

Central Courier

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December 2025

Minister's Moment—Baby, It's Cold Outside!

As the temperatures drop it is easy to get focused on staying in and staying warm. For many you can't even get comfortable without being warm and toasty. So fires in the fireplace, electric blankets, cozy socks, fleece sweatshirts, and hot cocoa or coffee all become a growing priority. As much as you don't like the cold outside, God dislikes the cold inside even more. Listen to how Jesus describes the Last Days.

Matthew 24:9-14 - "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come."

There is so much information that we could look at in these verses but I want us to focus on just one thing; "the love of many will grow cold." As bad as the brutal assault cold temperatures can have on the physical body is, cold hearts of God's people can have the same brutal affect on the body of believers. Think about what it means to have a cold heart: essentially you don't care about those around you, compassion is replaced with self-centeredness, and getting involved to help is not even an option. It is one thing to be physically cold but it is worse by many multitudes to be spiritually cold. Listen to how Jesus addresses the Church in Laodicea. **Revelation 3:15-16 - "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"**

The same attitude described in Matthew 24 as being cold is described in Revelations 3 as being lukewarm. It is the attitude of not being helpful to others, neither being soothing or refreshing, just being blah. In fact Jesus warns "blah" Christians aren't just ineffective but are so vile He is going to spit them out of His mouth! That is a scary thought, so let's try to end on a happy note.

Yes it is getting cold outside, layered clothing is being to be seen everywhere, but for the Christian we can have a blazing furnace inside because of our love for God and others. We just have to keep stoking that fire, keep fueling our souls, and keep letting our lights shine through deeds of love and service. It may be cold outside, but the Church needs to be blazing with love. So, ask yourself, who needs to experience the blazing embers of God's love on display through my life? Who needs their insides warmed up and

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Vacation Bible School 2026 June 14-18 SAVE THE DATE!	1 5pm -Men's Group	2 5am -Men's Group	3 4pm -Ladies Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	4 7pm -Security Team Meeting	5	6 8:30am -  Breakfast 5:30pm -Adult  Christmas Party
7 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 6pm -Youth Christmas Party  Various Connection Grps-various times	8 5pm -Men's Group	9 5am -Men's Group 10am -Ladies Craft Group	10 4pm -Ladies Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	11	12  Gifts Due	13
14 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 12pm -Children's Program Practice 2:30pm -Homeless Meal  5pm -The Great Gingerbread Build-ou 6pm -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	15 5pm -Men's Group	16 5am -Men's Group	17  Gifts Due 5pm -Children's Program Practice 6:30pm -Christmas  Caroling	18	19	20
21 10am -Combined Worship (Followed by Carry-In Meal) 3:30pm -Children Arrive for program  5pm -Children's Christmas Program  (followed by a reception)	22 5pm -Men's Group	23 5am -Men's Group	24 5pm -Christmas Eve Service 	25	26	27
28 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 6pm -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	29 5pm -Men's Group	30 5am -Men's Group	31 7pm -Family  Game Night	 Wednesday Family Meal Please note that our Wednesday Family meals will be taking a break through the month of December. Plan to join us in on January 7th,		



- 1-Braylon Vance

2-Mikkayla King

2-Pam Malchow

3-Ethel Ashby

5-Elynn Turbyfield

6-Greer Norman

6-Wesley Taylor

10-Olivia Markley

12-Reid Gage

13-Drew Turbyfield

15-Zane Fowler

15-Tim Russo
- 17-John Pansock

18-Rhoda Blake

21-Abigail Markley

21-Jim Vance

21-Keira Wolfe

22-Everett Smith

23-Ashley Church

23-Laurel Church

26-Bob Glover

29-Ivan Rice

29-Ashlee Shelton

31-Keith Burchfield

- 3-Mitch & Angie Cornett

4-Jason & Bethany Markley

7-Eric & Katie Carter

8-Danny & Lori VanDyke

17-Evan & Kayla Carter

27-Chauncey & Betty Fernandes

28-Bob & Leora Hendrix

31-Nathan & Delanie Winningham
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Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

7: Sharon Hammons, Meghan Vines
Julie Yunker & Lori Whitson
14: Abigail Kelly, Maddie Kelly
& Courtney Dailey, Elias Norman
21: Ashley Church, Sarah Turbyfield,
Jeremiah McClain, & Lori Whitson
28: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly
Nancy LeMay & Kimber W

