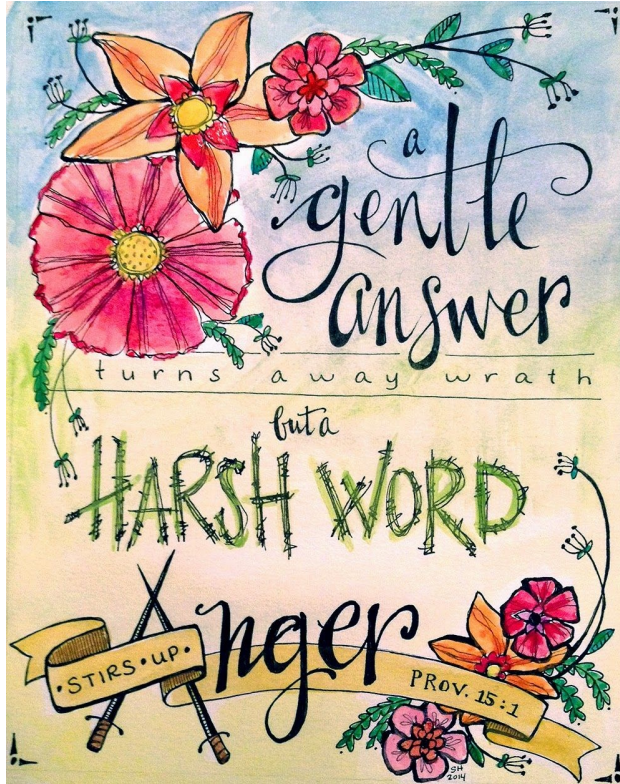


The King's Herald

January 2025



Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)

10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

January 1 Happy New Years Day

No Worship, Meal or Activities

January 5

Church Council Meeting

January 10

Prayer Summit

January 12

3rd Awesome Painting Party

January 17

PJ Prayer Time

January 19

Youth Event

January 20 CDC Closed

Martin Luther King Holiday

January 26

Congregation Meeting & Fellowship Lunch

What are you looking for in 2025?

The following is the famous passage from Saint Augustine's "Confessions" where Saint Augustine states "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Augustine was inspired by Holy Spirit to write those words over 1,600 years ago in what now is modern-day Algiers. And those words still ring true in every place and generation.

Indeed, our hearts are restless until, in all that we do (Colossians 3:12-17), we look for God's daily presence with us through Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit.

In Jeremiah 29:13, God promises that we will find the Lord God, the One that our heart is truly hungry for, if we search with all our heart.

What are you looking for in 2025?

When I was a teenager and first started dating, I experienced some of the most incredible and hurtful excuses for a date cancelling on me: wash the dog, wash the dishes, wash the car, etc. Now as an adult, I hear what must be some of the most incredible and hurtful excuses that God experiences for people cancelling a date with the Lord by not worshiping, not Bible reading, not doing Christian service, not seeking fellowship with other believers, not deploying monetary resources for God's kingdom. In sum, God hears a lot of "I'm too busy with the created world to have time for the Creator of the world."

The thing is that these excuses hurt God because God hurts for us when we chase after the world. God knows that "our hearts are restless until our hearts rest in the Lord." God knows all that because God established all that when God created us in his image (Genesis 1:26), along with all that is and how it all works.

Our sermon yesterday at Christ the King Lutheran Church reminded us of Jesus's first words in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:49). Jesus Christ invites us to daily discover anew what our hearts are truly looking for. Indeed our hearts are hungry for God's Son Jesus Christ, for the business and affairs and work of God through Christ, and for what we receive from God through Christ. From Christ we receive enduring purpose/mission for living, ear and appetite for God's life-giving word, and the knowledge of where we can find our Lord throughout each day. We can find our Lord giving the satisfying sight of his presence to those who will look for Christ in the midst of all that we do in this world, using each moment to serve others with the name and love of Jesus. Yes, Christ, in everything we do.

And Jesus Christ promises that Holy Spirit has been sent by Father God to help us. Ask Holy Spirit each day to come help you look for and serve Jesus in literally all that you say and do.

And your heart (and those around you) will find the true rest that you've been longingly looking for.

What will you look for in 2025?

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

Children & Youth Ministries

January 2025:

- Wednesday, January 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM - Youth & kids activities in the youth room. Our focus will be "God's Love Depicted in Art." We will read the creation story and complete art projects associated with light, water, food, and family. Art will be displayed in the hallway adjoining the fellowship hall.
- Sunday, January 19th from 5:30 - 7 PM - Youth Fellowship Outing @ Birmingham Rage Room. 6th - 12th grade. We'll be splatter painting the walls, each other, and canvases to take home. Cost \$30 per person. More details to follow.
- Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30 PM - Youth-led Worship



Decorating the Chrismon (Christ Monograms) Tree



Spreading a little Christmas cheer with a group hug to Ms. Janice!



Spreading a little Christmas cheer to two of our three remaining charter members, Mr. Doug and Mrs. Eva Smyth



Adding some of our handmade Chrismon ornaments to the Luther Room tree



Our own Trinity Brown, pictured front right in the "Believe" shirt, has helped to grow the First Priority club at McAdory Middle school to 130 students at the meeting on December 11th!

Youth Christmas Cheer



Spreading a little Christmas Cheer at Mr. Chuck and Ms. Lee Segrest's house. We even played Christmas Charades! Mrs. Lee did an amazing job of acting out "Snow Angels." We've been invited back to play more games. If you are in need of a little Christmas cheer any Wednesday night throughout the year, let the youth and kids know. We make house calls!



Youth Christmas Party!

Decorating the "Christmas Trees" aka Pastor Chris and Ms. Elizabeth!

The gift swap - not too many present steals this year





Hey Everyone!

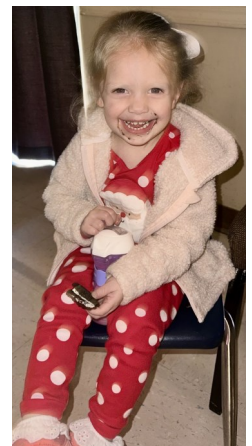
We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! The CDC is very excited for what the new year has in store.

For the month of January, we will be focusing on the theme Air Transportation & Healthy Foods. In addition, we will be learning the letter M-O, color - orange, shape- diamond, & Numbers 9 & 10. We will also be teaching the children the core values of Trust and Giving.

PJ Prayer will be Friday, January 17th from 5:30-9:00pm.

The CDC will be closed for MLK Day on Monday, January 20th.

Thanks,
Ashlyn Stuckey



Congregational Meeting



Meeting & Fellowship Lunch

Sunday,

January 26, 2025

12:15 p.m. in the Luther Room

* * Budget, agenda & other handouts will be emailed prior to the meeting



Join us for our 3rd
painting party!

Sunday, January 12
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
RSVP and choose
your picture

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & PAINT

What to expect:
 *Fellowship
 *Fun
 *Step By Step Instructions
 *Light Refreshments
\$35
Includes all supplies



Painters Choice
11in x 14in canvas

*Looking for a fun and creative way to spend your evening?
 Come join us for a Paint Party! No experience is needed – just
 bring your enthusiasm and a smile.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH	611 RIVERCHASE PARKWAY WEST
4:00PM - 6:00PM	HOOVER, AL 35244
HOSTED BY SERENA DUNCAN	PHONE: (205) 988-5004

IF YOU ARE A CHURCH MEMBER YOU CAN REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE OR STOP BY AND SIGN UP. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT
<https://forms.gle/xBQTcyox1Qqq81667>
 or text 205-259-8837
 (Please register by Jan 4th.)

Advent & Christmas Eve



Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

“The Gospel of John” led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the Library. This class is for everyone

Disciple 2 Bible Study led by Anita Humphries in the Luther Room. A 32 week deeper study of Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke and Acts in the New Testament.

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God’s word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery

3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Cassie Carter in the Matthew/Mark Room

4th – 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

Tuesday:

Sermon Prep 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Library and on the phone. Those not physically present call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

Disciple 1 led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. It is a 34-week overview of the whole Bible. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Youth Bible Study led by Amanda DeGreen at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Bible/Book Club Discussion Group led by Pastor Chris, Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Thursday:

Disciple 3 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home. A 32-week deeper study of the prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament.



Finance **UPDATES**

2025 Offering Envelopes are here, located in the narthex. If you don't see your name, please contact Tom or Wendi in the church office.

Contribution Statements will be out by the end of the month.

Ways to contribute financially:

Plates are passed during worship, or Give at www.ctkbham.org, or

Mail a check (611 Riverchase Pkwy W, Hoover, AL 35244)

*Thank you so much for
your generosity!*

Christ the King Lutheran Foundation

Christ the King Lutheran Foundation Grant and Scholarship Funds for 2025

The Foundation Directors are pleased to notify the congregation of potential funds available early next year. The amount of the funds will be reported in the February newsletter along with the instructions and procedures to apply for the available funds. Available funds can be used for the religious, educational, and charitable purposes of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

What is the Christ the King Lutheran Foundation of Birmingham, Alabama?

The Christ the King Lutheran Foundation is a non-profit corporation in the state of Alabama at the registered office located at 611 Riverchase Parkway W., Hoover, Alabama.

What is the purpose of Christ the King Lutheran Foundation?

The purpose of this Foundation shall be to act as a holding company under the authority of the membership of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Birmingham, Alabama, to receive assets and extend funds to promote the religious, educational and charitable purposes of Christ the King Lutheran Church of Birmingham, Alabama. All funds received will be invested until the account has reached its threshold. After the investment has reached its threshold the investment income (interest and dividends) will be available to be distributed in the form of grants and scholarships that qualify under the stated bylaws. Available funds can be used for the religious, educational, and charitable purposes of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

The Foundation Directors include the following church members; Pastor Chris, Ross Gregson, Mike Hamner, Jim Courtney, Todd Vegter, Carla Demsky, Sharon Swsgood and Bernie Gregson

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions.



Aaron's Staff

Serving at First Baptist Church of Alabaster, 903 3rd Ave NW, Alabaster.

Aaron's Staff is a monthly respite care ministry to families of special needs children and adults. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 8:00. We are always looking for volunteers. No experience needed. You will not be responsible for feeding or changing clients. You will interact with clients and assist them with various activities such as music, story-telling, art, sensory, and service projects. Please contact Debbie Fick for further information if you are interested. 205-862-1704

Black Belt Saturdays



Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

Will return in February!

Websites:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetohelp.com/>

The Black Belt News Network <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Belt-News-Network-2313921062224293/>



**Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer Summit will be on
the 2nd Friday, 01/10/2025!**

It will be held from **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To join us by **Phone**, please call 425-436-6342

Access code #328663

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

Will be on the 3rd Friday, 01/17/25. Contact Miss Jennifer or
Miss Ashlyn to sign up



Safety & Security

January 2025	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
8:00 a.m.	Dennis Stanek	Todd Vegter	Cole Remillard	Dave Demsky
10:40 a.m.	Jake Daniel		Jake Daniel	Robbie Wahl

