



Christmas Eve Devotional 4PM
All classes meet in the auditorium.

Today's Service – 12/21/25

Morning	Evening
Opening Prayer James Embry	Opening Prayer David Myers
Preside/Reading Derek Pigg	Read Scripture Patton Jones
Closing Prayer Lendale Long	Song Leading Larry Wilson
	Closing Prayer Clay McMeans

Wednesday 12/24/25

Opening Prayer Stephen Embry	Devotional Scott Wright
Lead Singing David Myers	Closing Prayer Trent Patterson
Bible Reading Stephen Speake	
Young Men Song Gaines Hardy Reading Cooper McMeans Prayer Miles Webster	

Sunday 12/28/25

Morning	Evening
Opening Prayer Matthew Davis	Opening Prayer Freddie McConnell II
Preside/Reading Trent Patterson	Read Scripture Lendale Long
Closing Prayer Garrett Beavers	Song Leading Terrell Phillips
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Lock Up Building

12/21 SUN AM Mickey Beavers	12/28 SUN AM Reid Newton
12/21 SUN PM John Hester	12/28 SUN PM Lendale Long
12/24 WED Mike Fry	12/31 WED Benjy McCafferty

Sound Room

December Daniel Nix, Trent Patterson
January Freddie McConnell II, Stephen Embry

Prepare Communion

12/21 Morris Lentz, 12/28 Leslie Owens, 1/04 Scott Wright

Baptismal Garments

12/21 Shane Lee, 12/28 Kim Lane, 1/04 Rhonda Beavers

Annex Set Up

December Scott & Rachael Wright
January Mickey & Rhonda Beavers

Attendance	Contribution
12/14 SUN BIBLE CLASS 170	Budget \$11,577.00
12/14 SUN AM 232	Contribution 12/14. \$8,325.33
12/14 SUN PM. 73	- \$3,251.67
12/17 WED. 131	



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SUN AM Bible Class .9:00 a.m.
SUN AM Worship . . 10:00 a.m.
SUN PM Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Study. . . 10:00 a.m.

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Church of Christ

December 21, 2025

Christians, Christmas, and the Church of Christ (Part 1)

***Excerpts from an article in the Christian Chronicle written by its editor, Bobby Ross, Jr. ***

For many members of Churches of Christ, Christmas once meant decorated trees, colorfully wrapped gifts and Santa Clauses all around — but definitely no mention of baby Jesus. Mistletoe was welcome, but mangers certainly were not, in a fellowship that marked Dec. 25 as a secular holiday but purposely never sang “Joy to the World” after about mid-November. In recent years, though, many congregations have become much more willing to reflect on the story of Jesus’ birth at a time when the world is focused on him, The Christian Chronicle found in a query of more than 100 ministers and members nationwide. “We in the Churches of Christ have long held that we have it ‘right’ according to the Bible,” said Lantz Howard, youth minister for the Bright Angel Church of Christ in Las Vegas. “Well ... the Gospels do talk about the birth of Jesus. I am sure that God the father of Christ was jumping for joy on that day,” Howard added. “So we, too, can jump for joy.”

Jim Hackney, minister for the Heritage Church of Christ in Keller, Texas, said Churches of Christ “missed out on a lot” by not observing Christmas in any kind of religious way “However, over the years, we have been able to change that,” Hackney said. “Visitors come to our church on Christmas expecting to hear about the birth of Jesus. We don’t disappoint them. It’s too important to reach out in a positive way at that time.”

But some remain steadfastly opposed to connecting Christ with Christmas. Glynna Hartman, a member of the Wilshire Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, has been known to walk out of service to avoid singing “Silent Night” at Christmas after ignoring it the rest of the year. A Christian for more than
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60 years, Hartman blames churches' increasing comfort with Christmas on "secularism creeping into a congregation." While her family exchanges holiday gifts, she refrains from calling it "Christmas. I am very careful about using God's name and Christ's name because I don't want to put it in vain," she said. E. Dean Kelly, minister for the Highland Home Church of Christ in Alabama, said he has no problem preaching about Jesus' birth 52 weeks a year. However, if it's in the holiday season, he'll stress that Christmas is not a biblical holiday, he said. Instead, Kelly said he explains that Christians are told to celebrate the savior's death, burial and resurrection with the Lord's Supper every Sunday. "I am grieved that so many are being drawn into thinking like and imitating the denominational world around us," Kelly said. "It is a fact that we are not told to celebrate the birth of Jesus, though it is a very important fact of Scripture." But he said, "To keep a holiday as a civil and personal holiday is not unscriptural nor sinful — unless we cause ourselves to offend our conscience.