Nursery 2nd Worship:

7: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe
14: Summer Hyden & Jennica N
21: Combined Worship
28: Wesley & Samantha Price

Preschool 2nd Worship:

7: Leora Hendrix
14: Carolyn Caraway
21: Combined Worship
28: Connie Wade

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

7: Jenny Turbyfield
14: Lori Smith
21: Combined Worship
28: Lori VanDyke

Kid's Worship:

7: Jeremiah & Allison McClain
14: Allen & Tasha Dykes
21: Family Sunday
28: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

7: Brad McKeehan
14: Garrett Townsend
21: Aaron Church
28: Larry Hammons

Sound Room:

7: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe
14: Josh Carter, Henry Turbyfield
& Ian Wolfe
21: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe
& Wayne Turbyfield
28: Daniel Hill, Matt Wolfe
& Ian Wolfe

Brew Crew:

7: Jessica Greene
14: Lori Whitson
21: Combined Worship
28: Larry & Sharon Hammons

Medical Attendant:

7: Jill Hughes
14: Allen Dykes
21: Bonnie Hoover
28: Janet Wolfe

Worship #1 Greeters:

7: Bob & Fetty Judge
14: David & Theresa King
21: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
28: Russell & Megan Vines

Worship #2 Greeters:

7: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
14: Larry & Sharon Hammons
21: Combined Worship
28: Kemp & Marcia Haley

Welcome Team

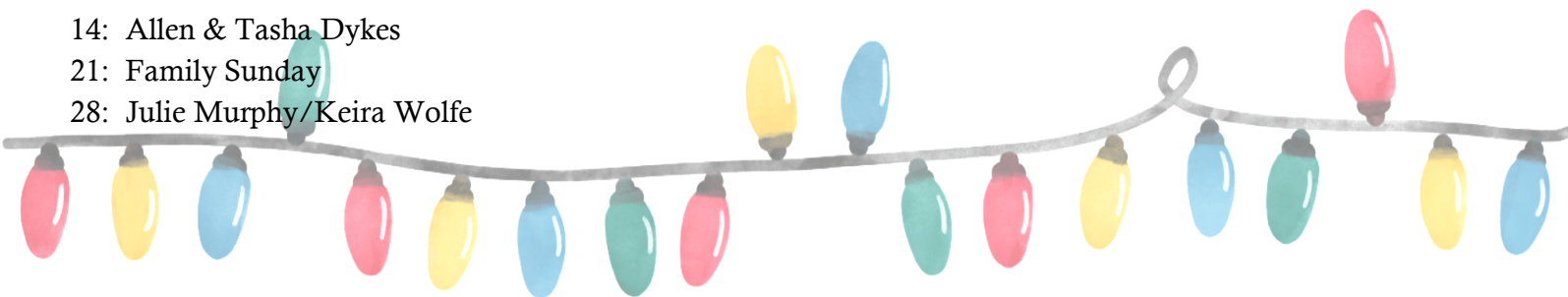
7: Bryan & Jill Hughes
14: Dan & Nancy LeMay
21: Paul & Courtney Daily
28: Jeremiah & Allison McClain

Van Drivers Schedule

7: David & Becky Hays
14: Allen & Tasha Dykes
21: Bruce & Karla Hennequin
28: Nathan & Delanie Winningham

Service Attendants:

7: White Team
14: Green Team
21: Blue Team
28: Orange Team



Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Join us for our most anticipated Family Event of the year, *The Great Gingerbread Build-Off*. This year we are moving back into the **pavilion**! Join us **December 14th at 5pm** and bring out your entire family to build a great Gingerbread masterpiece! And the best part, **YOU** are the Judges! Every Attendee gets a ticket to vote for their favorite Gingerbread creation! **JOIN US ON THE 14th!**



**tennessee
christian
teen
convention**

January 9-11, 2026

Jeremiah will be adding updated information to our website at jesusiscentral.com/tctc2026 as it is available. This website includes C4 specific info. If you have any questions reach out to Jeremiah!



