



Mercy Tree

CDA BIBLE CHURCH

THE MERCY TREE

“Mercy” in Scripture, is often understood as bringing healing, comfort, and care to those in distress or suffering. A profound example of this is Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10): When Jesus asked who the beaten and injured man’s neighbor was, the answer was obvious – the one who showed him *mercy*. The one who carried him to the inn, who bandaged his wounds, and who cared for his well-being during his time of suffering.

We hope to be like that Good Samaritan in our community this Christmas Season! For the 2025 Christmas season, we are asking you, the church-family of CDA Bible, to join in this ministry of mercy toward our community. The Mercy Tree will be filled with ornaments representing Christmas gifts and other needs for neighbors in our community: simple things we can provide to show mercy to those who may be in distress this holiday season. We will be partnering once again with Angel Tree to provide gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents to their children; as well as providing gifts and gift cards to Open Arms families, residents at UGM’s Women’s Shelter, and local foster families.

Here's how it works:

1. Visit the Mercy Tree in the church lobby and take one or more ornaments.
2. Fill out the info tag on the ornament and leave it in the Mercy Tree basket.
3. Purchase the item(s) listed on your ornament(s).
4. Follow instructions on the ornament for wrapping and returning the gifts.

The ornaments will be up on the tree from Sunday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Dec. 14; all gifts/gift cards must be returned to the church by Sunday, Dec. 14. We will also be looking for volunteers to help deliver the Angel Tree gifts the week of Dec. 21. If you are interested in helping deliver, please note that on the info tag you leave in the Mercy Tree basket. Thank you!



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Weekly Ministry Guide



November 30, 2025

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— Prayer Requests and Updates —

♥ **There is room on the prayer list for your requests.** Please use a prayer card from the pew, call (208) 664-4883 or email (office@cdabible.org).

Cale Family Mission Trip: Please continue in prayer for the Cale family as they prepare for their mission trip to Thailand.

John Chandler: Pray for healing as John recovers from a fall, which led to having multiple surgeries last week. Pray for peace and strength for each day.

Joi De Loney: Please continue to pray for her surgery recovery and the nerve pain from where the sutures are located. She will have reconstructive surgery on December 22. Pray also for Jacob in finding a new job after the surgery.

Kuhn Family: Please pray for Evanna as we investigate and address new kidney issues. Pray for safety during a sedated dental procedure on December 4th and for safe travels to Seattle, December 7–9 as we consult with specialists for her orthodontic care.

Nels Pitotti:

- Please pray for Donnie and her family. Donnie is in ICU with compounded multiple health issues. She is a believer.
- Please pray earnestly for our missionaries. It seems that every one of them are involved in serious, spiritual warfare that presents itself in daily situations and can interfere with their mission.
- Please pray that believers everywhere would get reignited with enthusiasm to share the gospel with those around them. Since Jesus is victorious, we need to share Him with others.
- Please pray for the Perspectives coordinating teams that are in the process of forming new classes right now.
- Praise God that CBC has the goal to make disciples with roots that run deep and mature.

— Prayer Gatherings —

Prayer Gatherings: Here's our passionate encouragement: choose one or more of the prayer gatherings listed below. To add the discipline of prayer to your life can only bring benefit to your soul...and at the same time will have impact on the world around you!

- Pre-Worship Gathering Prayer Group - 9:45 AM
- After Worship Gathering Prayer Group - 12:00 PM
- Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Group - 6:00 AM
- Thursday Morning Women's Prayer Group - 11:00 AM

Scan the codes below to share a prayer request or reserve the prayer room.



Prayer Request



Prayer Room

— Events, Ministries, and Opportunities —



SNOW CREW TEAMS ARE FORMING NOW: Snow is coming soon! Our CBC snow crews ensure the walkways around the church are accessible on snowy Sunday mornings. You are invited to serve in this ministry, and the more teams we form, the lighter the workload. The goal is to have at least 4 teams, so the max a person would serve is once a month. To sign up, visit the signup table in the church lobby or email Pastor Nat at nat@cdabible.org.

Kids' Christmas Musical Practice: Parents! Kids are practicing ALL TOGETHER in the Gathering Room today! Kids ages 4-years to 5th grade will exit the sanctuary at the usual time. The musical will be Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 AM.

Senior Adults! You're invited to join Nathan Duncan for a new Bible study, which will follow the group discussion questions from the Sunday messages. We will delve into Pastor Kurt's enlightening sermon series, "Marks of a Disciple." Join us every Monday at 10:00 AM in the Youth Lounge.

Eating for a Cancer-Free Life: You are invited to our group meeting on the 3rd Saturday each month at Kristi Ammon's home from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning how to eat according to a cancer-free diet, praying together, and cooking together, join us! Call Kristi at 208-660-4817.

