

2011

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# Kimball News Now



## Happy New Year!

A new year is about to begin! 2012! According to the Discovery Channel, this is the year the Mayan calendar ends. Kind of like looking in "The Common Service Book" of the Lutheran Church and noting that on page 295, the Easter Table (dates of Easter) only went up to 2005! 2012 will be seven years beyond how far that book projected.

Before we get caught up in looking forward, I suggest we look backwards. Let's set aside some time to reflect on the year gone by. Of course what will first come to mind are the events and circumstances that either brought joy or sorrow. All of us have had some of those in the past twelve months. I invite you to acknowledge those with prayer, and then go deeper. How has your faith life grown or matured in the last year? How have you grown closer to Christ? How has grace become more real in your internal life and in your external life in community?

Such questions are key questions for Christians. Such questions also are counter cultural. In our consumer individualistic culture (also called selfish), we tend to avoid pondering such questions. We tend to focus on the moment and what "I" am getting. So, dare to be different and go deeper.

How would you rate your prayer life? What challenges or obstacles have you encountered? What joys have you discovered?

How is your worship life? Are you mindful of gathering with other Christians in worship? Are you cognizant of God's presence and encounter of you in worship?

How is your study life? Are you engaging scripture in any regular way?

How is your service life? Are you volunteering? Are you using the spiritual gifts God has given you and are you engaging your passions?

How is your giving? How have you responded to God's grace with giving? How have you responded to the needs of others?

Such questions are not accidental. Christian life is not accidental. Christian life is an intentional way of life of following Christ and growing in God's grace. So, how has the last year been and what do you feel you want to change as you face a new year?

I invite you to begin January with realistic expectations, but also with bold hopes and intentions for your continued growth as a child of God. I also invite you to be in conversation with me about where you are at in your spiritual life and ways you can grow even more.

Blessings to you and yours as we enter into a new and wonderful year!

Peace in Christ our Lord, Reverend Richard A. Rhoades

### Worship... a unifying journey!

Thank you to everyone that helped make Christmas at Kimball a success! What a wonderful afternoon of music & fellowship. I could not be more proud of all of our talented musicians here at Kimball and I am equally proud of the support the congregation showed the music ministries with such a great turn out.

As we come off the musical & dramatic worship "high" of the Christmas season, it is a perfect time to reflect about how each of us can help enhance worship. We hear the words "traditional," "contemporary," "experiential,"

etc. & I find that we quickly label worship as one way by preconceived notions & that is what leads us to a particular worship service, while some people choose their worship service based on the time of the service.

As I mentioned at the Christmas program, the congregation is the largest choir in the church and each & every member is also a worship leader. When we step into the sanctuary for a service, we help one another achieve our ultimate goal, to worship & glorify God. But, what can you do to enhance a fellow members worship experience? Sure, we could all sing a little louder... some would say we could be a little more formal and some

would say we could be more casual. But, would those changes benefit only you or would they benefit the church as a whole?

I am giving an open invitation to every member of the church to share their ideas of worship with me. What do you feel would make our worship more meaningful for your fellow members? I invite you to meet with me, email me, call me, whatever your preference is, I would be delighted to hear from all of you, our worship leaders. Worship is a journey for each of us and let's take that journey together. Be blessed, Damien Evans, Director of Music & Worship Ministries.

We're on the Web!  
[www.kimballchurch.org](http://www.kimballchurch.org)

