Our District Teen Lock In will be on Friday, January 9th, at Malibu Jack's, 10699 US-60 Suite-102, Ashland, KY, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Please see Pastor Jason and Emily if you plan to attend. Cost is \$45.

Pinto Bean Luncheon to support the Teen NYC trip is set for January 11th, after church at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. More details coming soon.

LNO for January will be on January 13th, at Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, 48 RHL Blvd, South Charleston, at 6 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, January 15th, from 1-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to donate in the foyer or online at www.redcross.org and enter Elk River.

Ladies Bible Study—All ladies are invited to a 6 week small group study Jan. 16th--Feb. 20th @ Noon-2 p.m. with Tammie Jones: "Praying Women, How to Pray When You Don't Know What to Say" by Sheila Walsh. The group will meet on Fridays for 6 weeks. Sign up in the foyer!



Tickets are available today for purchase!

WELCOME TO

ELK RIVER NAZARENE CHURCH

December 14, 2025

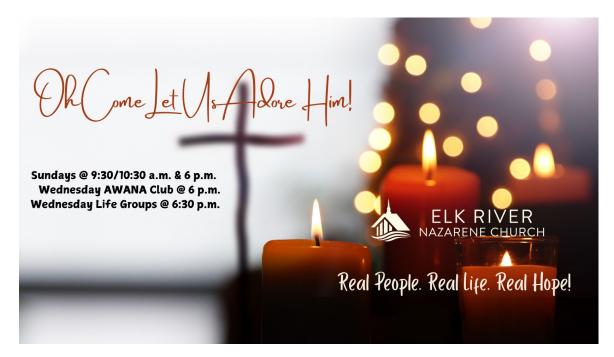
"...for that which is conceived in her is from
the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall
call His name Jesus, for He will save His people
from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what
the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel"
(which means, God with us).

-Matthew 1:20-23

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You Belong! You have found a place where you fithere among friends. Join in the singing & worship together with us today! We look forward to learning & navigating life together as a church family with you! You have a place to belong here at The River!



Find us on Facebook:
Facebook.com/ElkRiverNazareneChurch
Find us on YouTube:
YouTube.com@elkrivernazarenechurch

Check out our website to stay up to date on our upcoming events!

Prayer List-Our Church Family

Kaydence Meadows Ashworth—hip surgery
Dean & Edna Banks—health
Don Bickley—health
Joyce Bumpus—health
Richard & Nancy Casto—health
Angie Foster—health
Bob & Stephanie Gunno—health/caregiving
Barbara Landers—cancer/treatments
Janice Ledsome—health
Adele McFarland—health
Betty Miller—health
Edna Surface—health

Our Children, AWANA Families, Teens & College Students. LINKS Missionaries: Larry & Lynne Bolinger; Kevin & Jenny Campbell-White.

*Unspoken requests from our church family
*Pray for those in nursing homes & homebound
PROTECTION & GUIDANCE FOR OUR
CHILDREN, MILITARY & GOVERNMENT LEADERS

Prayer List-Family & Friends

*Requests will be left on our list for at least two weeks then may be removed.

ACM/ZWT Work Families/Lost Family—B. Burdette Eddie Canda—health/salvation; J Canada bro Stephanie Cavender-cancer; the Cavender's Terry Coleman—cancer Debbie Collins—cancer/radiation; Mavis Layton Rick & Leila Green-health; Susan Green Clarence Huddleston-metastatic cancer: J Ward Linda Huddleston—heart/health; Jackie's sis. Larry—bladder cancer; Allan Jones contact Bill Lawson—health/salvation; E. George Don Milgrim—ALS; neighbor of our church Charlotte Pritt—health; Elizabeth George Lexi Ramsey—28 yr old cancer; Kat Johnson Kelly Regus—cancer/chemo/radiation; A Myers Brenda Rider—cardiac/health; Tammie Jones Laurie Sage—health; Susan Green Gene & JoEllen Short—Health; Ledsome Family Paul Spradling—health; Robert Spradling's dad Dollie Townsend—health; J & B Townsend gma Jennifer White—metastatic cancer; Amy Myers

PRAYER CONNECTION

Prayer requests may be given in several ways. You may email your request to connect@elkrivernaz.com at anytime or you may call the Church Office at 304-342-6052 for special requests Monday-Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. After hours, simply call the main number and you will be auto-prompted to the Pastor's mail box. Your request will be handled in confidence in whatever manner it is received, via e-mail or by phone.

Encouraging The Family

Kaydence Meadows Ashworth Philip & Emma Oxley

606 Chestnut St., Apt. D

Spring Hill, WV 25309

Surgery Recovery

154 Sunnyvale Drive
Chas., WV 25302

New Baby Leo

<u>Birthdays</u>

14 Terri Pickens16 Alicia Chandler19 Jaclyn Geyer15 Brooks Hanson17 Emily Hundley21 Mat Wiseman

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries.

