

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

**DO YOU “C” ANY HOPE?
SEEING HOPE THROUGH GOD’S PLAN**

Les Keele
11-30-25

INTRO:

- A. With all the problems in our world today, it is getting exponentially harder to have any _____ for the future.
- B. Of the two main world views, _____ and _____, only one offers us _____ beyond this life.
- C. To be able to find _____, we need to _____ our _____.
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Let’s look at the history of man and “C” if we can find reason for hope!

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| 1. C _____: | God _____ hope. |
| 2. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 3. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 4. C _____: | Hope _____. |
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| 6. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 7. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 8. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 9. C _____: | Hope _____. |
| 10. C _____: | Hope _____. |

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, ***always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you***; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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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 earbudswith personal receiversare 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

Tuesday, December 2
Nehemiah 8-9; Acts 21

Wednesday, December 3
Nehemiah 10; Acts 22

Thursday, December 4
Nehemiah 11; Acts 23

Friday, December 5
Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 24

Saturday, December 6
Esther 1-2; Acts 25

Sunday, December 7
Esther 3-5; Psalm 10; Acts 26

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kham Intharansy, great grandmother and Chris Intharansy, great Uncle of Cameron Vatsana Johnson, 4lb 14oz. Born to Christian Johnson.



ADULT WINTER QUARTER

Our Winter Quarter Begins December 7th, **Sunday Morning Auditorium Bible Class** Speaker: Johnathan Bartee; Topic: Apologetics for the Faithful Christian. 1 Peter 3:15.

Young Adult Class, in the Education Bldg. Speaker: Riley Bowie; Topic: Habits Of The Household. Drawing us closer to God.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class Speaker; Jay Garner: Topic: Philippians.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday December 2, **Ladies bible class** will be studying 2 Timothy and Titus

Men's Bible Class will be studying: BIBLE WARFARE by Mike Mazzalongo

SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathies to Amy Brookshire and her family on the loss of her father, Travis Stodgill. Please keep them in your prayers.

BABY BLESSINGS

Jimmy and Katelynn Bolt are excited to announce the birth of a beautiful baby boy, **Truett Daniel Bolt**, born November 24, 2025. He is 7lbs 10oz. and 20 inches long. The Western Hills Church of Christ would like to welcome Truett into the world with a monetary gift to be used as needed by the family. If you would like to contribute, please see Dorothy Anderson or Sharon Pippin.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next meeting time:
Thursday, December 4th, 7:00 AM IHOP
on Cherry Lane Come join us for
fellowship and a time of devotional study.

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

December 6: Youth group Christmas party

OFFICE HOURS

The Office Will Be Closed:
December 24th, 25th and the 31st to
celebrate the holidays.

December Celebrations

Birthdays

2 ROSS TOMLINSON	17 GLORIA SPEAK
2 RENE JOHNSTON	18 LARUE BOW
2 MELISSA MONTANEZ	19 STEVEN JOHNSTON
2 JEFF THRIVAVONG	20 MARY JO WINTERS
3 ROBERT BOW	21 CHUCK KING
4 ADAM POWERS	22 BOB WILLYERD
4 BEV PRATT	23 RONNY TUCKER
4 JEAN COX	24 BETTY ADAMS
7 KRISTIE MCLEROY	24 LUCILLE PATTERSON
8 LEE BRADLEY	26 ZACH BROOKSHIRE
9 DOROTHY ANDERSON	30 CASSIDY TUNNELL
12 LORENZA FERNANDEZ	30 JAY GARNER
12 MARTIN FRANZ	30 KAREN HAAS
12 THONGLOUATH MANYLOUN	31 THIENXAY MANYLOUN
12 AUNA WALTON	
14 WAYNE GARY	

Youth Birthdays

12 IAN THOMAS
27 JONATHAN EVERETT
30 JACK MYER

Anniversary

5 SANDRA & TOMMY WADE 61 YEARS
14 JOHNATHAN & AMY BARTEE 23 YEARS