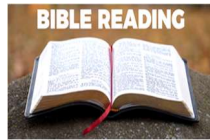


Week 52
December 28-January 03

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



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

Today's Service – 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
	Closing Prayer Garrett Beavers
Wednesday 12/31/25	
Opening Prayer John Hester	Devotional Brock Owens
Lead Singing Mike Fry	Closing Prayer Matt Adams
Bible Reading Larry Wilson	
Young Men Song Cooper McMeans Reading Miles Webster Prayer Isaac Adams	
Sunday 1/04/26	
Morning	Evening
Opening Prayer Daniel Nix	Opening Prayer John Hester
Preside/Reading David Patterson	Read Scripture Terrell Phillips
Closing Prayer Shane Lee	Song Leading Mickey Beavers
	Closing Prayer Jordan Nix
Lock Up Building	
12/28 SUN AM Reid Newton	1/04 SUN PM Mickey Beavers
12/28 SUN PM Lendale Long	1/07 WED Shane Lee
12/31 WED Benjy McCafferty	
Sound Room	
December Daniel Nix, Trent Patterson	
January Freddie McConnell II, Stephen Embry	
Prepare Communion	
12/28 Leslie Owens, 1/04 Scott Wright, 1/11 Janie Wright	
Baptismal Garments	
12/28 Kim Lane, 1/04 Rhonda Beavers, 1/11 Jacque Patterson	
Annex Set Up	
December Scott & Rachael Wright January Mickey & Rhonda Beavers	
Attendance	Contribution
12/21 SUN BIBLE CLASS143	Budget \$11,577.00
12/21 SUN AM226	
12/21 SUN PM. 63	



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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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December 28, 2025

Christians, Christmas, and the Church of Christ (Part 2)

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

FOR PAGANS OR PREACHERS?

Christmas, or "Christ's Mass," was adopted in the fourth century by Roman Emperor Constantine to encourage a common religious festival for Christians and Pagans.

Growing up in Caldwell, Idaho, John Free said his parents and grandparents taught him that Christmas was "something for Catholics and the denominations that did not embrace the idea that the silence of the Scriptures was to be respected as much as the precise words of the Scripture." But Free said the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, Calif., where he serves as an elder, views Christmas as a time to celebrate Jesus' birth and tell his story. "So Christmas carols are sung in our worship service on the Sunday closest to Christmas, and the sermons typically focus on that part of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke," he said. "There is usually a disclaimer that we really don't know when Jesus was born, but that is about as far as we go to reassure our more conservative members."

Glover Shipp, a former longtime missionary who is an elder for the Edmond Church of Christ in Oklahoma, said he has mixed feelings about how to approach Christmas. "To celebrate Christmas without Christ, making Santa the chief person in it, doesn't make sense," Shipp said. "However, it may not make sense to bow to the mixture of Pagan and Catholic traditions about Christmas."

HEY, IS THAT AN EASTER DRESS?

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Amy Smith, office assistant for the Nashua Church of Christ in New Hampshire, recalls that her family didn't celebrate Christmas or Easter as religious holidays. Her mother would make her a new dress around Easter, she said. "But I wouldn't wear it for the first time on Easter Sunday, so as not to confuse my friends that I might be celebrating Easter," said Smith, who likes that her congregation embraces both holidays as opportunities.

Lora Isenberg, communications director for the Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester Hills, Mich., said she, too, experienced the "don't talk about Jesus" approach. "I'm grateful to be worshiping at a church now that takes a different approach and uses this holiday to celebrate Jesus' birth and, in turn, reach out to the community," Isenberg said.

As a boy, Tom Riley, minister for the Canyon Church of Christ in Anthem, Ariz., sold enough Christmas cards to earn a tool belt one year and a BB gun the next. "For some of my most devout Christian customers, I knew to show them the secular cards," Riley said. "Santa and Frosty hit the spot." These days, Riley's congregation goes Christmas caroling, and he said he has "developed a voracious appetite for study of the birth of Jesus around Christmas. People want to celebrate what God did," he said. "So I've tried many ways to use Christmas as a time of beautiful, simple, low-pressure outreach."

Christmas decorations adorn the North Central Church of Christ in Indianapolis, where minister David Mangum said he develops messages themed around Jesus' birth. Similarly, the church focuses on moms on Mother's Day and Christ's resurrection on Easter, taking advantage of the calendar to reach the culture, Mangum said. "I have long considered that it is not 'unscriptural' to read Luke 2 in December," he said. Suggesting that it is "just makes us look more quirky, not more faithful." -Scott Wright

Sick List

Peggy Williams is in Mitchell Hollingsworth Rehab room R38B.

Rachel Weir is at home.

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

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

Elisha McIntyre, 12-year-old son of friends of Nathan & Audri Ragasa who are missionaries in Brazil, was severely burned in Brazil. He was flown to Children's Hospital in Birmingham where he will stay 4-6 weeks and undergo multiple surgeries.

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.

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 Meals Resume February 1

We will not have a fellowship meal next Sunday. Our afternoon service will begin at 12:30.

Upcoming Events

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