

You're Invited to 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 (Lk. 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 wellbeing during his time of suffering.

The Mercy Tree will be filled with ornaments representing Christmas gifts and 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 are partnering once again with Angel Tree to provide gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents to their children; as well as providing gifts and gifts cards to Open Arms families and residents at UGM's Women's Shelter.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Find the Mercy Tree in the church lobby and take an ornament (or 2-3).
- 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 present.

December 15 is the day to return all gifts and gift cards to the church nursery counter. We will also be looking for volunteers to help deliver the Angel Tree gifts the week of Dec. 22. If you are interested in helping deliver, please note that on the info tag you leave in the Mercy Tree basket.

Contact the church office with any questions at 208-664-4883 or office@cdabible.org.



Weekly Prayer Guide



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Prayer Requests and Updates —

Rob and Joan Dillon would like to thank the congregation for their kindness, emotional support, prayers, and heartfelt cards. They are so appreciative. Rob just completed his third immunotherapy infusion. Two more are scheduled in December, along with an MRI to determine how effective the treatment has been in fighting his liver cancer. They remain hopeful and prayerful.

Kristi Ammon: On Dec 10th, I have a CT scan of my lung and see my lung surgeon to see if I am clear or if my cancer has returned. It has been 9 months since my last scan. Thank you for your prayers.

Jackie Maker: Pray for Jackie Maker and her extended family grieving the loss of her cousin's granddaughter Amelia. Amelia's mother, Amanda, and brother, Patrick, need our prayers as they were seriously injured in the same car accident and are in the hospital with life-threatening injuries and pending surgeries.

Craig Hampton: Pray for Craig, the security team, and the Samaritan's Purse staff in Kiev, Ukraine. The area they are serving has been targeted in a series of aerial attacks. Pray for safety and wisdom as Craig oversees security.

Linda Barron's daughter Sarah: Please pray for Sarah as she battles a cold that seems a lot like COVID. Pray she can cope with symptoms and get through this without complications.

Ken Robledo: Having been diagnosed with prostate cancer, please pray for God's healing power toward his treatment procedures on Tuesday, the 12th and Friday, the 22nd, and for successful recovery outcomes.

Nels Pitotti:

- Please pray for the planning and recruitment effort of Perspectives. They are getting together a new class for the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area and it will have a new and different format.
- Please pray that the believers would take an active role in the healing of our nation. Now, more than ever we need Jesus.
- Please pray that I would personally take full advantage of every opportunity to share the love of Jesus with someone who needs to hear.
- Praise God for Pastor Kurt and his sensitive yet bold approach to teaching the truth of God's word from the pulpit.
- ♦ There is room on the prayer list for your requests. Please use a prayer card from the pew, scan the QR code below, call, or email the church (208) 664-4883 or (office@cdabible.org). Office hours Monday-Thursday from 8 AM to 3 PM.

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





Events, Ministries and Opportunities —

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Bible teacher Terry Harwood invites adults to join a Bible study class every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. They are studying $1^{st} \& 2^{nd}$ Timothy and Titus. It's a great time in God's Word and fellowship with your church family.

Snow Crew Season is here! Please sign up in the lobby if you are willing to join a snow crew this winter season. Several teams make the workload light for everyone. Pastor Nat will reach out with teams and schedules. Thank you!

Rebuilding Foundations: CBC has a support group for separated and divorced women and offers an opportunity to gather and work towards rebuilding solid foundations. Meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:30-11:30 AM in the Prayer Room.

Discipleship Groups: Adults! Growing an intimate love for and trusting obedience to Jesus is one of our key values; we call this discipleship. If you desire to belong to a D-Group, sign up in the lobby or email (zach@cdabible.org).

Prayer Gatherings:

- 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

Women's Coffee Fellowship: Ladies gather on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for a casual time of fellowship/conversation in the lower lobby from 8:30-10:00 AM. Bring your own coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or H2O.

Gals' Craft Day: Ladies are invited on Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for crafting. Bring whatever you are working on and spend time together in the Gathering Room. Early birds are welcome to come at 8:30 for coffee fellowship before craft time.

Lost and Found: Missing something? The lost and found is in the basement northside near the elevator. Unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 7: Women's Divorce Support (9:30 AM) PR

Dec. 7: Women's Christmas Brunch (9:00 AM) YL

Dec. 14: Women's Coffee Fellowship (8:30 AM) Lobby

Dec. 14: Gals' Craft Day (10:00 AM-3PM) GR

Dec. 14: Parents' Night Out (5:30-8:00 PM) CBC

Dec. 15: Mercy Tree Drop-off at Nursery Counter

Dec. 15: Women of Valor Luncheon (12:00 PM) GR

Dec. 22: Children's Christmas Musical (10:30 AM) WC

Dec. 22: Deliver Angel Tree Gifts (Call office to sign-up)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service (5:00 PM) WC

Coming soon from Children's Ministry...



Saturday, December 14th from 5:30-8pm

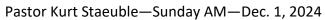
Parents—this is your night! We're watching the kiddos so you can go out together! Please sign up at the nursery counter. This event is open to all Cd'A Bible Church regular attenders.



Parents—we're rehearsing with your kids each Sunday for this event — **Sunday, December 22nd,** during our regular Worship Gathering. Your help is invaluable as you work with your kids at home to memorize the scriptures and songs. This program is a highlight of our Christmas season. Save the date!

What God Wants for Christmas

Advent Message Series





Message Notes:

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Scriptures visited in this message:

Micah 2:1-2, 5:2, 6:3-8; James 1:2-9; Philippians 2:3-4; Exodus 22:25; Proverbs 20:14, 23 and Proverbs 22:16; Luke 3:7-14



Winter Baptism Opportunity!

January 19, 2025 10:30 AM Worship Service CBC Worship Center

Winter Baptism: We typically offer baptism in the summer, but because we have a nice, warm baptistry in our worship center, we are offering baptisms on Sunday, January 19.

If you've been thinking about being baptized, and the start of a new year seems like a good time for you to follow Jesus in the waters of baptism, let us know.

You can call the church office at 208-664-4883, connect with one of the pastors, or mark your interest on one of the pew cards. Just drop the card in one of the offering boxes. Sign up in lobby.





Ladies' Christmas Brunch Saturday, December 7th

9am-11am

Join us in the YOUTH LOUNGE for a time of encouragement, fellowship, and worship as we prepare for the Advent season. Please bring a breakfast item to share or a favorite Christmas goodie. We will enjoy our potluck brunch first and then have a simple program designed to encourage laughter, friendship and reflection. COME, let us ADORE KING JESUS!