<u>Celebration Sunday – December 28, 2025</u> "Remember and Proclaim"

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Consider:

-Which ideas or phrases from *Psalm 145* are most impacting to you today? Write them down, and think about why they might be standing out. Are they tied to deeper connections to your story?

Do you think God has more he wants you to learn from these ideas?

-What parts of the **testimonies shared today** encouraged you/challenged you/taught you/etc.?

-What is your story from this year? Who might you share it with? Do you have songs, books, films, etc., that have been meaningful to you, that you could recommend? Who could you ask to share their story with you?

-Our Church has taken the practice of *Communion* regularly this past year. Its primary purpose is to remember Jesus' death, resurrection, and promised return, and to proclaim our faith in these events to ourselves and one another. What have you learned and experienced, this past year through participating in this sacred and historic practice of followers of Jesus?

As we enter into 2026, consider the following phrase:

"I want to be a disciple of Jesus... who makes disciples...who make disciples..." (EFCA)

What if...

Someone who desires to be "a disciple of Jesus" learns about the mission and values of Jesus.

-Consider a plan to read through the New Testament in 2026. (See Reading Plan)

-Prepare to engage with the upcoming "Sermon On the Mount" Sermon Series, starting next Sunday.

Someone who "...makes disciples...who make disciples..." looks to pass on Jesus' values to others.

-Invite someone else, or a group of friends, to join you in reading and learning from God's Word this year.

-Pray that God might continue to reveal people around you to serve, mentor, encourage, provide for, etc.

2026 New Testament Reading Plan



"Remember and Proclaim" Playlist





Psalm 145 (NLT)

A psalm of praise of David

¹ I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.
 ² I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever.
 ³ Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
 let them proclaim your power.
 I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor
 and your wonderful miracles.
 Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
 I will proclaim your greatness.
 Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
 they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. ⁹The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation. ¹⁰ All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you. ¹¹They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power. ¹²They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign. ¹³ For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The LORD always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does. ¹⁴The LORD helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. ¹⁶ When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. ¹⁸ The LORD is close to all who call on him. yes, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. ²⁰The LORD protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked.

²¹I will praise the LORD, and may everyone on earth bless his holy name forever and ever.