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#### Calendar Highlights

Jan. 2-Church Office is closed

Jan. 4-Faith Formation/Confirmation resumes @ 6:30 pm

Jan. 4-Bible Study Resumes @ 10:00 am

Jan. 12-Samaritans Table meal @ 6:00pm

Jan. 12-Bible Study Begins @ 7:00 pm

Jan. 16-Church office Closed

Jan. 22-Youth Sponsored Soup Luncheon Fundraiser

Jan. 22-All Church Worship Ministry Training @ 4:00 pm

Jan. 23-Community Blood Drive 4-7

**Prayer**

**For Unity in the Church**

**Heavenly Father,**  
**You called us into the body of Christ:**  
**Help us live as one in Him.**  
**You have given us one faith:**  
**Keep us in the one true faith.**  
**You have given us one baptism:**  
**Let us live in our common baptismal grace.**  
**You have given us apostles and prophets:**  
**Let us hear with singleness of heart.**  
**You have sent us pastors and teachers:**  
**Enlighten us to learn with oneness of mind.**  
**You have equipped us for the unity of faith:**  
**Help us attain that unity by forgiveness.**  
**You have given us Your love in Christ:**  
**Enable us to speak Your truth in love.**  
**You built Your church of Your will:**  
**Make us fit into our proper place.**  
**You create Your church of living stones:**  
**Enliven us to serve Your holy purpose.**  
**That the whole church may grow and**  
**upbuild itself in love.**  
**We ask it in the name of Jesus, the chief**  
**Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Amen.**

*-from the Lutheran Book of Prayer  
 Concordia Publishers*

**Shepherd of the Month-Allen Brantley**



- Married to Becky Brantley
- Two children (Amy and Scott)
- Two grandchildren (Sidney Grace & Levi)
- Grew up in Kannapolis and graduated from A.L. Brown High School
- Attended Lenoir Rhyne College, Appalachian State & UNC Chapel Hill
- I am retired after teaching and serving as an administrator with the Rowan Salisbury School System
- Have attended Kimball Lutheran since I was four years old
- This is my 4th year as a Shepherd

**Remembering one another in Prayer**

The author of James instructs us as part of our Christian community life to “pray for one another.” (James 5:16). And James tells us that the prayer of the righteous is a powerful thing. Each week in 2012, will you join in praying for families of our parish in our daily prayer life? Your prayers will powerfully touch the lives of the family of our congregation. During this time, also pray for church leaders.

*Names will be posted on-line & will be used by Tuesday morning & Thursday Evening Prayer groups. For questions, please contact Peggy Lynch, Prayer Ministry Team Leader.*

**KMLC Bible Study 101**

During January we will be reading the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. Jesus had prepared Peter for the world’s tribulation; now Peter would prepare others. His first Epistle was written on the eve of Nero’s persecution. Nero died in 68 A.D. which was after Peter was put to death. Begin your study by reading the entire book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.  
 1. At the beginning of this book, Peter describes himself and states who he is writing too. In the last verses of the book, he tells why he wrote this epistle. Pay close attention to the recipients of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. What is their condition? What is going on in their midst? Some of the key words in this book are trials (and all synonyms), grace, glory, salvation, love,

Holy Spirit, called, chosen, Jesus Christ and holy. Pay particular attention to these word and how they are used within the text.  
 2. What have you learned about the way you live? How do you respond to others even though they are not living properly or treating you properly. Read Jesus’ example in 1 Peter 2:21-25.  
 3. Today we do not have Nero in our lives, but we do have an adversary the devil still prowling about like a lion, seeking whom he may devour. What should we be doing according to 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.  
 4. When Jesus returns, will you be found standing firm in the true grace that has been provided for you?

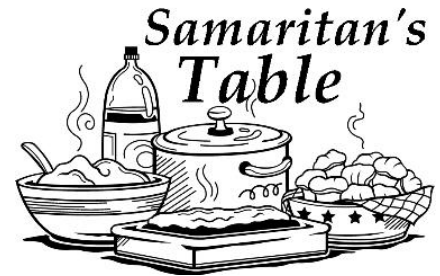
During the course of our new year 2012, I want to encourage you to go to [youversion.com](http://youversion.com) and read and follow one of these models of Reading the Bible through in a year: Personally, I have really enjoyed reading the Bible Chronologically. This guide is a part of You Version. If you want to download this to your iPad or smart phone use the app “you version”. God’s blessing to you throughout our new year! And I shall pray for you. May God bless you in a very special way! See you next month as we study the book of 2nd Peter!  
 JOY,  
 Martha Yount, Vol. DCE

**Samaritan's Table** was designed to help families stretch their income by providing a nutritious evening meal 4 times per week during the months of December-February and June-August. After reviewing this ministry, CCM saw the need for it to be year round. The downtown churches, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist and Kimball have all agreed

to host 1 night per week, Mon-Thurs for the entire year. Kimball will be the host site for this wonderful ministry each Thursday evening. We will provide and serve a meal only once per month as other area churches have agreed to support this ministry by providing/serving meals as well. In addition to providing meals, evening hosts and folks to run the dishwasher

will be needed each Thursday. We will begin on January 12th. God's work. Our hands. What an awesome opportunity for us to truly serve those in our community! Contact Doris Teumer at 704-305-0761 or [dmteumer@yahoo.com](mailto:dmteumer@yahoo.com) for more information or if you would like to volunteer to host, run the dishwasher, or if

your group would like to serve a meal.



**Preschool**

It's wintertime at preschool! The Kimball Lutheran Child Development Center will be decorated with snowflakes, snowmen and penguins! The preschoolers will be studying all about the winter season with special mini-units on "winter clothes", "animals in the winter", "snowmen" and "penguins"! We hope to top off our special winter time themes with some *real* winter snow too!

During the month of January, all the preschool classes will enjoy special "penguin" and "mitten" days to learn about the cold winter weather and how other animals live. The 4-year old class will also get to host a special "Movie and McDonald's" day for their Mom's to highlight their study of the letter "M". Our mothers will be invited to preschool to watch a special movie and to take a

small field trip to McDonald's for a marvelous luncheon. This will be an exciting day for all our 4-year olds. In February, the 4-year old class will do the same for our Dads with a special "Pizza with Pops" day at CiCi's pizza.

Thanks again for all your support and prayers! We hope everyone has a safe, healthy and warm winter season!

**Just Older Youth**

Wednesday, January 11th at 9:00 am, the JOY Group will meet at the Cracker Barrel for breakfast & devotions by Pastor Rhoades. Please **sign up** on the Youth Room window or the Narthex area so a large enough area can be reserved.

**A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING**

**May** God make your year a happy one!  
*Not* by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
*But* by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
*Not* by making your path easy,  
*But* by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
*Not* by taking hardships from you,  
*But* by taking fear from

your heart;  
*Not* by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
*But* by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
*Not* by making your life always pleasant,  
*But* by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown



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Mission Statement***

To reach out to all God's children within the world, accepting and teaching them the unconditional love and grace of Jesus, so that they grow as disciples and experience and share God's love.

**Homebound Members**

Morningside of Concord

•Peggy Wilkinson

Lutheran Home

•Gladys Litaker

Best of Care

•Eudene Yost

First Assembly-Concord

•Patty Morris

Big Elm Nursing Center

•Rachel Cress

Crescent Heights

•Evelyn Cline

Liberty Commons

•Robert Busted, Sr.

•Eleanor Foil

Concord Place

•Doris Sherrill

Carillon Assisted Living

•Louise Phelps

Caremoor Nursing Center

•Carrie Walker

**At their home**

•Ray Ritchie

•Edna Artz

•Catherine Freeze (Trinity Oaks)

•Elizabeth Gillon (at Mike & Sylvia Sloop's home)

•Marty Sides

•Joanne Overcash

•Leila Watkins

•Patsy Wilson

•Bill Riggs

•Libby Hunsuck (at her home)

•Bachman Brown

Christian Sympathy to the family of Alton Sherrill upon his death on November 3, 2011.

Congratulations to Kristen Farmer Robbins, husband Ryne & sister Ava, upon the birth of Alexandra (Ali) Lucille Robbins on Nov. 9, 2011.

**Council Communicator – December 2011**

- The council will be soliciting suggested names to serve on the 2012 finance team through the use of a "nomination" form. If you or someone you know would be a great addition to a finance team in accordance with the church constitution, please take the time to recommend them to the council.
- At the December council meeting, it was voted to proceed with adjustments to current insurance coverage as recommended by the insurance review team. There would be some increases in coverage limitations with no net increase in costs associated.
- A letter will be going out to the congregation discussing the concerns and upcoming changes to building security. Work on the building's access and locks will be taking place during the second week of January.
- The new 2012 council held a planning meeting to hold elections for new congregation and council officers. The congregation President will be Tim Patterson, with Rick Teumer serving as Vice President, April Thomas as Secretary, Juanene Savage as Assistant Secretary, Karen McCall as Treasurer, and Nancy Demeny as Assistant Treasurer.

**WITHOUT FAIL**

I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of his work. He has never failed in his promise, so I cannot fail in my service to him.

-William Carey

*From Newsletternewsletter.com*

**Attention all people that serve during our worship services**

We will again have a **training** session for all worship assistants that assist with the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday afternoon **January 22, at 4:00PM**. We will meet in the sanctuary and after some instructions from Pastor Rhoades we will disperse to other parts of the building. This group includes: worship assistants, acolytes, crucifers, lectors, ushers, healing ministers and anyone that help our congregation with worship. If you want to continue your service from the past or if you are new to that ministry team please come that day so we can go over the main points of each particular job. We will do our best to limit this to an hour.



The KMLC Youth Group will Sponsor a Soup Lunch on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** for a Free Will offering. We would love for you to talk with the Kids about the experience they will have in New Orleans. As well as come out and support our congregation and our Trip to the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 2012</b>						
<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day!</b>  NO Men's Breakfast-Moved to Jan. 8 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	<b>2</b> <i>Church office is closed</i>  10:00 AM Gladys Happer Circle @ Lateena Loggans' house 2:00 PM Elizabeth Huddle - Commons 7:00 PM Eleanor Johnson Commons 7:00 PM Ruth Dysart - Vicki McCombs' house 8:00 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>3</b>  9:00 AM Prayer Group- @ Lateena Loggan's 9:30 AM History Room 10:30 -11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts NO Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study NO K. Kids Choir 5:45 PM Handbells NO Meals until further notice 6:30 PM MS Faith Formation/ Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir practice 8:00 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>5</b>  9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:30 AM Zumba Gold 6:00 PM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Voice Training/ Music Theory 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	<b>6</b>  <b>Epiphany</b>  6:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Rally	<b>7</b>  VDC Team Meeting 9am-3pm
<b>8</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>  7:15 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	<b>9</b>  7:30 PM Property Committee-Library 8-9 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>10</b>  9:00 AM Prayer Group- @ Lateena Loggan's 9:30 AM History Room 10:30 AM- "We're Here" Quilters 10:30 -11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM JOY Group Cracker Barrel NO K. Kids Choir 5:45 PM Handbells 6:30 PM MS Faith Formation/ Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM Zumba	<b>12</b>  9:30 am Preschool Chapel 10:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Samaritans Table-Commons 6:00 PM Prayer Group-Parlor 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>TEC Weekend @ Camp Agape</i>
<b>15</b>  8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship  <i>TEC Weekend @ Camp Agape</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Martin Luther King Day-Church office is closed</i>  <i>Return from Tec Weekend</i> 8-9 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>17</b>  9:00 AM Prayer Group- @ Lateena Loggan's 9:30 AM History Room 10:30-11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>18</b>  10:00 AM Bible Study 5:45 PM K. Kids Choir 5:45 PM Handbells 6:30 PM MS Faith Formation/ Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM Zumba	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Zumba Gold 10:30 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Samaritans Table-Commons 6:00 PM Prayer Group-Parlor 6:00 PM Voice Training/ Music Theory 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	<b>20</b> <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Youth Sponsored Soup Fund Raiser 4:00 PM All Church Worship Ministry Training	<b>23</b>  7:30 AM Youth Breakfast Out-TBA 4-7 PM Community Blood Drive-FH 6:30 PM Social Ministry 8-9 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>24</b>  9:00 AM Prayer Group- @ Lateena Loggan's 9:30 AM History Room 10:30-11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>  10:00 AM Bible Study 5:45 PM K. Kids Choir 5:45 PM Handbells 6:30 PM MS Faith Formation/ Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM Zumba Exercise-FH	<b>26</b>  10:30 -11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Samaritans Table-Commons 6:00 PM Prayer Group-Parlor 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  LYO Board Meeting 2:00 pm- 9:45 am Sunday
<b>29</b>  8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:15 PM HS Youth Meeting	<b>30</b>  8-9 PM Zumba Exercise	<b>31</b>  9:00 AM Prayer Group- @ Lateena Loggan's 9:30 AM History Room 10:30-11:30 AM Zumba Gold Class-FH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts				

### January Happy Birthdays

Jan. 1	Bob Watson	Jan. 9	Ashton Howell	Jan. 14	Frankie Bogutsky	Jan. 20	Ray Ritchie, Sr.
Jan. 2	Kaydance Mullis	Jan. 10	Gene McCombs	Jan. 16	Andrew Ballard	Jan. 22	Darlene Wise
Jan. 4	Ashley Matson	Jan. 11	Tom Kilby	Jan. 17	David Sherrill	Jan. 23	Jim Fisher
Jan. 5	Peggy Wilkinson	Jan. 12	Linda Robinson	Jan. 18	Dave Young	Jan. 24	Gwyn Hoke
Jan. 6	Bryce Santmyer	Jan. 13	Laura Fisher	Jan. 19	Larry Anderson	Jan. 25	Tyler Ramsey
Jan. 8	Leonard Barlow, Jr.	Jan. 14	Brayden Yount	Jan. 20	Melissa Little	Jan. 26	Jon Finger, Sr.
	Travis Butcher	Jan. 15	Jim St. John	Jan. 21	Elizabeth Streble	Jan. 27	Jerry Ferguson
	Phillip Wise	Jan. 16	Randy Sloop	Jan. 22	Janis Ridenhour	Jan. 28	Aileen Tricee
	Darin Beck	Jan. 17	Phillip Troutman	Jan. 23	Linda Hunsuck	Jan. 29	Ben Ballard
	David Kiser	Jan. 18	Erika Filipkowsky	Jan. 24	William Hunt, III	Jan. 30	A.L. McDaniel, Jr.
		Jan. 19		Jan. 25		Jan. 31	Jennifer Flatman
				Jan. 26			Ken Gurley

**January Monthly Worship Responsibilities**

	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>COMMUNION PREPARATION</b>	<b>COUNCIL ASSISTANT</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>TELLER 9:00 am Monday</b>
<b>8:30</b>	Landon Ridgell	Kathy Scott	Mary Jo Snipes		Allen Brantley
		Tim Patterson	Todd Haley		Louise Moser
<b>11:00</b>	Choir member	Louise Moser	Rob Beyersdorf	Kiana Sinz	
	Choir Member assisting with communion only	Kiana Sinz			

**Weekly Worship Responsibilities**

<b>DATE/ TIME</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>HEALING MINISTER</b>	<b>PROJECTION CLICKERS</b>
<b>Jan. 1</b>					
<b>8:30</b>	Esther Armstrong	Mike & Linda Hunsuck	Esther Armstrong	Mike Fisher Esther Armstrong	Hunter Patterson
<b>11:00</b>	John Shaver	Louise Jackson & Alice Lloyd	Mary Beckwith		John Glass
<b>Jan. 8</b>					
<b>8:30</b>	Tom Kilby	Jim & Ann Fisher	Bob Hill		Jonathan Patterson
<b>11:00</b>	Kiana Sinz	David & Betty Chloe Longacre	Mary Beckwith	Esther Armstrong Cathy Kiser	Jim St. John
<b>Jan. 15</b>					
<b>8:30</b>	Mary Jo Snipes	Debbie & Heather Troutman	Darin Beck	Mike Fisher Esther Armstrong	Gary Yount
<b>11:00</b>	Cathy Kiser	Cathy & Dave Young	Mary Beckwith		John Glass
<b>Jan. 22</b>					
<b>8:30</b>	Devon Scott	Mary Jo Snipes & Todd Haley	Jim St. John		Devon Scott
<b>11:00</b>	Betty Chloe Longacre	Cathy Kiser & Pat Moser	Mary Beckwith	Esther Armstrong Cathy Kiser	Reid Mullis
<b>Jan. 29</b>					
<b>8:30</b>	Jim St. John	Eric & Jenny Jones	Martha Yount	Mike Fisher Esther Armstrong	VACANT
<b>11:00</b>	Laura Pennell	Eric & Jenny Jones	Mary Beckwith	Esther Armstrong Cathy Kiser	VACANT

**Plant Team**

**Cathy Young-February & August  
Juanene Savage-October & April  
Debbie Triece-December & May**

**Cathy Kiser-March & September  
Tammy Kilby-November & June  
Peggy Lynch-January & July**

**Backup: Gail Mosher**