



NOTES:

How to Persevere Into a New Year

*Gravity*  
*Girls Night In*

**Saturday, January 4**  
**6p / Youth Room**

Girls in 6-12th grade, put on your pajamas and join us for a night of ALL the BEST of being a GIRL! Besides AMAZING GIVEAWAYS, & DELICIOUS FOOD, let's talk makeup, hair, clothing, decorating and SO MUCH MORE!

**\$30 per ticket**

**WED. NITE LIVE**

Wednesdays, 5:30p  
Begins January 8th, 2025

Dinner ★ Fellowship ★ Classes & Groups



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**Read With Us**  
December 29, 2024

# WORSHIP

## 10:30AM - CONTEMPORARY

Come Jesus Come  
 Welcome  
 Joy to the World/Joyful Joyful  
 Collect  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Children's Moment  
 Offering Moment  
 Let There Be Peace On Earth  
 Message - Rev. Kerry Turnbow  
 Cornerstone  
 Benediction

# SCRIPTURE

JUDE 1:17-25

A Call to Persevere  
 17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Doxology  
 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

# PRAY

During this week, please lift up a prayer of intercession:

- For those who are grieving and suffering this season, and those who are alone.
- For families, churches, and communities in transition or turmoil.
- For those dealing with addiction, depression, anxiety, isolation, and fear.
- For those who feel harried and worried this holiday season.

Please lift up a prayer of thanksgiving:

- For those who are joyous, who bring God's light into our lives
- For memories, current celebrations, and/ or future joys together with those we love.
- For the gifts of laughter, community, and simplicity that imperfection can bring.
- For the gift of God's Son Jesus, who has come all the way to us without holding back.

Central distributes a weekly prayer list via email. If you have a prayer request or are interested in being part of our prayer list ministry, please use a prayer card from the seatback in front of you or email the request to [prayer@centralrogers.com](mailto:prayer@centralrogers.com)



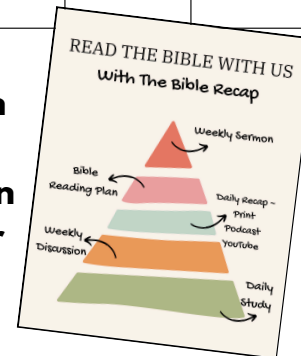
We have had one sermon series for the whole year, and we will continue reading through the whole Bible together using a specific reading plan. We hope you will read with us!

## DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Dec Advent Begins 1 Corinthians 9-11 Day 336	2-Dec 1 Corinthians 12-14 Day 337	3-Dec 1 Corinthians 15-16 Day 338	4-Dec 2 Corinthians 1-4 Day 339	5-Dec 2 Corinthians 5-9 Day 340	6-Dec 2 Corinthians 10-13 Day 341	7-Dec Romans 1-3 Day 342
8-Dec Romans 4-7 Day 343	9-Dec Romans 8-10 Day 344	10-Dec Romans 11-13 Day 345	11-Dec Romans 14-16 Day 346	12-Dec Acts 20-23 Day 347	13-Dec Acts 24-26 Day 348	14-Dec Acts 27-28 Day 349
15-Dec Colossians 1-4 Philemon 1 Day 350	16-Dec Ephesians 1-6 Day 351	17-Dec Philippians 1-4 Day 352	18-Dec 1 Timothy 1-6 Day 353	19-Dec Titus 1-3 Day 354	20-Dec 1 Peter 1-5 Day 355	21-Dec Hebrews 1-6 Day 356
22-Dec Hebrews 7-10 Day 357	23-Dec Hebrews 11-13 Day 358	24-Dec 2 Timothy 1-4 Day 359	25-Dec Christmas Day 2 Peter 1-3 Jude 1 Day 360	26-Dec 1 John 1-5 Day 361	27-Dec 2 John 1 3 John 1 Day 362	28-Dec Revelation 1-5 Day 363
29-Dec Revelation 6-11 Day 364	30-Dec Revelation 12-18 Day 365	31-Dec Revelation 19-22 Day 366				



For more information on how to participate scan the QR code or check our website!





# WAYS TO CONNECT

## NEW YEARS DAY

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

## GRAVITY GIRLS NIGHT IN

Sat, January 4th, 5pm – 10pm

Gravity Girls, put your pjs on and join us for a FESTIVE night of FUN!

Purchase your ticket online for a memorable night!

## GRAVITY STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM MONTHLY MEETING

Sun, January 5th, 11:30am – 1pm

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Mon, January 6th, 6pm – 7pm, Zoom Only

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KICK-OFF

Wed, January 8th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

## GRAVITY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY NIGHT

Sun, January 12th, 6pm – 6:30pm

Join us this night for our Gravity Worship in the Chapel. After worship together, "Gravity Grown Ups" and their students (6-12th grade), will move to the Gravity Youth room for FUN games, a DELICIOUS meal, and DEEP Life Groups!

## WNL DINNER AND CLASSES

Wed, January 15th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Fri, January 17th, 6pm – 10pm

Confirmation students, join us for an in-house retreat as we kick off Confirmation 2025.

## GRACE COMMUNITY DINNER

Sun, January 19th, 3pm – 5:30pm

A dinner is prepared and served at Grace UMC for approximately 200+ people by drive-thru. Teams will prepare food, pack for distribution, and deliver to vehicles. If interested in joining a group, please call the church office.

## COOKIES FOR A CAUSE

Nearly 20% of Arkansans face hunger, including 24% of children in Benton County. Central UMC is proud to partner with the Grace Community Meal, serving 200+ free meals every 3rd Sunday. This year, the Missions Team will bake cookies January 12th and collect a love offering to help support this vital ministry. Together, we can feed our neighbors and make a difference!

