# DECEMBER 2025

What's coming up

#### **Thurs.-December 4**

WOL FAMILY EXCLUSIVE INVITATION: An early access opportunity to experience Return to Bethlehem! Tours will run from 6:30-8:30pm. Find your invitation in this month's newsletter or at our Connection Center.

#### Fri-Sun.-December 5-7

Return to Bethlehem: free indoor walking tours run from 6-9pm each night. Journey to and through the streets of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born!

#### Sun.-December 14

LifeKIDZ Christmas Musical: I0am service only

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Christmas Meal Voucher applications due at the Connection Center. Voucher pick up is on Tues., December 16.

#### Wed.-December 17

Life Students (Grades 7-12) Christmas Party at Urban Air: details can be found on FB & IG (@lifestudentsgbg). Students can sign up by emailing Pastor Rob at rkantorik@word4u.org, or in class on Sunday mornings. A waiver for Urban Air will also need to be completed.

#### Fri.-December 19

YA's (ages 18-25) Christmas Party at Full Throttle: details on IG (@youngadultswol). Sign up at the Connection Center or by emailing Pastor Rob (rkantorik@word4u. org).

#### Wed.-December 24

Celebrate Christmas at 4 & 6pm — join us as we worship our Savior and King! Both services will end with our traditional candlelight closing.

#### **PLAN AHEAD**

#### Sun.-January 4

9 & I Iam Sunday services resume

#### Mon.-January 5

"The Passion" Introductory Meeting: 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting is for all who would like to know more about being a part of "The Passion" 2026.

#### Wed.-January 7

Worship Night

## MERRY (JHRISTMAS!

#### **BEYOND WORDS BOOKS & GIFT SHOP**

Our Bookstore has resources and gifts for all ages! Visit them after Sunday services. They just had another shipment of sweatshirts and tees that will make perfect holiday gifts for family and friends!

#### **COMMUNITY CARE**

Call the office at 724-837-8790 for more information.

Celebrate Recovery 6:30pm, Dining Room (Tuesdays)

DivorceCare 7:00pm, Room 206 (Resumes in 2026)

#### **MISSIONS UPDATE**

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the year. In 2025, we have been able to support over 15 different mission organizations. We had a visit from Bekah, Amod and their family who serve in India and are one of those missionaries we support. It was awesome to see them. We had a team travel again to Alaska to help Change Point Church with a building project. Finally, we have a large team heading to Boone, North Carolina at the beginning of December to process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We also want to thank everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We know we are going to reach even more children and share the Love of Jesus this year than last year!! Please remember to pray for the missionaries around the world, putting their lives on the line to share the Love of Jesus. We are praying you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

#### **BABY DEDICATION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7** (10AM SERVICE ONLY)

Registration details are available at our Connection Center.

#### **SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER**

We will have one service only at 10am every Sunday in December! Our Wednesday services will resume in January 2026.

#### LIFE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Life Students (Grades 7-12) meets weekly, and YAs (Ages 18-25) meets for small groups, Bible studies, and events year round. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram (@lifestudentsGBG // @youngadultsWOL) for their latest schedule.

#### **LIFE GROUPS**

Bicycle Club: All riding levels welcome — Contact Jack McManus (724-454-3496). Bloom: For moms of preschoolers — find details under "LifeKIDZ." Blaze: For boys Ages 6-12 — find details under "LifeKIDZ." Blossom: For girls Ages 6-12 and their moms — find details under "LifeKIDZ."

#### **CONNECT + CARE**

Do you have a prayer request? Are you celebrating a praise report? Do you have a need of any kind? Let us know! Scan this QR code to fill out a simple form, or visit our Connection Center to fill out a card. As your church family, it is our honor to pray for you and celebrate alongside you!





Our kids are learning to love like Jesus! Stay connected on Facebook & Instagram: @lifekidzwol

#### **GRADES 123 SUNDAY CLASS RELOCATED: NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 7**

Wave Walker Village will be used for Return to Bethlehem. Children in Grades 123 must be escorted to the Dining Room after getting name tags at the Child Check-In kiosk for their Sunday class on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7.

Parents will pick these children up from the Dining Room with their matching ID tags for security.

#### CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN RETURN TO BETHLEHEM: DECEMBER 5,6,7

Look for LifeKIDZ and parents in Bible costumes portraying the Christmas story for our walk-through guests and LifeKIDZ Creative Arts blessing those waiting in the sanctuary.

#### LIFEKIDZ CREATIVE ARTS PREPARE FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SUNDAY

Please stay connected with your leaders for rehearsal dates and times.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 10 AM

"Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night!"

It is easy to lose focus on the Prince of Peace that was born in Bethlehem that holy night. Today, our Christmas is not usually quiet, calm or silent. That first Christmas was crazy and busy too! Thankfully, Jesus came to bring peace and hope to the chaos in our world. This musical is the highlight of a memory-making church service with your family, which features LifeKIDZ Creative Arts and another favorite tradition—Pastor Tom will read to the kids and bless them with Christmas candy bars. Nursery and classes for two and three-year-olds will be available.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT HEMPFIELD MANOR NURSING HOME: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:30 PM

Spread the love of Jesus to residents of a nearby nursing home at 1118 Woodward Drive, Greensburg. Meet in the lobby at 6:30 PM to receive instructions and cards to give as we sing Christmas carols through the halls.

#### KIDZ BUCKS STORE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

LifeKIDZ in Grades I-6 earn Kidz Bucks by reading Bible bookmarks with scriptures from their weekly lessons.

They use these each month to purchase items in the Kidz Bucks Store in Wave Walker Village.

Please let your kids surprise you this Christmas by not looking into their bag of gifts after shopping.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 4 PM AND 6 PM

Families and guests love celebrating Jesus on Christmas Eve with our traditional candlelight closing at both services. There is no childcare this night. Our Family Comfort Suite will be open for you to care for your little ones if needed while viewing a live feed of the service. Children through age 12 will receive a Christmas book in a gift bag with other treats.

### BLOOM, BLAZE, BLOSSOM, ART, AND PRODUCTION CLUBS BREAK FOR DECEMBER AND WILL MEET IN 2026



#### Children in Grades 4-6 are learning that they are chosen by God!

In December, LifeKIDZ 456 will be in a series called Pictures of Jesus. Preteens will encounter that Jesus is our sympathetic high priest who is the visible image of the invisible God.

WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU ARE HERE AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN!
SUNDAYS AT 9AM & I I AM (LIVE ONLINE AT 9AM) | WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM\*

\*WEDNESDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME JANUARY 7, 2026 WITH A WORSHIP NIGHT.

Follow along with us on Facebook and Instagram!

LifeKIDZ (Nursery-Grade 6): @lifekidzwol

Life Students (Grades 7-12): @lifestudentsgbg

Young Adults (Ages 18-25): @youngadultswol

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