

## Joys and Concerns

12.14.25

### We celebrate with...

Our Pastor Jinx as he wore an outstanding Christmas suit with blinking lights! Barb Drummond reports on another successful Laundry Love event this weekend. Valerie Adair celebrated her birthday as she also remembers her late mother. Marci shares her joy of having her friend, Carrie Helm, singing in the choir and the joy of having her entire family at the second service. Julie Sondag shares her joy of having her friend, Stephania Abell, singing in the choir. Katie Campbell's daughter, Lily, graduated Summa Cum Laude from OU. Annie Campbell is thankful for one of her OU professors who showed her grace over missing a test. Melissa Duncan is thankful that her husband, Tim, went to the doctor and is now on medication for bronchitis and sinusitis. Erin Moore has finished her first semester in Seminary. Dale Ware's nephew was in town visiting for a few days from Florida. Jim Eller celebrates OU Women's amazing basketball team. Rod Murrow celebrated both Jinx and Amber Moore in their VERY festive Christmas attire. Chris Suit had a lovely, productive visit back in Norman and is now headed back to Connecticut. Jen McDanel shared it was Bryan's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday and he is going to be going to Las Vegas (for the first time) with his brothers! Jackie Farley shared that Susan Arn's brother, Steve, is on a new drug in his cancer treatment journey and it is showing positive signs. Nanci Barthel's sister, Linda, has had liver disease for several years and it's miraculously starting to improve. Michelle Carr reported that Liam has made Oklahoma All-State Symphonic Band on Saxophone, Oklahoma All-State Jazz Band 1<sup>st</sup> alternate on guitar, OSCDA on saxophone and Oklahoma Youth Jazz Band on guitar. Abraham made OSCDA on French Horn and gymnastically Abraham received his personal best in All-Around.

### We pray for...

Joan Hines who is facing serious illness. Phyllis Dawson who is also in Hospice. Vickie Wood shared that her daughter, Danielle, had a seizure while driving south on I-35 and was in a serious car accident going north on I-35 and has no memory of how she ended up going that direction. Vickie Wood shared that the Culp-Quinnett's are doing well but they are finding it difficult to make it to service from their new home. Jeff Peters lifts up his cousin Nick who continues to battle brain cancer. Amy LeBlanc remembers her mother, Lynn, on the fifth anniversary of her passing. Mike Thompson shared that Shirley is having back surgery Monday. Traveling mercies for Valerie Adair and Mary Lee. David Wilson-Burn's mother is having surgery Monday having a stunt put in. Erin Moore shared that Linden's friend, Amelia, is still in the hospital. Dan Snell lifts up all of Latin America. Barb Drummond lifts up the memory of Gene Groff.

# The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - December 21, 2025

### Lunch Bunch

will meet on

January 6th.

(It's now on the  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays.)



Norman Coalition for Refugee Support

### Needs of the NCRS:

1. Bookkeeper
2. Housing Chair & Housing Assistants
3. Prayers for the NCRS refugee families and volunteers
4. Drivers (dr. appts, etc.)

Contact Brent for more info at

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Join us throughout  
2026 as we prepare  
for something new

January Sermon  
Series and the Theme  
for all of 2026

*Be Still*

- PSALM 46:10 -





## Help Provide Christmas Gifts For Our Food and Shelter Family

We are collecting Christmas gifts for a mom and two daughters, ages 8 and 9, who live in the cottage St. Stephen's sponsors at Food and Shelter. If you would like to contribute, please sign up online at <https://mealtrain.com/4g445m> or by scanning this QR code.



Please deliver your items (unwrapped) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, to Jinx's office at St. Stephen's or to Brenda Wheelock, 2501 Butler Drive. Please include a gift receipt, if possible. If you have questions, call Brenda at (405) 620-1305 or Nanci Barthel at (405) 323-0703.

### Spiritual Disciplines

Sunday, December 28

There will be no Sunday School that day and only one worship service at 10:00 am.

Come for a time of reflection and prayer!

**Please turn in  
your pledge cards!**

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Church services Sunday Morning 8:30 am & 10:50 am  
and 10:50 am Sunday School at 9:40 am

ST STEPHEN'S UNITED  
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# CHRISTMAS EVE *Services*

Join us this Christmas as we celebrate the true reason  
for the season. Our services will have something for every age,  
including candlelight, beautiful music and communion.



Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm  
Family Christmas Eve  
Service

Dec. 24th at 7:00 pm  
Candlelight Christmas  
Eve Service

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