KINGSWOOD

a church for the community

6810 University Parkway • Rural Hall, NC 27045

THE MESSENGER – NOVEMBER 2026





Because One More Is Worth Reaching
Dr. J Frank Howard

Luke 15:3–7

3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! {NLT}

Sometimes the most important thing we do is something we never planned to do. A man's daughter called to tell me her father was in the hospital. I've known him for decades. He wasn't expected to live much longer. She asked if I would visit him and talk about being saved. She didn't know whether he had trusted Jesus as his Savior.

As I drove to the hospital, I thought about everything waiting for me to do (including finishing this article!). All of it was important. But none of it was more important than this.

A man was facing eternity, and he needed to hear about Jesus.

During our conversation, we talked about people and events from the past. Then he said, "But all of that is history. We are not going back." I replied, "You're right, you and I are not going back, but we are going forward."

And that opened the door to talk about where we were going. I told him, "Jesus died on a cross for you, so that you could live in heaven with Him." We talked about trusting Jesus for salvation, the promise of eternal life, and the hope of seeing his mother and father again, along with his daughter and grandchildren.

In Luke 15:3–7, Jesus tells about a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for one that is lost. He doesn't decide that ninety-nine are enough. He searches until he finds the missing one. And when he finds it, he rejoices!

When people are precious to God, reaching them must become a priority for us.

We celebrate the people God has gathered into His church, and we keep reaching for those who have yet to come. The same Shepherd who cares for the ninety-nine goes looking for the one who is missing. And He invites us to share His heart for both.

The love that saves us is the love that sends us.

We have people to care for, a faith to share, and a world that needs Jesus. Every person is precious to God, every soul is worth reaching, and every life brought to Christ gives heaven another reason to rejoice!

Monday, Nov. 2nd

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM TAKES COMMUNION
TO RETIREMENT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

Each month on the Monday after our congregation has communion, this team visits Arbor Ridge in Stanleyville and Priddy Manor in King to provide communion, a devotion and fellowship to its residents. Interested in being part of this outreach? Contact Janice Wall at 336-602-7647.

Little Italy Night

696 Angus Street, Rural Hall
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, 5:00-8:00pm

FOR LITTLE ITALY NIGHT: A ROOM RESERVED FOR US!

A room is reserved for our fellowship. Just mention Kingswood when you order, either dine in or take out; a portion of the proceeds will go to our Preschool program.

Thursday, Nov. 12th @ 11:00 am
Church Parlor

We will discuss The Ephesians 1 Blessings and how to live by them. Our time together will include prayer requests and praises. We will conclude our meeting with a meal at Outback Steakhouse, 5000 University Parkway. All ladies are invited to join us!

Sponsored By Our Youth

Thanks to the past and present Youth that came out to help make the Fall Festival such a success! Don't forget we are still **collecting Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes through Nov. 7th**. The absolute last day to turn them into the Narthex is Nov. 22nd. We will be taking the boxes to Boone on Nov. 23rd.

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help with Promises! Be on the lookout for a signup sheet for 2027 in the next few weeks.

A special thank you to all who came out and helped make the Fall Festival a huge success! Over 320 hot dogs were served to the guests and workers!











Fall Bazaar

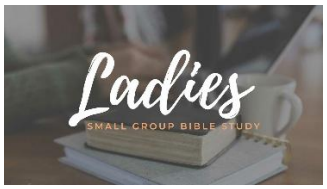
Saturday, Nov. 21, 9:00—11:00 am

If you are willing to make a casserole, cake, chicken salad, pimento cheese, or any other food items, please contact LuAnn at 336-486-3776. Don't wait for that phone call – please volunteer to provide for the bazaar.

Drop off all items in the fellowship hall
Friday, November 20, 4:00—7:00 pm.
Please price any craft items you bring!

Wrap all casseroles and baked goods in CLEAR wrap!

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- **Breakfast, coffee and juice will be available**
- **Crafts and outside vendors**
- **Kingswood chicken & apple pies**



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Night Bible Study Group meets each Monday at 7 p.m. Led by Sally Summey, they are discussing the Max Lucado book titled "Grace."

Kingswood Christian Preschool
Nurturing hearts for God and minds for learning.

November is a busy month for our preschool. One of our favorite events is our traditional Thanksgiving feast. This year we will celebrate on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. Each class will decorate its Thanksgiving table with crafts they have created throughout the month. Will this feast include the traditional turkey and dressing meal? It will not! The menu selected by our little ones includes chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, applesauce, and dessert. That's the meal they will be thankful for!

We are most grateful that our preschool parents and students are participating in a fall food drive to help us with our church's community outreach. We appreciate their generosity.



Nov. 1	Lance & Natalie Grubbs
Nov. 8	John & Trudy Cox
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	Open
Nov. 29	Open

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the flower calendar near the church office.



Nov. 1	LuAnn Winfrey
Nov. 8	Kim Beardsley
Nov. 15	Destiny Driver
Nov. 22	Mallory Brammer
Nov. 29	Trudy Cox



Nov. 1	Becky French & Jack Cooke
Nov. 8	John & Trudy Cox
Nov. 15	Debbie Cromer & Mary Kay Thomas
Nov. 22	Carolyn Cooke & Ann Miller
Nov. 29	Ann Burton & Susan Busch



2	Matthew Kiser
2	Hannah Kiser
8	Billy Walker
9	Gordon Brown
24	Mallory Brammer
26	Cathy Carpenter
30	Janice Wall
30	Lisa Kiser

Finances

Jan. - September

Giving	$248,557
Expenses	- $187,202
Debit/Credit	+ $ 61,355

MEMBER UPDATE

Please mark your People Directory with the following change. New directories are available in the narthex.

Jeanenne Holcomb
Pruitt Place Assisted Living
2500 Polo Ridge Ct #341
Winston Salem, NC 27106

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember to share any news with our church office by the 15th of each month if you'd like it posted in the upcoming newsletter.



Please mark your calendar for these events.

Nov. 22	Giving Tree Up
Nov. 28	Decorate Church for Advent @ 9:00 am
Nov. 29	Tree Lighting @ 6:00 pm
Dec. 6	Rural Hall Christmas Parade @ 2:30 pm
Dec. 13	Giving Tree Deadline
Dec. 20	Christmas Cantata
	Poinsettias in Sanctuary
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service (time TBD)



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be located in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 22nd. Please take an ornament to help families in need from our Kingswood Preschool and Rural Hall Elementary. Please return your **wrapped** gifts with the **ornament attached** to the church by **December 13th.** You will help to make this Christmas special for a local family.



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Nov. 28th @ 9:00 am

November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent. We will meet in the church sanctuary at 9:00 am to decorate for the season.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, Nov. 29th @ 6:00 pm

On Sunday, November 29 at 6 pm, members of the community will gather with us on our front lawn for the lighting of our huge outdoor tree. Those beautiful lights will lift our eyes and hearts toward heaven and, for that, we thank these dedicated and resourceful men who performed maintenance recently: Daryl Genung, Mark Moorefield, and James Hoots.

Be sure to mark November 29 on your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth with our community.

THANK YOU DARYL, MARK AND JAMES!



Christmas PARADE

Rural Hall Christmas Parade on Dec. 6th @ 2:30

Make your plans to join us and to donate candy for the ride. Details will follow.



Christmas Poinsettias

Youth are taking orders for poinsettias that will be wrapped and placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 20.

Please consider ordering a poinsettia to honor or memorialize someone you love. The cost is $16.00. Deadline for orders is December 6th.

Broad Street Luminary Project

Dec. 12th @ 6:00-9:00 pm

- Visit with Santa at the Depot @ 5:30-7:30 pm
- Walk or ride up and down Broad Street to see the luminaries, listen to Christmas music and spread some holiday cheer.
- Stop by one of the food trucks for dinner and finish your Christmas shopping with our local vendors.

Our adult Sunday School classes, Faith Seekers & Celebration Class, are sponsoring the luminaries that will be placed in the front of the church.

Staff Appreciation Gifts

Thanksgiving and Christmas is a blessed time of year. As in the past Advent seasons, we are again asking for a special offering for our paid staff members. We are blessed at Kingswood to have a talented and dedicated paid staff. This is one way the membership of our church family can express in a monetary way our thanks for all their efforts helping the ministries of our church move forward.

You are invited to participate in this annual gift by placing your donation in the offering plates on any Sunday between now and December 13.

Please mark your donation as "Staff Gift". These gifts will be presented at our December 20th worship service.



The Youth will provide mailboxes for members to send Christmas cards to each other again this year. Baskets will be in the narthex on Sunday, December 6th.
We will also have boxes for our shut-ins and college students.

IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY CONNECTED IN A SMALL GROUP, NOW IS THE TIME!!!

Faith Seekers SS Small Group:
Sundays 10am

Celebration SS Small Group:
Sundays 10am

Women's Bible Study:
Mondays 7pm

Kingswood Sisterhood:
Monthly Women's Small Group
Rotating Dates & Times

Seniors Keeping Young:
TBD

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OUR MISSION

"to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and to Spread Scriptural Holiness Across the globe