



WAYMAKER



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Christmas Eve

— SERVICE —



Christmas Eve Service- December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

From John...Reflect

The word “reflect” comes from the Latin “to bend back.” Light or images in a mirror are turned back toward the viewer. We use reflections to help us curate our physical appearance the way we want, making sure every hair is in place. We use reflection to help us identify how things are and start to shape them towards what they *should* be. We’ve also chosen to use the word reflect to describe a mode of contemplation. Like a mirror, we reflect, or look back, on the events of our lives to help us see what we need to change to be the people God wants us to be. In the hustle and bustle of Christmas, it’s good to take some time to reflect on what God has done, and what He is calling us to do. Let this season be a time of reflection, but reflection that leads to change. As the book of James says: *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.* James 1:22-25

Bible Reading: December 23-29, Matthew 21-26 -- On the App, click “Study” at bottom of page, then click “Plan.” Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.

Baptisms - *We rejoiced as Allen M. Grabbe and Briar Sargeant came forward and were baptized into Christ this past Sunday (December 22).*

Parking Request -Due to increased attendance, if you are a member without mobility issues, we ask for you to consider parking in the back parking lot, off Smith St, especially during second service. This will leave the closer spots for our new guests and those with mobility difficulties. Thanks!

The boxed offering envelopes for 2025 are now available on the table outside the gym. Please check your name off the sheets provided. If you have never given in this manner and would like to start, just take an unmarked box and sign your name after the corresponding number on the sheet.

Christmas Card Exchange – Look for the boxes off the Main Foyer for this year's Christmas Card Exchange. Bring your cards to fellow attenders and file behind the letter of their last name. If you wish, please give the money you would spend on stamps to the General Fund or to the Missions Fund (use the giving box on Sunday mornings). The boxes will be out until Jan 12th.

Are you looking to Serve?

Take out your calendars and see where you can serve. We have lots of openings for the new year and need lots of volunteers for the different committees. Here are a few areas you can serve in. Please contact the office.

Welcome center/Greeter Communion/Donuts/Clean-up
Greeter at the main doors Usher/hand out bulletins
Nursery (urgent need) Help with Funeral Dinners
Prayer Room Help with Next Gen Dinner

***Please consider the nursery. We are very short staffed.

OFFERING December 15, 2024


General (received)	5092.00
(needed)	7,933.00
Year-to-date (given)	328,466.00
Budget to date	396,650.00
Capital Campaign Drive	2568.00
Mission Fund	195.00
Next Generation for Christ	100.00

SERVING December 29, 2024


Nursery -- 1st – Janell Steffen & Lynn Yarger
SS- Volunteer needed
2nd Urgently needed

Prayer Room – 1st – Mariellen Davis
2nd – Brian & Sylvia Giese

Snow Removal December 23-29

 Rob Peters
Dwight Yarger

Snow Removal December 30-Jan 5

 Frank Hamilton
Rick Yarger

Attendance December 22, 2024

1 st Service	80
2 nd Service	176
Total	256

THIS WEEK

Sunday. . .

First Service, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Second Service, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

December 25 and 26th

Office closed for Christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study –
Jan 4th 9:00 a.m.

Community Prayer Meeting –
Sat Jan 4th 8-9:00 a.m. 2nd Milers room
January, 5th Vote on 2025 Budget & Elder's Ordination





PRAYER LIST –

***NOTE:** Please call the office and update your prayer requests each month to be added or deleted off the list.

Ongoing problems – Terry Howe, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston

Cancer – Sharon Johnston, Roger Harrell

Upcoming Surgeries –

Nursing Homes - (Hillcrest) Cindy Clark – **(Kewanee Care)** Mary Popejoy **Courtyard Estates** – Mary Yarger

Missions – Rock River Christian Camp, Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, Sairattanyu's-Thailand, Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch, Pino Neglia-Italy, I.D.E.S., Newingham's-Hope Orphan Home, Miller's – Hope Orphan Home, International Conference on Missions, Central Christian College, Bible Campus Ministry-WIU, Kewanee Ministerial Alliance, Work Camp New England, Safe Families, Tuttle's-Ireland, Andrews'-Middle East, Foundation for Nations (Wyoming)

Serving our country – Drew Haverback, Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus, Thaddeus Blanks, Jarrett Davis (Alaska), Arrick Juarez, Kailynn (Osborne) Schmidt, Connor Oetzel, Eli Barnett (deployed), Niko Powe (Guard), Sheadon Oetzel, Jakob Gradert, Brian Smoot, Ethan Gish, Calab Franklin, Chase Ince

****Friday Prayer Focus****

God, speak to me in this holy season. I will be quiet and listen. Matthew 7:7

****Pray for our church** at a regular time each day!

****Prayer Chain** - Please call Shirley Brokaw (309-883-1677) or Sylvia Giese (853-2617) with requests.

Note: If the prayer request is for someone other than you, please obtain their permission before putting the need on the chain. Requests will be called out from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.



RightNow Media for all members! Text FCCKEWANEE to the number 49775 to set up your account or go to www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/fcckewanee.

How to access our church's livestream:

If you wish to watch our service on your TV, you will **need** to have a **Smart TV, Roku, or Firestick**. **If you don't have any of those options, you can watch on your Smart Phone, Tablet or Computer.**

- On any of these compatible devices, open the YouTube App or go to youtube.com
- Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee"
- You can click on "Follow" to access it quicker and easier in the future.
- **Alternative option:** Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee" on Facebook.

At 10:15 AM on Sundays, we go "Live" and you can begin to watch our service that starts at 10:30. (From 10:15-10:30 it will just be pictures of announcements, the live feed will start at 10:30)