



# THE ADVENT



## CHRISTMAS AT KELLEYTOWN



DECEMBER 2023



# CONTENTS

## PAGE 3

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## PAGE 4

KT STUDENTS AND KT KIDZ

## PAGE 5

MUSIC AND SENIOR ADULTS

## PAGE 6

MEDIA, SUB30, AND DEACON ELECTIONS

## PAGE 7

CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

## PAGE 8

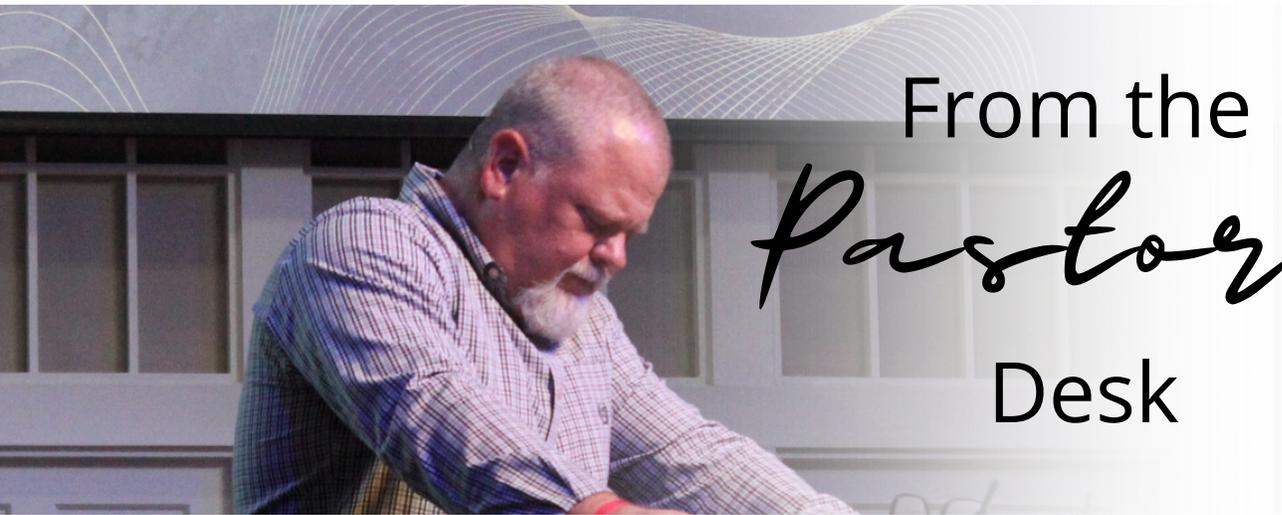
OCC, KINDERGARTEN, AND ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS

## PAGE 9

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST



Kelleytown  
Baptist Church



# From the *Pastor's* Desk

Hello Kelleytown Church Family,

It is always a privilege to share with you in any way I can, and I never take it for granted. I am so thankful for you all. I am thankful for your compassion and concern for me. The prayers you have prayed on my behalf and for my family over the last month have been felt and appreciated. It has been a time of rest and refreshing, and yet I have missed you in a great way. I am ready to be back with you on Sunday.

I will be preaching a message on the prayer of Paul from Colossians 1:9-12. On December 17th and 24th I will be preaching a two-message series for Christmas entitled "Don't Miss it." I am so ready to be back in the pulpit sharing the love of Jesus from His word. I know you will be praying for me, and I know you will be preparing your hearts to receive what King Jesus has for you through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have several "don't forget" events this month. Make sure you participate as much as you can. We have our Family Church event Sunday night sponsored by our Men's Ministry. It's always a highlight of the year. Next Sunday our adult choir will be leading us in worship, and Sunday night the 10th our kids will be performing their Christmas music and performance.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us but it is. Keep the main thing the main thing. The gospel of Jesus Christ is great news, but only if they hear it in time. I pray the message of Jesus will be on your lips often in these days. May we all be found faithfully serving Him when He comes to take us home.

God bless you. I love you all.

Serving Him,

*Pastor Mike*

Rom. 5:8

*Reminder* →

## **Service Schedule in December**

One Service at 10:30 am

Life Groups at 9 am

No REFUEL midweek service.



