



The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Philip Culver, 15 years in Heaven, presented by Ron, Nancy, William, Victoria and Matthew.



9:30-10:00 a.m. - The Coffee House Fellowship is located in the Normalville side foyer. This is a time for fellowship, with coffee and tea available.



Kid's Klub is held on Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. This is open to all children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Kids' Klub will be held until the beginning of next June. It's never too late to come and join us! If you would like to help with food for the meal, contact Addie Long.



A Bible Study/Quiz Team for Youth Group, for ages 6th grade and up, is also held on Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pastor Ben leads this group. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ben, or email him at: [pastorben@indianheadchurch.org](mailto:pastorben@indianheadchurch.org).



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected in December is Ketchup, 20 oz. There is a container for all items in the Normalville side foyer.



Today is the last day we are collecting donations Meat Vouchers for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards this need, there are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary by the turkey. Please make checks out to the *ICV Food Pantry*.



**Camp Sunrise Mountain Envelope Fundraiser Update:** We begin the month of December with **48** envelopes remaining in the CSM Fundraiser. We have collected **\$15,155.00** since the beginning of this campaign in June. Each dollar raised will benefit children and youth, not only from our church, but from surrounding communities. Thank you, church!



If you took one of the Christmas Gifts Tags for an Eicher's Nursing Home resident, please be sure to return the gift, along with the gift tag attached, back here to the church by Sunday, December 15.



Next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 3:00 p.m., join us for **Christmas Caroling** at Woodcrest Senior Living in Scottsdale. Meet here at the church at 2:15 p.m., or at Woodcrest at 3:00 p.m.



Our special Christmas White Gift Offering will be received on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22. However, we will accept this offering at any time. You will be receiving a Christmas letter with all the White Gift Offering information and offering envelope in your mail soon.



On Wednesday, December 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., the Indian Head Church of God Community Luncheon Ministry will be offering FREE HOMEMADE SOUP by drive thru only, while supplies last. Soup will be packaged cold in containers and distributed here in the church parking lot. This event is being planned for the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to help, contact Bonnie Kimmel or Amy Grimm. Everyone is welcome!



**Penny Pile Sunday** is Dec. 29. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sunrise Mountain where there is a 5th Sunday in the month. There are also plastic containers in each foyer, beneath the podiums, that you can put money in at any time for Camp Sunrise Mountain.



The Installation of Church and Sunday School Officers will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2025 during all worship services.



**END OF YEAR GIVING:** Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2024 may be included with 2024 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2024 may be included with 2024 giving.

**Important Notice:** To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2024 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.



**Church Snow Policy:** There will be Sunday morning services unless there is no electricity and or heat at the church. However, the church advises the use of caution and care when coming to church during times of winter weather.

The Saturday Evening Worship Service will automatically be cancelled if there is an NWS issued ACTIVE WEATHER ALERT involving the hours of 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Active weather alerts would include such common items as a:

- Winter Weather Advisory
- Winter Storm Warning
- Ice Storm Warning

Any uncertainty, please contact the church office, Pastor Doug or Pastor Ben.

# Thank You!



It is so exciting, as a church family, to participate in the ministry of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our church packed 846 shoeboxes and collected 4,093 at our Drop-Off Location. The total shoeboxes collected in Fayette County was 12,855!

We had over 45 volunteers (with 380 Volunteer Hours total for the week) greeting individuals and churches, serving snacks, collecting and counting boxes, loading cartons, praying over boxes, along with loading and unloading the truck.

Thank YOU for your willingness to be a SERVANT, assisting in this crucial ministry, taking the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

With gratitude for your time and efforts,  
Susan Shepler

**Finding a relationship with God is as simple as:**

**A - B - C**

**A= ADMIT**

*that you have sinned.*

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"  
(Romans 3:23 NIV)

**B= BELIEVE**

*that Jesus Christ died for you.*

"Yet to all who received him, to those who Believed in his name, he gave the right to be come children of God—" (John 1:12)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
(John 3:16)

**C= CONFESS & CELEBRATE**

*that Jesus Christ is Lord of your life.*

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

(Romans 10:9-10)

**Prayer of Faith**

"Dear Lord Jesus, I want new life in you. I know that I have sinned. I believe that You died for my sins and arose from the grave to give me that new life. I now turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I receive You as my personal Savior and will live for You, my Lord and friend. Amen."

### Church Personnel

Kathleen Keslar, Church Secretary  
April Linnell, Church Custodian  
Judy Nolt, Social Room Custodian  
Sherry Hess, Church Treasurer

### Pastors

Douglas Nolt  
Ben Tobias

### Elders

Kevin Miller  
Stacy Dix  
Jim Hall

### Ministry Leaders

General S. S. Superintendent-  
Dave Bruner

W.C.S.C. President-Becky Dix

Men's Ministry Directors-  
Jim Foor, Ken Johnson

Praise Team Director-  
Kathy Foor

Video & Streaming Director -  
Brad Long

The church Wi-Fi password is:  
**realfaith**

Online Giving is available for the Indian Head Church of God - 1 of 3 ways

1. **VANCO 844-788-2914**



2. **VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement app**

(Google Play Store or Apple App Store)

3. Through our website:

**Indianheadchurch.org**  
and click on the **Donate** button

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## Intercessor Prayer List

There are prayer cards in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the cards and give it to the pastors as they greet people before the service, or place them in the offering plates or the boxes in either foyer. Be sure to mark whether or not you want your requests shared in the morning worship service. \* Indicates names recently added.

### FOR THE CHURCH

Passion to be involved in ministry  
Heart for the community  
Heart for pre-believers in Christ  
Passion to serve Christ

### ILLNESS

Geraldine Cramer  
Janet Pritts  
Kern Little, dialysis treatments  
Liz Pilato, needs a heart transplant-  
granddaughter of Grace Whipkey

Roxann Kovscek, Parkinson's  
Disease-friend of Cheryl Cline.

### HOSPICE

Curt White

### RECOVERY

\*Jay Miller, nephew of Dolly Newill  
\*Jim O'Donnell  
Carol Kelly, heart attack  
Ron Culver  
Denny Ritenour  
Carla Shawley

### CANCER

Beth Buttermore, friend of Pastor Doug  
and Judy  
Ellaree Cole, mother of Deb McMillen  
Jim Hutchison  
Scott Basinger, nephew of Lesia Cramer  
Heidi Galipeau, breast cancer-niece of  
Jim and Beronica Hall, Brian and Darla  
Cramer.  
Ralph Beal, father of Missy Tinkey  
Val Cunningham, Leukemia-friend of  
Heather Harhai  
Melissa Cross, breast cancer  
Amanda McElroy, breast cancer  
Bob Barkley, esophagus cancer-brother  
of Patty Bruner, Martha Shaffer &  
Sherry Hess  
Carol Mellet, bladder cancer-daughter of  
Cathy Thoburn  
Kenneth Johnston, bone cancer  
Dave Cochran, father of Natalie  
Nicholson  
Eugene May

### MILITARY

Cmdr. Aaron Stutzman, Newport  
News, VA  
Stephen Sehn, Fort Liberty  
Angelina Sehn, stationed at a New  
Jersey military base.  
Kyle Coughenour

### OTHER

Needs for the local schools  
ICV Food Pantry  
IC V Outreach Mission

### SHUTINS

Mary Ellen Meyn  
Audie Geary  
Lucille Klingensmith  
Cheryl Hoffer  
Dolores Miller  
Marcene White  
Gloria Julian  
Amber House, Eichers Family Home,  
Woodcrest

### EXTENDED CARE

Finley Sawyer Pletcher, Leber's  
Congenital Amaurosis

### PRAYER CHAIN

You may call Kathleen (church  
secretary), to start the Prayer Chain.  
If you would like to join the Prayer  
Chain, please let Kathleen, Pastor  
Doug, or Pastor Ben know.

## **Worship Service**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**December 1, 2024**

**Invitation to Worship: Psalm 31:1-3, 24**

**Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-27**

**Message by Pastor Ben Tobias "Hope and Longing"**

## **Sermon Notes for "Hope and Longing"**

Steps for the journey of hope:

### **Acknowledge the Darkness** (Romans 8:18-21)

Where do you see the bondage to decay in the world?  
In your life?

Why is it important to acknowledge the darkness?

### **Embrace the Wait** (Romans 8:22-25)

What are you eagerly waiting for?

What are the benefits of waiting vs. instant gratification?

What is the difference between *active* vs. *passive* waiting?

### **Trust the Spirit and Commit to the Journey** (Romans 8:26-27)

What does 1 Peter 1:13 teach you about waiting?

How can you develop an "alert and sober mind"?

*What has God said to you today?*

*What are you going to do about it?*