Wednesday Night Youth Schedule

"We will meet for youth group only on December 3rd and 10th. After that, we encourage students to join the church-wide Wednesday events. There will be no youth group on December 17th due to Christmas Caroling. December 24th is the Christmas Eve Service, and December 31st is the Annual New Year's Eve Game Night in the Fellowship Hall."



4th & 5th Grade Winter Retreat

We are thrilled to be partnering up with Boones Creek Christian Church to offer a weekend Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN on February 6-8 of 2026. If your 4th or 5th grader would be interested in attending speak with Jeremiah about it. Cost is \$125 per child.

Children's Program

Important Dates

- We will be having one dress rehearsal on **Sunday, December 14th** directly after 2nd Service. Lunch will be provided. We will be finished by 2 o'clock.
- **Wednesday, December 17th** we will practice at 5PM. There will be no fellowship meal because of the scheduled 6 o'clock caroling.
- **December 21st** is our program day! We will meet in the auditorium for a quick run through at 3:30PM. The program will start promptly at 5 o'clock with refreshments after.

*** For the program, please have your child wear jeans. The church will provide a program shirt to wear during the performance.***

December Sunday School Lesson Schedule



Adults/Youth:

November 7: Unit 7 Session 1	—	God leads His People (Joshua 3)
November 14: Unit 7 Session 2	—	God Conquers His Enemies (Joshua 6)
November 21: Combined Worship	—	
November 28: Unit 7 Session 3	—	God Judges Disobedience (Joshua 7)

Children:

November 7: Unit 7 Session 1	—	Crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 1; 3-4)
November 14: Unit 7 Session 2	—	Conquering Jericho (Joshua 2-4;6)
November 21: Combined Worship	—	
November 28: Unit 7 Session 3	—	Achan's Sin and the defeat of Ai (Joshua 7-8)



Sunday, December 21st

10:00am

Fellowship Carry-In Meal



There will be a meeting for the Elders & Security Team on Thursday, December 4th at 7pm with Sean Johnson. Those who are interested in being on the security team are encouraged to attend). See Bill Turbyfield for more information.

On Saturday, December 6th at 8:30am the Joy Group will meet for breakfast in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign-up and to write down what you want to bring. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship!



On Sunday, December 21st, following Combined Worship we will have a Carry-In Fellowship meal. The theme is Soup, Salad & Sandwiches. Bring your favorite for your family and to share with visitors. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



Children's Christmas Program & Reception



On Sunday, December 21st, the our children will present Kid's Sing Christmas at 5pm! Following the program we will have a reception. Please bring your favorite finger food to share! Come out and enjoy this special treat!



Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 6th, at 5:30pm we will meet at the pavilion for the Adult Christmas party! Dinner and childcare will be provided. Bring a \$15 gift for a male or a female to play the game! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer! Plan to join us!



**Ivy Hall
Nursing Home**

If you signed up to adopt a resident from Ivy Hall, please have your wrapped gifts, clearly marked and bundled together to the church by December 12th.

See Billy Murphy for more information!



On Sunday, December 14th we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. Meet at the pavilion at 2:30pm to prepare a hot meal, deliver it and serve. See Billy Murphy to volunteer!

Christmas Angel Program



If you signed up to purchase for a Christmas Angel, please have your wrapped gifts to the church by December 17th. There are several children left to adopt, see Ashley Church or Billy Murphy for info!



Christmas Caroling

On Wednesday, December 17th, we will go Christmas Caroling throughout the community at 6:30pm. Dress weather appropriate and come and join the fun!



Christmas Eve Service

On Wednesday, December 24th, we will meet at 5pm for our Christmas Eve Service. The service will be around 45 minutes. Come and join us for a time of worship and celebration!

Family Game Night



On Wednesday, December 31st, at 7pm we invite all to come join us for a Family Game Night! Bring your favorite game and finger food and join the fun!



Check It Out!

Young Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning in January we will have a Young Adult/ College age Sunday School class during our second worship. Tom Caraway will be teaching. The class will be in the first classroom down the right hallway (behind the coffee station). Come join us!

What We Believe Class



WHAT WE BELIEVE

On January 18th, following the carry-in meal we will have a class for those who are interested in hearing about "What We Believe" as a congregation. If you are new to our congregation or have been coming for years, this class is for everyone who would like to attend. Come join us!