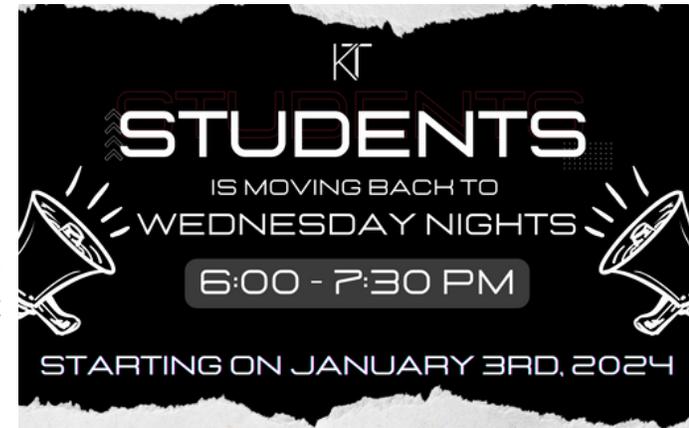
# STUDENTS

What a joy it was for those of us that gathered and celebrated the "Hanging of the Greens." We watched as families and children participated together as we officially kicked off our Christmas season. As I reflect on the lighting of the Hope candle, I'm reminded of the season we just came through - Thanksgiving.

For many, Christmas represents a time of joy and celebration, a time of peace or good fortune. But, Christmas finds some of us in sadness or remembering loss, hard times or in need. As we enter our Christmas season, let's all remember to remain thankful.

"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?" Matthew reminds us that our Heavenly Father cares so much more for us, and knows us, and has our best interests in mind. So, remain thankful and focused on Him, especially in this season of hope.

Praising Him,  
Pastor Eric



# KT KIDZ

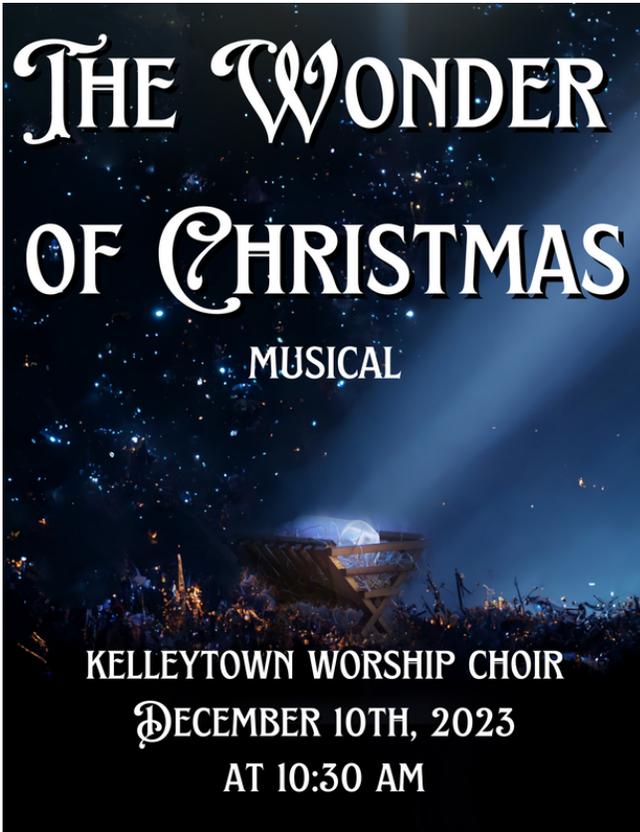


Parents,

We are planning a KT Kidz Christmas Event for January 6th at the Riverbanks Zoo! Cost is \$10 per person. You can pay on the app or scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, see Kim Latham



# MUSIC AND SENIOR ADULTS



**THE WONDER  
OF CHRISTMAS**  
MUSICAL

**KELLEYTOWN WORSHIP CHOIR**  
**DECEMBER 10TH, 2023**  
**AT 10:30 AM**

The music of Christmas brings great joy to our hearts during this season as we sing about the birth of our Savior. "Silent Night" came about as a result of a broken church organ! The pastor of a small church in Oberndorf, Austria wrote the lyrics to this favorite hymn and asked his organist to compose a melody that could be sung accompanied by guitar. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by a minister who visited Bethlehem on Christmas Eve 1865 and wrote the words to this hymn inspired by his visit to the Holy Land and Jesus' birthplace. Some of our favorite Christmas carols have unknown origins, as in the case of "The First Noel." May the music of Christmas point us all to the Savior whose birth, life, death and resurrection we celebrate in this joyous season!

*Lin Kirkman*



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
TO OUR KELLEYTOWN SHUT INS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**  
**3PM - UNTIL**  
**MEET AT THE CHURCH**  
SIGN UP ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD



**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**  
DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM

**PRACTICE**  
11/29 6:30 - 7:30  
12/03 5:00 - 6:00  
PERFORMANCE AT FAMILY NIGHT

**PRACTICE**  
12/06 5:30 - 7:00  
12/10 4:00 - 6:00  
FOOD PROVIDED



**PRISON  
SHOPPING  
SPREE**

**NOW COLLECTING GIFTS**

*Reminder!*

Prison Farm Christmas Shopping Spree - Friday, Dec. 15th - meeting at the Prison Farm at 6:30 pm. We need volunteers to help wrap gifts for the inmates - see Lin for more info or if you would like to help with this event

# MEDIA

APP DOWNLOADS >

661

ALL-TIME



Kelleytown Baptist Church

Available in App Stores



SUBSPLAS

Kelleytown Family,

Christmas is in the air! I am excited to be celebrating the holiday season with our church family. This month is busy and my calendar is filled up just as much as yours. However, through the hustle and bustle of the season, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ! I am looking forward to next year and for what God has in store for Kelleytown.