-Scott Wright

Sick List

Peggy Williams is in Mitchell Hollingsworth Rehab room R38B.

Cecil Haraway had a kidney stone last week.

Johnny Grisham had his appendix removed last week.

Finn Turner had a tonsillectomy Thursday.

Rachel Weir was admitted to the hospital in Birmingham with a fever.

Belinda Tipton, mother of Tiffany Hardy, is in rehab in Ocean Springs, MS.

John Peacock, brother-in-law of Alicia Black, is improving.

Jeff Hudson, friend of Johnny & Cynthia Williams, will be coming home soon.

Extended Illness **Jerry Bedingfield**, **Steve Hooie**, **Cecil & Linda Haraway**,

Dude & Shelby Weathers, **Leon Peck** (father of Marc Peck), **Jimmy Whitman**,

Oaklynn Jackson (daughter of Eli & Taylor Gordon Jackson), **Lela Mae**

Hamilton (mother of Joan Owens), **Molly Weeks** (mother of Alison Cornelius),

Tim Clark (husband of Sherry), **Harrison Bobo** (grandson of Randy & Glenda

Pyle), **Barry Bedingfield** (brother-in-law of Linda Chambers), **Rachael Weir**,

Dennis Raney, **Crystal Pruitt** (daughter of Hollis Pruitt)

Shut-Ins

Genell McLemore (home), **Peggy Williams** Hill Top II at Glenwood, 213 Ana Drive, Florence, AL 35630, **Diane Embry** (home), **Linda Rekart** (The Cottages 2373 Roberts Lane #7, Florence, AL 35630. No visitors after 5 PM), **Vera Cox** (LCNH), **Vella Green** (Rm 2308 Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home, 7054 Veterans Pkwy, Pell City, AL 35125), **Willie Mae Eldridge** (El Reposo), **Alice Ezell** (home), **Bob Fay** (Avita of Brunswick, 89 Admiral Fitch Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011), **Gladys Graham** (home), **Dixie Kelly** (home), **Emma Smith** (22050 Indian Trace, Athens, AL 35613), **Frank Word** (home), **Sylvia Lentz** (Green Oaks Inn, 140 Pepper Lane, Florence, AL 35633)

Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower for Katelyn Patterson Cox will be held Sunday, January 11, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM, at Joetta Trousdale's home (375 County Road 76, Rogersville). Katelyn is registered at Target and Amazon.

Christmas Party Tonight

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Party in the annex following service tonight. Food will be provided, please bring drinks and desserts.

Wednesday Auditorium Class "Jesus"

Wednesday evening auditorium class speakers and topics:

December 24: Christmas Eve devo at 4PM – All classes meet in auditorium

December 31: Jesus in 2026 – Scott Wright

Beth's Babies Annual Coat Drive

There is a donation box in the main foyer for children's coats and small blankets. Last year over 200 coats were given to children, and this year's goal is 250. Questions? Please see Audri Ragasa

Fellowship Meal

We will not have a fellowship meal on January 4. Our afternoon service will begin at 12:30.

Upcoming Events

December 21 PM- Christmas Party All Ages

December 24 – Christmas Eve Devotional at 4:00 PM. All classes meet in auditorium.

December 31 – New Year Devotional - All classes meet in the auditorium.

Youth Events

TurnUp Tuesday Each Tuesday morning at LCHS at 7:35 during school calendar year.

January 14 Youth Service Project and Devotional - K-12th Grade will meet in annex.

January 28 FWednesday

Week 51

December 21-27

Jeremiah 1-42, Joel
(45 chapters)



Week 52

December 28-January 03

Jeremiah 43-52,
Lamentations, Obadiah,
Haggai, Malachi, Revelation
(44 chapters)

"2026" Bible Reading Schedules are located on the tables at each exit.