## HAPPINESS IS RINGING HANDBELLS

You are invited to come and try ringing handbells on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00pm at Grace UMC. This will be a “no obligation” time to come and check out what ringing is all about.

Come learn a new instrument!

Come meet new friends!

Come play for a season!

Come serve God!

## MLK HOLIDAY

Mon, January 20th

The Church Office will be closed.

## PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Thu, January 23rd, 9:30am – 12:30pm

## CONFIRMATION KICKOFF

Sun, January 26th, 4:30pm – 6pm

Students, parents, and mentors join for our first night of Confirmation!

## KIDSMIN GET TO KNOW YOU LUNCH

Sun, January 26th, 12pm – 1:30pm

Join us in the Atrium following our Sunday morning services for some food and family fellowship. There is no agenda, no presentation, simply time for grown ups to connect with each other. We will have activities for the children as well!

## CHURCHWIDE PRAYER

Sun, January 26th, 5pm – 6pm

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, January 27th, 6pm – 7:30pm

## GRAVITY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY NIGHT

Sun, February 9th, 6pm – 6:30pm

Join us this night for our Gravity Worship in the Chapel. After worship together, "Gravity Grown Ups" and their students (6-12th grade), will move to the Gravity Youth room for FUN games, a DELICIOUS meal, and DEEP Life Groups!

## Deborah – Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – March 12 (8 weeks)

In-Person ONLY (Room 104) Facilitator: Niki Williams

The Book of Judges narrates one of the most chaotic and morally dark eras of Israel’s story. Many speak of it as Israel’s “Wild West,” where the heroes and the villains stand only inches apart. Into this morally-ambiguous time comes one of the most unlikely leaders of the biblical text—the prophet Deborah. She is a wife and mother in an entirely patriarchal world, yet due to her integrity and courage, she transforms chaos into order and leads Israel in one of the most pivotal victories of the settlement period.

## The Case for Christ

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In-Person Only (Room 206) Facilitated by Alex and Elise Lake

Lee Strobel’s attempt to “determine if there’s credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God.” Strobel (a former legal editor at the Chicago Tribune) conducts interviews based on questions concerning historical evidence (for example, “Can the Biographies of Jesus Be Trusted?”), scientific evidence, (“Does Archaeology Confirm or Contradict Jesus’ Biographies?”), and “psychiatric evidence” (“Was Jesus Crazy When He Claimed to Be the Son of God?”). Together, these interviews compose a case brief defending Jesus’ divinity, and urging readers to reach a verdict of their own.

## Mayberry Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In-Person Only (Theater) Facilitated by Clay Cutten

Join Andy, Opie, Barney and Aunt Bee for the parables of Mayberry as one of the most beloved television programs of all-time yields this celebrated Bible study! Everyone is invited back to Mayberry - from Andy’s front porch to the Fishin’ Hole - as we welcome all ages into The Mayberry Bible Study! Y’all come - and bring a friend back to Mayberry!

## God’s Mission...Our Journey

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – March 12 (8 weeks)

In-Person Only (105) Facilitated by Karen Anderson

Mission isn’t just an activity—it’s a lifestyle rooted in faith and driven by the love of Christ. Through this class, you’ll explore how YOU can join God’s transformative work of reconciling and redeeming the world. You’ll gain a deeper understanding of mission as a way of life, practical tools to live out your faith, and encouragement to embrace your role in God’s work. The study book: A Mission Journey: A Handbook for Volunteers can be purchased from Amazon or other online retailers.

## GriefShare

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In Person Only (Room Parlor)

Facilitated by Kerry Turnbow

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 12-week group, you’ll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what’s “normal” in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

## DivorceCare

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In Person Only (Room 221)

Facilitated by Kelli Turnbow

DivorceCare’s life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this 12-week, video-based series.

## Basic Caregiving Skills Class

Sundays at 5pm January 12 – April 13 (12 weeks)

In Person Only (Room 205) Facilitated by Kerry Turnbow

Under the category of Congregational Care, the Basic Caregiving Skills class is a training for those interested in becoming a Central United Methodist Congregational Care Provider. The position is a lay volunteer position trained in providing care support and prayer for those who are in the hospital, homebound, or who need a person to talk to on a short-term basis. The training will cover listening skills, attending skills, how to utilize prayer during a visit with someone, proper boundaries, and how to care for oneself as a care giver. The different topics will introduce the trainees to different skills necessary to demonstrate empathy, support, and how to be person-centered in a non-judgmental manner. We will cover steps on how to build rapport with a person and demonstrate genuine Christ-center compassion. The class is not about becoming a “counselor” but on how to become a person skilled in providing effective, quality, biblical-based care giving.

## Gravity Midweek

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In-Person Only (Gravity Youth Room) The fun is brought to you by Gravity Leaders

Join us for loads of laughs and “friendly” competition from 6pm – 7pm each Wednesday. Open for 6th – 12th graders. You won’t want to miss this chance to invite a friend and build community as we come together for games, food, and mission opportunities! Every week earn points for your place in the Winners Circle. May the odds be ever in your favor!

## Young Disciples

Wednesdays at 6pm January 15 – April 16 (12 weeks)

In-Person Only (Room 211) Facilitated by KidsMin Volunteers

Young Disciples work to deepen their understanding of scripture and worship. Each Wednesday our Young Disciples will have lots of opportunity for fellowship and play while also exploring the lesson of the week through creative learning strategies. Open to Kindergarteners – 5th graders. Nursery is also provided for children 6 weeks through pre-school.