CDA Bible Church Food Bank Needs:

- 10 to 14-oz. Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Chili
- Boxed Cornbread Mix



Please drop off donations on the cart in the lobby on Sunday. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

Sundays: Man-to-Man Cancer Support (12pm) GR
Mondays: Splendor Senior Adult Bible Study (10am) YL
Wednesdays: Wednesday Gathering for ALL ages! (6:30pm) includes Youth Group for middle school and high school.
Thursdays: Ladies' Bible Study (9:15am in YL) Prayer (11am in PR)
Saturdays (2nd & 4th): Women's Coffee Fellowship (8:30am) Lobby

Dec. 4: Young Adult Dinner (6PM) Location pending

Dec. 7: YG Mission Trip Meeting (right after church)

Dec. 14: Christmas Caroling Various Groups (12PM)

Dec. 17: Ladies' Christmas Caroling (6:30 PM)

Dec. 22-Jan. 4: Church Office Closed (Reopens Jan. 5)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service (5:00 PM) No childcare

Group Discussion Questions

Read Isaiah 2:1-5 and reflect on the following questions:

1. What might the image of “the mountain of the Lord’s house” being raised above all other hills signify?
2. Why do people from all the nations stream up the mountain to the Lord’s house? What might this suggest about the desirability of God’s wisdom?
3. For so long, the world has chafed at the wisdom of God... why in the last days will so many people finally “come to their senses” and seek after God’s wisdom?
4. How might this passage give us hope in our own lives today?
5. What “swords” and spears” in your own life might God want to transform into “plows” or “pruning hooks”?
6. In a world that often places hope in human systems or power, how does this passage encourage you to place your ultimate hope in God's future kingdom?

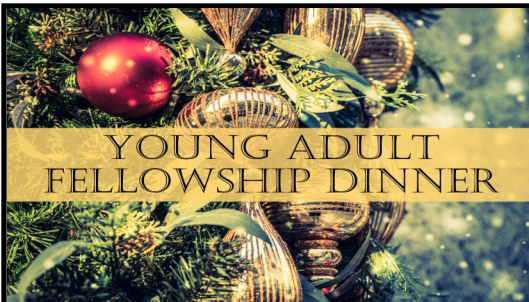
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—HOPE

Pastor Nathanael Schey
Sunday, November 30, 2025



Message Notes:

1. Advent means “c_____” or “a_____.”
2. Advent is about p_____ our h_____ for the
a_____ of Jesus.
3. We should be p_____ who bring h_____ to
others.



**YOUNG ADULTS
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**
Thursday, December 4
6:00 PM
Location: TBA

Please sign up at the lobby table
and include contact info so we can
send all the details!

YOU'RE INVITED

If you are 18 to 30 years old, this night is for you. The purpose of these nights is to give opportunity for young adults to: engage with Jesus alongside their peers, enter into a space to converse, praise, or cry out to God, receive prayer and encouragement, encourage and pray for others, lay burdens at Jesus' feet, and celebrate the Life we have in Jesus communally. So come on out, and fellowship alongside people your age, with Christ at the center.

Leader: Justin Hunter, Young Adult Ministry Intern
Email: justin@cdabible.org for more information.



**DISCIPLESHIP: FOLLOWING THE
WAY OF JESUS**
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM
CBC Youth Lounge

CDA Bible Church Youth Group
Wednesdays on these dates:
December 3, 10, and 17
6:30 PM

Christmas Caroling:
Sunday, December 14 at 12 PM

Robbie & Hannah Harmelink
CBC Youth Directors
harmelink@cdabible.org



Ladies' Christmas Caroling

Gals of all ages, please join us in singing Christmas carols at our local retirement centers, where we can encourage seniors with the music of the holiday season. We will carpool to nearby facilities and bring warmth and love to our neighbors through songs about the precious gift of Jesus our Savior.

Dates:

Sunday, December 14, right after church at 12 PM

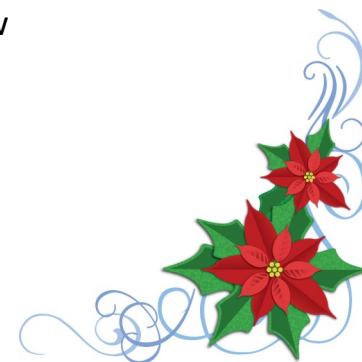
Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 PM

Sign up in the lobby, so we know how
many groups we can assemble to
reach as many hearts as possible!

Contact Marilee Finney with any
questions:

Email: marilee@cdabible.org

Text: 208-661-9852



2026 Youth Girona, Spain

Mission Trip



Parent and Student Interest Meeting

December 7th 12:15-1:15pm
Youth Lounge

Come get a broad picture of
the youth mission trip to Spain
next summer. No commitment,
just information.

*High School students only

CDA BIBLE YOUTH GROUP

Winter Camp



FRI. JAN. 23RD -
SUN. JAN. 25TH

@ CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

A WEEKEND OF DIGGING INTO
SCRIPTURE, WORSHIP, SNOW GAMES,
NIGHT GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, AND SO
MUCH MORE!

\$50 PER STUDENT

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a season of expectation



Advent—The Season of Expectation

The Advent season is a four-week period in the Christian calendar that prepares people for Jesus Christ’s birth at Christmas, while also pointing ahead to his promised return. Each Sunday of the season traditionally spotlights a key theme—like hope, peace, joy, or love—to invite reflection and expectant celebration. It’s a season that includes practices like prayer, lighting candles, giving to those in need, and worship. Advent reminds us that we’re living during the time between Jesus’ first and second advents, leading us to lament the hardships we experience in a still-broken world, while also forming us into people who wait with longing for the renewed world to come.

For Advent 2025, we will be hearing from several members of our CDA Bible Church staff. Here’s how things are lined up regarding the Sunday morning events/messages:

November 30

Nat Schey (Executive Pastor) speaking on “Hope”

December 7

Robbie Harmelink (Youth Ministry Director) speaking on “Peace”

December 14

Nathan Duncan (Senior Ministry Director) speaking on “Joy”

December 21

Kid’s Christmas Musical

Justin Hunter (Young Adult Ministry Intern) speaking on “Love”