Christ into our home, and our hearts, this Christmas season.

Special Called Business Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, December 28th for Special Called Business Meeting. We will be voting on our next Children's Pastor candidate, Walker Honeycutt. The meeting will be held in the Main Sanctuary at 5:00PM.



SPECIAL CALLED
BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday / December 28th
5 PM / Sanctuary



1NIGHT WEDNESDAY RETURNS

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



NIB Costume Return

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

MANY have already returned their costumes and that is great! We encourage you to return yours **no later than THIS 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!**

NIB Thank You!

If you helped in any way with Night in Bethlehem, please stop by the Fellowship

Hall this Sunday and pick up a special NIB 15th Year ornament as our small way of saying thanks! Ornaments are one per family and should be in alphabetical order by last name. Ornaments will also be available following the Candlelight Service. Should your name have been missed in error, please let Mary Beth or one of the Pastors know so we can get you one!



Manger Offering

There are two more opportunities to participate and give to our special Christmas manger offering. This is a time that we offer an extra gift, over and above our regular tithes and offerings in honor of Jesus' Birthday! You should have received a letter in the mail recently that included special Christmas offering envelopes for you and your family. We will have some available Sunday

morning if you need one, however, you can also just drop in cash or checks. Let's make this year's manger offering great!

1. Manger will be in front of the Christmas tree in the lobby **this Sunday Morning / 9 AM & 10 :30 AM / the Pointe**
2. Manger will be located at the front of the Sanctuary, and you will have the opportunity to drop your gift in the manger when you come forward for Communion **this Sunday Night / Candlelight Service / 7 PM / Sanctuary**

Bible in a Year Small Group

We invite you like to journey with us—and others in your SCC family—as we read through the Bible in 2026. We will explore the Scriptures together, committing about 20 minutes a day to reading the Bible. Insightful online reflections are available for each day through a Bible app you can download to your iPhone or Android. We will also be able to read or share thoughts and insights with others in our small group through our dedicated Facebook page.



This Bible reading small group will challenge and inspire you, provide you with new perspectives on the Bible, foster personal growth, and enable you to develop deeper relationships with your SCC family.

Our next Small Group Meeting:

Sunday, January 4, at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **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!

Small Group Leaders:

Barry & Lisa Williamson, Ryan & Betsy Roberson, and Curt & Trey Hinton.

How to Join:

Text Pastor Barry (919-920-4996) or Curt Hinton (919-344-2169) to express your interest and get connected. Or—just show up on January 4th. We can't wait to grow alongside you as we dive into God's Word together!

CAROLING THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who went caroling last Sunday afternoon! We had a great turn out and were able to visit 10 of our homebound members spreading



Christmas joy to them. Some of them were touched to tears! Thanks for giving of your time to let them know they are loved and not forgotten. May God bless you! Check out a some of the pictures [here!](#)

Ham Supper

It's almost time for our Annual Ham Supper and you don't want to miss it! Each plate includes Country Ham, Rice & Gravy, Field Peas, Baked Apples & Homemade Biscuits! Tickets (\$10) are available from members of the Koinonia Class, YAMs Class and the church office. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you on Jan. 25, 4:30 - 7 PM -- eat in or take out!



ELEVATION ADULT MINISTRY

Helping adults 40 and over reach

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



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adult**
MINISTRIES

Winter 2026 Elevation Ministry Overview

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

Next week (Tues, 12/23), we will be studying Daniel chapter 3 (The Fiery Furnace) and how to respond to persecution aimed at us because of our faith in Jesus Christ. We are continuing a very practical, **NEW** mini-series called **Faith Under Fire!** As we look at the life of Daniel, we will talk about how to stand strong in our faith in a

nation that is increasingly hostile to Christians and our belief in God and the authority of the Holy Bible.

Come join us expecting to receive a blessing!

Donuts, coffee and water will be available for your enjoyment. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Big Birthday Bash!

We're celebrating everyone's 2026 birthday with a party at Western Sizzlin!

Thursday, January 8th...Be in line before 4 PM if you want to get the special pricing on the Special Lunch Menu items. Or show up after 4 PM if

you want to take advantage of the Dinner Specials.

Go ahead through the line and order when you arrive and then join us at the tables reserved in the back. We will meet you there!

We will bring a **large birthday cake** so we can celebrate your birthday after we eat. Don't miss your chance to win a **door prize/birthday gift**, enjoy great food and get to know some **wonderful people**!

Sign-up is not necessary, but will help us better know how many tables to reserve. You can sign-up in the Connector or online by clicking [HERE](#). But please be sure to join us--even if you don't sign up.



EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY



EMERGE SPRING 2026

January	February
4: Worship Night & Small Groups	1: Worship Night & Small Groups
11: Worship Night & Small Groups	8: SUPER SUNDAY: Super Bowl Party
18: Worship Night & Small Groups	15: Worship Night & Small Groups
25: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Skate Night at Round About Skating	22: I LOVE YOU NIGHT with Elevation Adults

March	April
1: Worship Night & Small Groups	5: NO EMERGE FOR EASTER
8: YTH REVIVAL @ PG	12: Worship Night & Small Groups
15: Worship Night & Small Groups	19: Worship Night & Small Groups
22: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: SMALL GROUP MEET UP	26: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Bonfire and Cookout Night
29: Worship Night & Small Groups	

May	June
3: Worship Night & Small Groups	7: Grad Brunch & Grad Sunday
10: NO EMERGE FOR MOTHER'S DAY	7: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe
17: Worship Night & Small Groups	15-20: C3 CAMP
24: EMERGE LIVE NIGHT: Warbirds Game	21: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe
31: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe	28: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe

July
4-10: BELIZE (tentatively)
19-23: VBS @ SCC
26: Emerge Summer Nights @ The Pointe



NO EMERGE UNTIL JANUARY

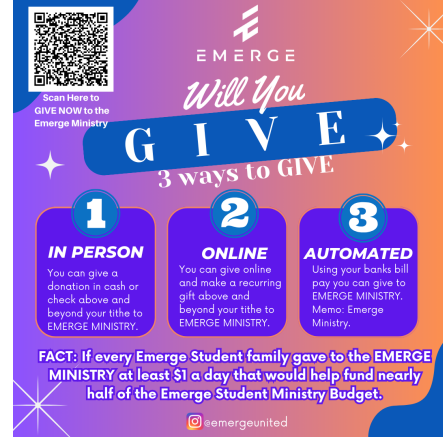
We have had a FANTASTIC year together, and we expect nothing less for **2026!!** Enjoy the break to spend time with your family for the holidays. Wishing you a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** from Emerge!! See you next year!!

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

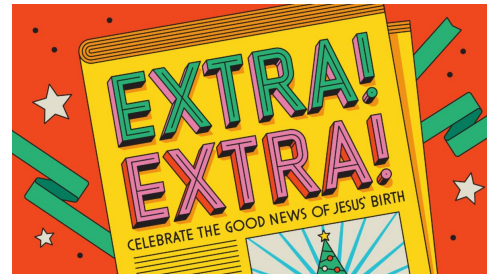


Preschool Focus for December

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

Nursery and PreK classes will meet **as normal**.

NO Elementary Classes - children not in the play will attend the play with their family!

CreeKidz Christmas Play

It's **FINALLY** here!! All of our CreeKidz and parents have worked so hard to make this happen. Services will be at 9:00 and 10:30AM, but we ask that all cast and choir

members be at the church **NO LATER** than 8:15. This will give us plenty of time for everyone to get their mics and address any last minute changes. **THANK YOU** in advance for all of your hard work!!



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!**

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