



**“Promises, promises, promises”  
(Genesis 12:1-3)**

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**The Year Ahead**

“For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?” (Ecclesiastes 6:12).

An issue of Time magazine almost thirty years ago gave examples of men who tried to do what man cannot do—predict the future. Here are some of these predictions made in the 1900’s as listed in Time, Fall, 1992:

- Henry Adams, considered to be one of America’s foremost thinkers, said in 1903, “My figures coincide in setting 1950 as the year that the world must smash.”
- In 1901, two years before Kitty Hawk, Wilbur Wright told his brother Orville that man would not fly for another 50 years.
- Not long before the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Admiral William Leary told Harry Truman, “This is the biggest fool thing we have ever done...the bomb will never go off.”
- Some even claimed that scientists would create machines that would be able to read our minds!

Here we are years later feeling the same curiosity and anxiety about the future. This time, however, the uncertainty is more far-reaching. Our world has changed dramatically. The year 2020 was like an earthquake and every month since has been like an aftershock. Our laws, our economy, our population and our entire culture is changing so rapidly that it is hard to make plans for anything.

There is only one way to have peace and clarity in a world that has been turned upside down: hold to God’s unchanging hand and trust

in His all-seeing eye. Remember that the Lord said, “I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done” (Isa. 46:9-10). God has always known everything in the future. Nothing surprises Him. He saw the Civil War, the Great Depression and COVID coming long before they broke into history. He knows every detail of the results of each crisis and works all things for the good of His people (Rom 8:28). We will never be able to see what God sees, but that should not keep us from trusting that He does.

The Bible teaches us not to brag about the future or worry about it. Solomon said, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth” (Prov. 27:1). Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matt. 6:34). We need faith in these turbulent times to keep us from going to either extreme.

The great book of Ecclesiastes gives us wisdom we cannot find anywhere else. It tells us, “That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecc. 1:9). It reminds us of the cycles and phases of life: “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecc; 3:1). One of the best things Christians can do these days is turn off the television, leave social media alone, read the book of Ecclesiastes, and perhaps sing the chorus, of “God Holds the Future in His Hands.”

# Welcome

## Kannapolis church of Christ

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### Service Times

#### Bible Study:

Sunday 9:00AM  
Wednesday 7:00PM

#### Worship Service:

Sunday Morning 10:00AM  
Sunday Evening 6:00PM

All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page

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Join Kirk Sams

M-F at 7:30 am on

Kannapolis Church of Christ

FaceBook page

### Weekly Contributions

	Goal	Actual
01-02-2022	\$5,224.81	\$7,064.00
12-26-2021	\$5,617.69	\$4,750.00

Scan with phone camera to fill in electronic Visitor form



Month of January	Weekly	01/09/22	01/16/22
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>	<b>Hospital Baskets</b>	N/A	N/A
Lance Lemasters	<b>Baptismal Clothes</b>	Andrea Gregory	Tiea Lemasters
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Building Monitors</b>	Brad Fortson	Chris Riebold
Bret Simoneaux		Lance Lemasters	Jeff Deason
<b>Lord's Table</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>01/09/22</b>	<b>01/16/22</b>
<b>Preside</b> Joe Huddleston	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Mark Bargeloh	Joe Eagle
<b>Servers – Table</b> Chris Lankford Chris Riebold	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Larry Gregory	
<b>Servers – Sides</b> Chris Shuping Chris Byrd	<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Trent Fortson	
<b>Ushers</b> Tom Whitaker Mike Mobley	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Whitaker	
<b>AV Room</b> Brian Luckett Levi Carroll	<b>Greeters</b>	Teresa Johnson Darrell Johnson	
<b>Food for Families</b> Angie Byrd	<b>Prepare Communion</b>	N/A	N/A
Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Tom Ellis Joe Huddleston	
	<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	T.Lemasters&R.Gray	
	<b>Sunday Evening</b>		
	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Lance Lemasters	
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Lance Lemasters	
	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	
	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Chris Lankford Melvin Bennett	
	<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>01/12/22</b>	<b>01/19/22</b>
	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Joe Eagle	
	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Bret Simoneaux	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bert Putnal		
<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Kirk Sams Joe Huddleston		
If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact <a href="mailto:service@kannapolischurchofchrist.org">service@kannapolischurchofchrist.org</a> or contact the Presiding Shepherd			
To submit announcements or reserve building: e-mail <a href="mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org">info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org</a>			

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Lunch Crew meeting:** Cpt Steve at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wednesday night study:** Study of the Holy Spirit.
- **Bible Theology Class:** Online Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Bible drive:** 4-5 year old class is collecting new & gently used bibles, children's bibles, & story books to give away. A drop off box is in the foyer. Spreading the WORD one Bible at a time.








## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

Nancy Lewis            January 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike Mobley            January 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Valerie Raines        January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Putnal                January 16<sup>th</sup>



January 13th	 <b>Blood Drive</b> 2:30pm – 7:00pm
January 21st	  <b>Area Wide Singing</b>  
January 14-17	<b>Winter CBC theme</b> "Not mine, but Thine!"
February 19th	 <b>Young at Heart Dinner</b> 

Please send any bulletin announcements, calendar, or website updates to [info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org)

## Our Mission

- We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- We believe that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- We believe the true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire is to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- We believe the New Testament teaches that a person comes in contact with the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- We believe that becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- We believe our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

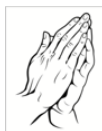
## Steps of Salvation

- **Hear:**
  - Romans 10:17
  - Luke 11:28
  - John 5:24
- **Believe:**
  - Hebrews 11:6
  - John 3:16
  - John 3:36
  - Romans 10:9
- **Repent:**
  - Acts 17:30
  - Luke 5:31-32
  - Acts 20:21
- **Confess:**
  - Matthew 10:32
  - Philippians 2:11
  - 1 John 2:23
- **Baptized:**
  - Acts 2:38
  - Mark 16:16
  - Romans 6:1-23
- **Faithful:**
  - Hebrews 10:23
  - Luke 16:10
  - Hebrews 3:12-19

## For Our Guests

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- For those who have small children, the following options are available:
  - Your child may stay in the auditorium with you
  - We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship
- Please stay around following services and let us get to know you.

**Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.**



# PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.”  
– 1 Thes. 5:16-18

## New Requests:

📖 **Joel Walker** (Robert & Leslie’s son-in-law) is in the hospital in Texas with a blood infection & doctors are doing tests to determine the cause. Prayers appreciated.

## Continued Prayers/Updates:

📖 **Debra Arnette** (Freeda Holladay’s sister-in-law) is fighting breakthrough COVID. She has multiple medical issues & is in the hospital with COVID pneumonia. Prayers are coveted.

📖 **Ray Beam** - has more tests scheduled after the first of the year to determine the cause of chest pains.

📖 **Brian Carter** – (Son of Judy Lambert) has moved out of ICU & is slowly recovering from COVID. Still in need of prayers for healing & strength.

📖 **Diana Cooper** – Still watching spot found on mammogram, test postponed until after first of the year. Thanks in advance for your prayers.

📖 **Inez Johnson** – (Darrell Johnson’s mother) Has been moved to an assisted living facility & is doing well so far. Prayers appreciated.

📖 **Minerveno Labrador-** (Eunice’s father) Has improved but is still in need of prayers for strength and healing.

📖 **Elaine Lawing’s** - procedure was successful & dialysis has resumed. She is still very weak. Prayers appreciated.

📖 **Ruth Lawing** is experiencing weakness at home. Prayers appreciated.

📖 **John & Becky Lewis** –Tested positive for COVID. Prayers appreciated.

📖 **Marvin Meadows** – (Dean Meadows dad) is at home on antibiotics for an infection in his leg. Prayers for healing & peace of mind!

📖 **Wade Mixon-** (Vince Edwards’ brother) has several tumors & is receiving treatment.

📖 **Lois & Tony Spickard** - members at Archdale are having several health issues. Please pray for their health.

📖 **Matt Washburn** - (Kingston’s (Teresa Clowney’s grandson) baseball coach for 8 years) is making progress. His physical therapy is going very well & he is now walking all the way to the end of the unit 3 times a day! He is expected to be coming home by the end of January. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

## Shut-ins:

**Dan Cleveland | Marie Gunter | Sandra Wallace | Fran Wehe**

## Military

**Ricky Ardrey** (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)

**Brian Mullins** (Northview COC)

**David Jones** (Dan Payne’s nephew)

**Timothy O’Bryant** (Amy Riebold’s cousin)

**Victor Falorian** (friend of Amy Riebold)

**James Schriever** (friend of Coopers)

**Wyatt Lunsford** (Pat & Joyce Smith’s grandson)

## NEWS

- **Golden Year Lunch immediately following service today.**
- **Ladies Class** will begin today Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.
- **Please continue reading your Daily Bible.**
- **Sunday A.M. study book “His Family” is on the table in the foyer.** If you didn’t sign up but want one please let us know & we can order more.
- **Teachers Needed Immediately for Sunday & Wednesday nursery classes.** Please contact Mike Mobley if you are interested.