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the bulletin, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 a.m. Worship Service at Chas. 1st

9:30 a.m. Life Groups for all Ages

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service in the Sanctuary (with Live Streaming)

Nursery (Birth to 35 months) Sanctuary Level

Beginners Church in Celebration Station (Age 3—K)

Children's Church in the River Kids Zone (1st—5th Grade)

6:00 p.m. Evening Service with Pastor Bill Burdette with special singing

by Sydney French

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Group in the FH Classroom

6:00 p.m. AWANA Club Pre K-5th Grade LL & UL

6:30 p.m. Elk River Youth Group in the Tower: Grades 6-12th

Choir Practice in the Choir Room Adult Life Group in the Sanctuary

Bible Study at 1st Church with Pastor John Prichard

Friday

10:00 a.m. Needles in the Fellowship Hall Classroom



UPCOMING EVENTS



ERNC's Choir will be singing at Light the Night at the ball park on December 20th at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Purchase tickets at the following link: www.gofevo.com/event/Elkriver734

Advent Family Devotional Books are available at the Welcome Center! Great for families with children!

NMI Memory & Honor Tree Ornaments are now available. Please stop in the foyer to order yours. Cost is \$6 each and can be paid online or put in the offering boxes. Ornaments will be on display in the foyer until Christmas & can be placed in memory of a loved one who is no longer with you, or to honor the living.





Invite some friends
and family to celebrate
together with us the joy and
miracle of Christmas
on Sunday,
December 21st,
at 10:30 a.m.



Our Christmas Communion Service will be on Sunday, December 21st, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Make plans to join us for this special time of reflection during the busy Christmas season.



All Men are invited to join us at Applebees at 3 Dudley Farms Lane in Southridge on Monday, December 22nd, at 6 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend! You are welcome to bring some friends or family along!



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 10 p.m. on December 24th. All are welcome!

2025 YEAR END GIVING—Just a reminder that all funds to be included on the 2025 giving records for income tax deduction receipts must be turned into the church office by December 30th, for 2025 credit (or December 31st if using online giving). Consider giving an additional birthday/Christmas offering gift in honor of our Lord!



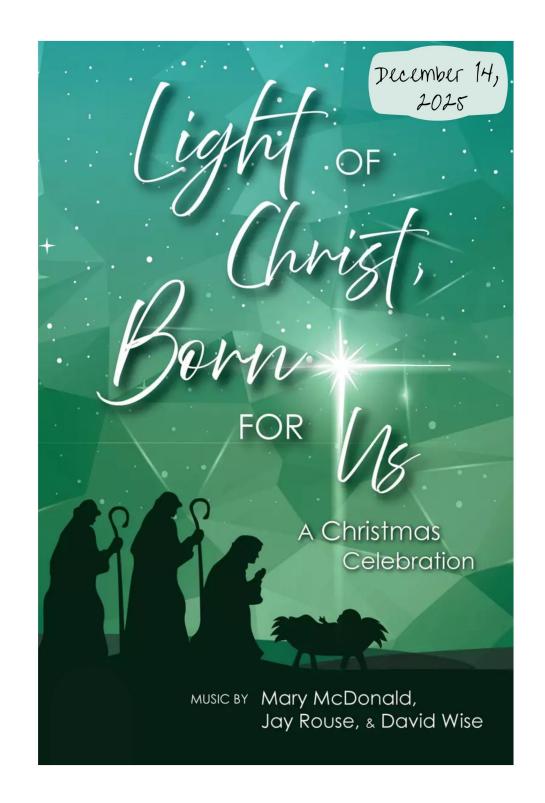
WINTER WEATHER IS HERE! Anytime we have bad weather on the weekends throughout the winter season & you wonder if church times have been changed or canceled, please call the church office at 304-342-6052. Wait for the voice mail, which will notify you if there are changes. If the message is "normal," then service times are normal. Our Facebook

page will also be used for updating information, please "like" our page to get these updates. Text & email message updates are also available, if you have signed up. Wednesday evenings will follow the Kanawha Co. Schools decisions.

JOY CLUB has been rescheduled to Friday, December 19th, at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden in South Ridge.

It's a Boy! Congratulations to Philip & Emma Oxley on the birth of their son, Leo Valor Oxley! He was born on December 6th at 9:56 a.m. His proud siblings are Lily, Triton, Zoey, and Roman.





Light of Christ, Born For Us

Music by Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, & David Wise Narration by Rose Aspinall

> O Come, O Come Emmanuel Angels From the Realms of Glory A Blessed Messiah Born What Child Is This? Noel Sing Out Our Savior's Birth Festival of Christmas

Thank you for celebrating the joy of our Savior's birth together with us! We pray that you will be blessed and filled with His Spirit this Christmas season!





Sopranos:

Angela Bickley, Pam Estep, Susan Green, Isabella Grigg Sue Harper, Tammie Jones, Barbara Light, Linda Shank Kim Spradling, Mary Beth Taylor Kathy Wiseman

Altos:

Drema Clark, Angela Foster, Amanda Kees-Lacu Shelia Robertson, Tabby Stutler

Tenors:

Jeff Boggess, Mike Davis, John Shank Mark Shrader, Billy Wiseman

Bass:

Kent Cochran, Kevin King Guy Parsons, Jim Shank

Sound: Shane Lowther Narrator: Robin McFarland

Video segments taken from the following YouTube Sites: The Shepherd: The Story of the First Christmas (The Chosen YouTube Channel: https://youtu.be/lVt14Ug-GOs) Matthew 2: The Wisemen Seek Jesus

https://youtu.be/xhD8lG9VDVc?si=9QpAmZRfZefwRfF3)