God Bless,  
Connor Johnson

## sub30

College and Young Adult Ministry

**Month of December**

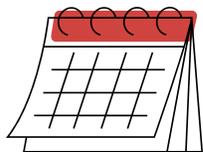
No meetings. Resuming in January

# DEACON ELECTIONS

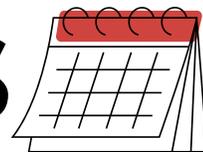
On Sunday, November 26th we held a Deacon election to fill 5 open spots. The 5 men that were elected were:

- Tony Marsh
- Ken Whitley
- Carl Watkins
- Earl McElveen Sr
- Joe Pennington

Joe Pennington will be ordained at a later date. Thank you to all who prayerfully consented to have their names nominated. We will be praying for you and how God will use you in the coming months and years, as well as those who felt that this was not a leading of God at this time.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**NO REFUEL  
OR ACTIVITIES  
IN DECEMBER**

**Bibles for  
Jesus' Birthday!**

Sunday, December 17th  
Donations Appreciated

Sponsored By



**KT  
Family Night**

December 3rd @6:00 pm  
Hosted by Men's Ministry

MENU  
Fish Fry  
Pizza  
for kids

Singing: Children's Choir



Ft. Josh and Friends

**KT Ladies  
Christmas  
Dinner Party**

DECEMBER **5TH** AT 6 PM

**FOOD AND  
LIVE MUSIC**

Sign up online or on the announcement board

**KT Kelleytown  
Baptist Church**

**Prayer Tent**

NEED PRAYER

Second Saturday of every month  
@ Hartsville Farmers Market

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

TO OUR KELLEYTOWN SHUT INS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
3PM - UNTIL

MEET AT THE CHURCH

SIGN UP ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
MORNING SERVICE**

@10:30 AM

**NO LIFE GROUPS**



**KT Kelleytown  
Baptist Church**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE**



**DEC. 24TH @5:30 PM**



# COLLECTION WEEK: GRAND TOTALS

**CHURCH  
GOAL:  
500  
BOXES**

**CHURCH  
TOTAL:  
623  
BOXES**

**COMMUNITY  
TOTAL:  
4594  
BOXES**

Hello Kelleytown Family!

We would love to invite you all to our Christmas program on December 14 at 10:00. We will have cookies and milk with Santa after the program. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Tammy Johnson

**KELLEYTOWN BAPTIST  
KINDERGARTEN**



*Proverbs 16:4*

## ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS

**CARS, CYCLES,  
& COFFEE**  
*Drive your classic Breakfast provided.*



**FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
9 AM - 11 AM  
Kelleytown  
2009 Kelleytown Road

**DIVORCE** *Care*

Sundays from  
9:00 - 10:20 am



# Happy Birthday

Jason Webster – 1st

Charlene Malloy – 1st

Vickie Kelley – 2nd

Karen Currin – 5th

Eric Groves – 5th

Nancy Sullivan – 7th

Bobby Pritchard – 7th

Gary Adams – 8th

Hamp Blackwell – 11th

Daniel Bec – 12th

Cody McElveen – 13th

Carolyn Daubenspeck – 13th

Nya Ambrose – 14th

Janeé Stone – 17th

Christel Copeland – 17th

Richard Mulligan – 18th

Donnie Putnam – 19th

JoReta Wall – 19th

Charlie Gilbert – 19th

Thomas Young – 20th

Lloyd “Tiny” Hicks – 20th

Samuel Stone – 21st

Lucy McGirt – 21st

Angel Duffee – 22nd

Rob Shaw – 25th

Earl McElveen Jr – 25th

Jody Jones – 26th

Chandler Melton – 26th

Ken Whitley – 28th

Judy Segars – 28th

Ed Melton – 30th

Michael Madaris – 30th

Robert Martin – 30th

April Leeth – 30th

Tonya Brown – 31st

Caroline McElveen – 31st

Amber Vance – 31st



# Happy Anniversary



Johnny and Lucille Beasley

Greg and Tanya Fetters

John and Marcy Granger

Tony and Mendy Johnson

Walter and Linda Johnson

Michael and Melissa Madaris

Ed and June Melton

Cody and Caroline McElveen

Kevin and Jane Stone

David and Sandra Williams