January 2025	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Children Time				
8:00 am	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott	Patsy Scott
10:40 am	Binnie Myles	Binnie Myles	Maureen Lynn	Maureen Lynn
Lector				
8:00 am	Laurel Stanek	Lydia Pizner	Phyllis Nichols	David Walter
10:40 am	Casey VanKralingen	Eric Hoaglund	Anita Humphries	Doug Sweeney
Prayers				
8:00 am	Ann Dawson	Carla Demsky	Kathy Stepanski	Maizie Nelson
10:40 am	Amanda DeGreen	Maureen Lynn	Gerry Roden	Wendi Vegter
Ushers				
8:00 am	Lee & Joye Sherrill	Steve & Connie Owen	Cole Remillard, Sherry Gilbert	Dave & Carla Demsky
10:40 am	Jake Daniel, Elizabeth Cooper	Caden DeGreen	Elizabeth Cooper, Casey VanKralingen	Jake Daniel
Communion				
8:00 am	Mark & Patsy Scott	Dick & Cheryl O'Brien	Mike & Matsy Remillard	Todd & Wendi Vegter
10:40 am	Lydia Pizner, Sharon Swysgood	Amy & Eric Hoaglund	Camille Stanek, Shandra Graf	Doug & Wilma Sweeney
Crucifer				
8:00 am	Ashton Gorby	Lizzy Plaia	Ranae Remillard	Lizzy Plaia
10:40 am	Camille Stanek	Megan Durbin	Arden Melton	Cate Wahl
Acolyte				
8:00 am	Mikal & Ranae Remillard	Russell & Vera Moore	Mikal Remillard, Ashton Gorby	Russell & Vera Moore
10:40 am	Gabe Swysgood, Aubrie Nagel	Olivia Durbin	Ella Grace George	Madison Daniel
Banner				
8:00 am	Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy	John & Judy Roberts	Retha Foster, Daphne Phillips	Volunteer
10:40 am	Kendall Cross	Volunteer	Mason Fleming	Maureen Lynn



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



January Memory Verse:

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1

Let's Celebrate!!

January Baptisms

1/1	Missy Bibb	1/1	Laurie Kinnebrew
1/1	Joy Dearing	1/1	Jan Kneule
1/1	Connie Owen	1/1	Flavio Armando
1/1	Chuck Segrest	1/1	Sonia Armando
1/1	Tara Slater	1/1	Anita Humphries
1/1	Mary Anne Smith	1/2	Donna Vogel
1/1	Eva Smyth	1/4	Herman Vogel
1/1	Maizie Nelson	1/13	Zac Grossmann
1/1	Chris Williams	1/15	Karis Reinicke
1/1	Bernie Gregson	1/18	Nick Vegter
1/1	Angela Dunn	1/19	Chase Stiffler
1/1	Roger Dubble	1/30	Addy Loyacano
1/1	Rethea Foster	1/31	Ricky Palao, Jr.
1/1	Anne Allen		

January Birthdays

1/1	Sharon Grimes	1/17	Carol Jane DeGreen
1/3	Kelley Key	1/18	David Purcell
1/3	Lydia Pizner	1/19	Mike Lewis
1/4	McKaylah Steele	1/23	Debbie Fick
1/5	Maureen Lynn	1/23	Baylei Purcell
1/11	Zac Grossmann	1/24	Chris Williams
1/12	Karis Reinicke	1/27	Mark Swysgood
1/13	Gerry Roden	1/30	Sherri Vaughn
1/14	Gabe Swysgood		
1/14	Katie Page		
1/15	Faith Penrod		
1/16	Katie Benesch		



January Anniversaries

1/7	Dave & Jen Wallace
1/18	David & Betty Purcell



February Birthdays

2/1	Ella Gilbert	2/16	Greg Segrest
2/2	Steve Owen	2/16	Will Becker
2/3	Sam Shinaberry	2/17	Laura Durbin
2/4	Rich Camlic	2/17	Aubrie Nagel
2/4	Binnie Myles	2/17	Cate Wahl
2/5	Gerhard Graf	2/18	Diane Hagemeyer
2/8	Caden DeGreen	2/19	Len Thorson
2/9	Danielle Grossmann	2/21	Donna Vogel
2/10	Connie Owen	2/21	Lucy Nethery
2/11	Nikki Wahl	2/24	Shirley Gordon
2/11	Lyn Franks	2/25	Luanne Dubble
2/13	Bradley Moore	2/26	Flaviano Armando
2/14	Pam Nagel	2/27	Petra Wilson
2/14	Connor Nethery		
2/15	Izaya Kusiak		



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11:45 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

Instagram

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