



Christmas and the Life of Christ

“Reflecting on the teachings of Jesus during Christmas prompts a deeper understanding of love, hope, and joy. His lessons resonate with a call to embody these virtues in our lives. In essence, Christmas beckons believers to live out the teachings of Jesus, fostering a spirit of meekness, humility, and a hunger for righteousness. Jesus’ emphasis on loving enemies and blessing those who curse us challenges us to extend love beyond familiar boundaries.

As we embrace the real spirit of Christmas, we find a unique duty to testify, akin to the shepherds who shared the angelic message. It’s a call to emulate the life of Jesus, celebrating His mission throughout the year, armed with the unique gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Church.org

Christmas Special Offering, December 14 and 21

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Potluck Followed by Presentation of The Christmas Story

We hope you have marked your calendars for **December 14, at 5:00 pm**. Many of your fellow congregation members, in conjunction with Membership Ministry, are hosting a potluck dinner and presentation of *The Christmas Story*. **Please bring your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy.**

Please note that David & Kristi Williamson have graciously offered to transport anyone that does not want to drive in the dark. Please contact the office if you would like to be transported to this event. If there is anyone else who can provide transportation, please contact the office.

Hope to see everyone there.

On Sunday, **December 14**, we will have poinsettias adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one “*In Honor of...*” or “*In Memory of...*” with your payment of \$8.

Your cash / check reserves your poinsettia. Use the small brown envelopes in the pew pockets, or drop your check off in the church office. Please be sure to include **for whom** and **from whom** the poinsettia is ordered. **Monday, December 15**, is the last day to order.

Order forms will be in the bulletins on December 14.

Volunteer Greeters

If you are interested in being a volunteer greeter on Sundays, please sign the signup sheet in the narthex.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, December 14, 5:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, December 16, 11:30 am**
- **Tuesday, December 16, 4:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, December 17, 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday, December 17**
- **Thursday, December 18, 10:00 am**
- **Thursday, December 18, 1:00 pm**

Potluck and presentation of *The Christmas Story*
Lunch Bunch at Anthony’s Italian, 3115 Cavanaugh Road
Serve at Hope Campus
Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
Crazy Crafters
Disciples of Music

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

December 14 Chancel Choir
December 21 Disciples Bells Quintet
Chancel Choir
December 28 Chancel Choir
January 4 DeJon Jordan

Chancel Choir will rehearse Sunday at 9:20 am.

No rehearsals December 16 and
December 23-January 5.

Choir Rehearsal resumes January 6.
Bells rehearsal resumes January 11.

Elder for December

David Pulliam

Deacons for December

Max File (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Tim
Fleming, Paula Friday, Floyd Hamm, Ginger
Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson

Greeters for December

Paula Friday, Calvin Reed
Disciples Hall Entrance: Ginger Jefferies

Prepare Communion for December

Floyd Hamm

Friendship Class Christmas Party

Friday, December 12, at 6:00 pm
David and Judy Trent's house
Bring a finger food and a gift for "dirty Santa".

Hope Campus News

We are collecting 12 oz. styrofoam or paper
bowls and plastic spoons. Unused plasticware
from takeout food is also appreciated.

Cabinet and Ministries
will not meet in December.

DWF Group 3 Christmas Party

The Disciples Women’s Fellowship (DWF)
Group 3 Christmas Party is scheduled for
Thursday, December 11, 6:00 pm, at Las
Americas, 7209 Chad Colley Blvd., Chaffee
Crossing. Please remember to bring personal
care items (shampoo, conditioner, and body
wash) for the Women’s Shelter. Please RSVP by
text or phone call to Mary Beth at 479-414-
4311 or Mickie at 479-461-3998 so we can get
an approximate head count. Thank you!

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge
the following gift:

- In memory of **Julie Spearman** by Nina
Abernathy

Advent Sermon Series 2025

December 14	The Mystery Surrounding His Life	1Timothy 3:16
December 21	The Mystery Surrounding His Glory	1Timothy 3:16
December 24	What is Christmas?	Luke 2:7
December 28	The Mystery Surrounding His Impact	John 3:16

Prayer Concerns

- **Bill Acord**
- **James Chinn**
- **Leslie Gudermuth**
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Jeanne Stebner**

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FOR THE RECORD December 7, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,515.00
Endowment	160.00
Children’s Building Offerings	44,586.00
Balance Due	49,414.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm - Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson, Senior Pastor, 479-651-0456
Dianna Jackson, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Beth Oliver, Organist
Barbara Brown, Office Administrator
Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus