

Try Something New!

As December approaches, many families will bring out their “Advent” calendars— those small, numbered boxes, drawers, or pockets filled with tiny surprises leading up to Christmas Day. Each day holds a little gift or a treat. Having just feasted on Thanksgiving week, it got me to thinking. What if this year we reversed the idea? What if, instead of receiving something each day, we gave something?

This year, consider creating an Advent Calendar of Thanks—a daily practice of offering God a small “gift” of praise. Instead of opening a box to find a treat, open a box and place something inside: have each family member make a handwritten note naming one thing they are prayerfully thankful to God for that day.

It could be a blessing, a person, a moment of mercy, an answered prayer, a lesson learned, or even a struggle that God is carrying you through. Big or small, joyful or quiet—each note becomes a personal offering of gratitude to the One who gives us every good thing.



By Christmas morning, your Advent calendar will not be filled with chocolates or trinkets, but with 25 or more simple, heartfelt expressions of thanksgiving—a beautiful reflection of God’s faithfulness throughout the month. On Christmas Day, the family could open the boxes, read and share together these gifts of praise to the Lord.

This practice helps shift our hearts from the hurry of the season to the holiness of God. It teaches us to see God’s goodness in everyday moments. And it reminds us that Christmas is not just about receiving gifts wrapped in paper, but about the gift of God’s presence and Spirit in our lives.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...” — James 1:17

May this special month be filled with gratitude, worship, and a renewed awareness of God’s blessings.

--Les Keele

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Good morning WH!

You know, during December, many families, workplaces, and groups enjoy the fun tradition of “Secret Santa.” We draw a name, offer small surprises for the month of December, and brighten someone’s week with a thoughtful gift. It’s a way of helping people connect with each other. This year, how about taking that familiar idea and giving it a Christ-centered purpose: instead of exchanging items, exchange encouragement.

Choose one person each week during December—someone in the church family, and become their silent encourager. Pray over your choice, asking God to guide you to someone who might especially need a lift. Then, once each week, anonymously send that person small blessings of encouragement.

It might be a handwritten note, a Scripture card taped to their door, a kind text from an unknown number, a small treat with a message of hope, or even a simple prayer left in their mailbox. You don’t have to reveal your identity. The goal isn’t recognition—it’s building up the body of Christ through quiet, intentional acts of love.

Imagine the ripple effect if our whole congregation practiced this for four weeks. Dozens of hearts lifted. Dozens of people reminded that they matter. Dozens of glimpses of God’s love and kindness shining through His people.

In a season when the world focuses on getting, this simple tradition leads us back to giving—the kind of giving that reflects the heart of Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” — Try it, you’ll be blessed!

-- Les Keele

Therefore encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Matt Sloan

Song - Days Of Elijah

Song - Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Song - He Is Able

Opening Prayer - Robert Bow

Scripture - Romans 15:4

Song - In Christ Alone

Lord's Supper - Ben Meyer

Prayer for Contribution - Ben Meyer

Song - You Are Holy

Do You "C" Any Hope? - Les Keele

Song - 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Chuck Meyer

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Attendance



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbud with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, December 1 Nehemiah 7; Acts 20	Friday, December 5 Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 24
Tuesday, December 2 Nehemiah 8-9; Acts 21	Saturday, December 6 Esther 1-2; Acts 25
Wednesday, December 3 Nehemiah 10; Acts 22	Sunday, December 7 Esther 3-5; Psalm 10; Acts 26
Thursday, December 4 Nehemiah 11; Acts 23	

Last Week

Bible Class	120	Wednesday	81
Worship	268	Contribution	\$18,419.68
PM Worship	51	Budget	\$14,216.88

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM