



## A Washington Christian Church Newsletter

January 2026

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# New Beginnings

A new year is here! For many, a new year signifies a fresh start. Time for a new diet, new exercise routines, new life choices, maybe even just new life with a baby. We focus on ourselves, on our careers, on our families through physical and moral betterment. "If I double down now, It'll make the year go smoother." While that's not a bad attitude to have, we tend to forget one thing—to involve God in our plans.

We focus on what we can do under our own power and ability. We forget that we cannot do it alone. That we need to invite God into our lives. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) reminds us: "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." As you make your plans for this new year, make sure to keep the one who determines our steps a part of it.

I am excited for what the new year will bring at WCC! With Margaret expecting at the beginning of the month we will have some guest speakers preaching for a few weeks. I am excited for the messages that they will bring. You won't want to miss it! Mark your calendars for the end of the month as well. On January 25 we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck. The potluck will begin shortly after the worship service concludes, with the meeting to follow. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship around the table together and I look forward to that time together as a church family.

-Pastor Eli Sweany

## Operation Christmas Child Update

From Lindsey Hatesohl, OCC Organizer

A huge thank you to everyone who participated or volunteered to help with Operation Christmas Child this year! As a drop off location we were able to collect 511 boxes! Praise the Lord for the gifts these children will be blessed with. But most importantly, each one of these gifts is an opportunity to share God's love and blessings with them. Cannot think of a better gift to give or receive!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Ladies Coterie Highlights

Susan Stewart, President, called our meeting to order with 10 ladies present. Our prayer list was discussed and Martha Mosteller led us in prayer. Linda Nelson led us in Devotions titled "Too Good to Be True" which we all took part in. Martha Mosteller read our correspondence. Norma Stamm gave the Treasurer's Report and mentioned we received \$2,205.00 for the Marty Steuer memorial. It was also stated that the stoves for the kitchen will be paid out of the Glenda Stamm memorial. The China Luncheon committee will meet in January. It was decided to give the Food Pantry \$300 out of our special fund. Gay Lynn Manning discussed Christmas at the nursing homes, it was decided to give individual applesauce cups for their treat this year.

Our officers for the upcoming year will be President, Susan Stewart, Vice President, Martha Mosteller, Secretary, Sharon Aufdengarten, and Treasurer, Norma Stamm. Norma Stamm is doing Christmas bags again this year. We discussed our funeral dinners and how to improve them. We had much discussion on how to improve Coterie. All ladies of our church are members of Coterie and can participate in our discussions and decisions. We can use them all.

# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <b>HAPPY New Year</b> George & Marilyn Cercle	2	3
4	5	6 Linda Nelson Norman Stewart	7 <b>Band of Brothers 7 - 8:30 pm</b>	8	9	10
11 <b>Ladies Coterie 2 pm</b>	12 Eli Sweany Kelly Stamm	13 <b>Ladies Bible Study 7 pm</b>	14 Tina Matthews	15	16	17 Ben Koekemoer
18	19	20 <b>Ladies Bible Study 7 pm</b>	21 <b>Band of Brothers 7 - 8:30 pm</b> Holly Voter	22	23 Janet Keller	24
25 <b>Potluck &amp; Annual Meeting 12:00 pm</b>	26	27 <b>Ladies Bible Study 7 pm</b>	28	29 Noah Hatesohl	30 <b>Men's Encounter</b>	31

## Called to Serve January 2026 Communion: Martha M.

Date	Comm. Med.	Servers	Greeters Outer Doors	Greeters Sanctuary Doors	Sermon in the Bag	Pianist	Computer Video/ Sound
Jan 4	Mike M.	Anthony S. Leland C. Kevin K. Mike M.	Kevin & Pam K.	Renee N.	Virginia L.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Deb L. S: Kathy M.
Jan 11	Marv L.	Coy S. Chalmer D. Brody S. Marv L.	Lee & Sue P.	Linda N.	Kaitie W.	Dennis P.	C: Kelly S. S: Jacob S.
Jan 18	Curtis S.	Rob K. Ty S. Kevin K. Curtis S.	Clinton & Kelly S.	Wanda P.	Marlene S.	Dennis P.	C: Deb L. S: Andrew D.
Jan 25	Leland C.	Don W. Adam H. Jacob S. Leland C.	Malcolm & Norma S.	Sharon T.	Lindsay H.	Gay Lynn M.	C: Kelly S. S: Kathy M.

# 7 QUESTIONS

*to help your family learn to  
listen to God this year*

- ☐ **Sunday:** What did you hear from God or learn about God at church today?
- ☐ **Monday:** What Scripture verse did God show you today? How did it affect you?
- ☐ **Tuesday:** Share something you saw or did today that made you think of God.
- ☐ **Wednesday:** What do you think God is teaching us as a family? Why?
- ☐ **Thursday:** How have you seen God helping someone in our family? Share a story!
- ☐ **Friday:** Share how you are struggling. How can you seek God's help with this situation?
- ☐ **Saturday:** What is one thing you learned about God this week?

## From the Mission Field:

### Alpha Christian Children's Home

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for our amazing volunteers who came out to make a difference around Alpha's ranch this year, tackling projects that included building a shed to shelter the winter firewood which heats the children's school building, putting up next winter's firewood, lots of yard work, mulching the various playground equipment areas around the campus, house remodel work, building and painting decks, building a goat feeding pen, building a new fence, replacing a garage door at the shop, mechanic work, installing an exhaust fan in the shop, installing a new drop ceiling and lighting system in the music room, and sorting donations!

These volunteers traveled here not only from local Kansas towns and countryside, but also from other states like Ohio, Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma, to joyfully put in hundreds of hours of their time and talent to make a difference throughout our peaceful haven in the woods. They also enjoyed spending time with us and the children while they were here, hosting dinner nights together and game times that allowed us all to enjoy each other's company and forge lasting friendships as they return again and again over the years to continue making Alpha a beautiful place for the kids.

If you'd like to secure a volunteering trip for your group of friends in 2026, contact us ASAP to claim one of the few remaining opportunities left on the 2026 calendar

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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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