



## A Washington Christian Church Newsletter

December 2025

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# ADVENTure

The month of December is typically one of the busiest months of the year. We're frantically trying to finish all the goals we had for 2025, as well as preparing for Christmas parties, family gatherings, school breaks, gift shopping etc. It can take a toll on us so we cannot forget to also prepare our hearts and minds this month.

I am excited for our Christmas series: ADVENTure. This Christmas, we don't want it to merely be an advent season, but a season of adventure! I look forward to seeing you on Sunday's this month as we dive into this adventure together. You won't want to miss our Christmas Eve service either! Preparations have already begun for the children's program, "Christmas Gifts." All community youth are invited to join in if they are able to attend practices on Sundays at 9:30 am. Our Christmas Eve service will be December 24 at 6PM. Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

-Pastor Eli Sweany

## Announcements

Ladies, you are invited to a 5-week Christmas Bible Study, "Celebrating the Birth of Christ". Come join us as we prepare our hearts for the true meaning of the season. We will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, beginning November 18 and ending on December 16. For more information contact Linda Nelson, 785-770-2363.

**GREETERS:** We will soon be putting together the Greeter List for 2026. Our greeters are the first impression we make on our visitors, so it is an important job. It's also an easy way to serve in the church! If you would like to be added to the Greeter List for next year, or if you need to be removed from the List, please let me know. Thank you! Linda Nelson, Greeter chairman, 785-770-2363.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## Ladies Coterie Highlights

Coterie was called to order by Susan Stewart, President, at 2:00 p.m. on November 9th. There were nine members present for the meeting. Martha Mosteller opened in prayer. Under Old Business, it was announced we served 150 people at the Annual Soup Supper. We had great help Susan reported and lots of young hands which helped tremendously. Susan also reported that the ovens had been ordered. She got the sale price of \$800 off so she went ahead and ordered a convection oven from Pure Energy. Eli and Leland will make the wooden case to house the double oven. In Linda Nelson's absence, Susan announced that the China Luncheon is April 11th. The theme will be "Once Upon A Time" and the program will be presented by Katie Toole with her books. New Business followed and Norma Stamm reported she had started the 50 candy bags for the Children for Christmas. The officers will stay the same as last year but they will vote next month. We also discussed how to get more ladies to the meetings. Suzanne Brown suggested Ty or Eli explain what Coterie is at the pulpit. We will decide next month after adding the December offering, if we want to round up the amount to a larger donation. If we have any changes in the Coterie books that we want made please contact Sharon Aufdengarten as soon as possible. It was decided to eliminate the cookie list. The sign up sheet for hostess and devotions was passed around.

# DECEMBER



## Called to Serve December 2025 Communion: Kathy M.

Date	Comm. Med.	Servers	Greeters Outer Doors	Greeters Sanctuary Doors	Sermon in the Bag	Pianist	Computer Video/ Sound
Dec. 7	Mike M.	Don W. Adam H. Kevin K. Mike M.	Children's Sunday School Class		Kaitie W.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Deb L. S: Andrew D.
Dec. 14	Marv L.	Rob K. Jacob S. Chalmer D. Marv L.	Chalmer D.	Sharon T.	Ty S.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Kelly S. S: Kathy M.
Dec. 21	Curtis S.	Anthony S. Coy S. Kevin K. Curtis S.	Michael & Jordan H.	Kelsey W.	Marlene S.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Deb L. S: Jacob S.
Dec. 28	Leland C.	Ty S. Adam H. Brody S. Leland C.	Adam & Lindsey H.	Tina M.	Lindsey H.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Kelly S. S: Andrew D.

# 25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS BINGO

1 DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE 	2 MAKE HOT COCOA 	3 MAKE HOMEMADE ORNAMENTS 	4 HELP AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT BEING ASKED 	5 CLEAN YOUR ROOM 
6 MAKE A THANKYOU CARD FOR A TEACHER OR COACH 	7 SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS 	8 BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES 	9 GIVE A COMPLIMENT OR TWO 	10 WATCH A CHRISTMAS MOVIE 
11 GIVE OUT FREE HUGS 	12 DONATE OLD TOYS TO A CHARITY 	13 MAKE CARDS FOR YOUR FAMILY AND TELL THEM WHY YOU LOVE THEM 	14 READ A CHRISTMAS STORY 	15 CALL AN OLDER RELATIVE 
16 HOLD DOORS OPEN FOR PEOPLE ALL DAY 	17 BUILD A SNOWMAN 	18 GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING 	19 SPEND THE EVENING WRAPPING GIFTS 	20 MAKE CARDS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS 
21 SILLY SWEATER DAY 	22 HAVE A FAMILY GAME NIGHT 	23 DONATE FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK 	24 HAVE A CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT 	25 OPEN PRESENTS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING 

# From the Mission Field:

Job & Adria Gámez

As many of you know, our family is currently living in the Midwest of the United States while I (Job) complete my citizenship process. While being here, we have noticed a significant need for Spanish-speaking evangelical churches among the Latino community.

Seeing that need, God opened the door for us to start a small group with five families who were interested in meeting together for worship and Bible study. For the first month, the group grew steadily, and we were encouraged to see families gathering every week in one of their homes.

However, during the second month, things began to change. A Pentecostal pastor moved into the area, and two families with Pentecostal backgrounds, we think, decided to join his gatherings. Shortly after, two other families stopped attending without notice, leaving us with just one family; the same one graciously hosting the meetings in their home.

Sadly, two weeks ago, that last family informed us that they would be moving away due to a new job opportunity. With their departure, our first attempt to plant a Spanish-speaking church in the area came to an end.

Although this has been discouraging, our hearts remain burdened for the spiritual needs of the Latino community here. We sincerely ask for your prayers, that God would give us wisdom to know how to serve Him during this season in the U.S., as we continue waiting to complete the citizenship process before returning to Honduras.

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## **Weekly Events:**

### **Sunday**

- 9:15 a.m. -Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. -Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. -Worship Service

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