


# New Beginnings

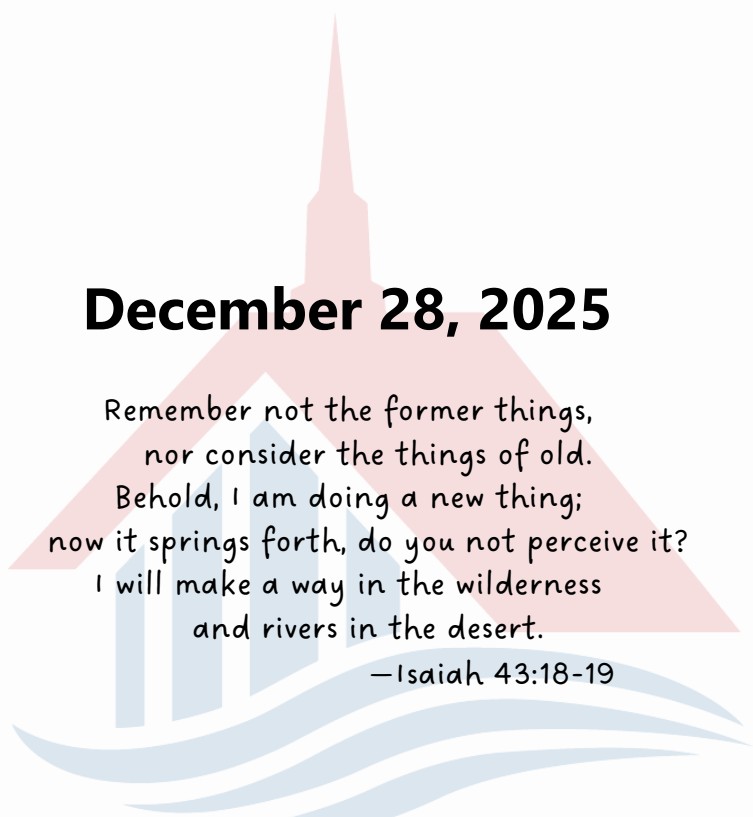


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| 1) Gen. 1.1-5    | 11) Num. 10.11-13       | 25) Acts 9.3-6        |
| 2) Gen. 9.12-13  | 12) Josh. 3.7-8, 17     | 26) Acts 9.18, 20, 22 |
| 3) Gen. 11.4-7   | 13) Judg. 2.10-12       | 27) 2 Cor. 5.17       |
| 4) Gen. 11.8-9   | 14) Ruth 1.15-18, 22    | 28) 1 Thess. 4.16-18  |
| 5) Gen. 12.1-4   | 15) 1 Sam. 8.19-22      | 29) 2 Pet. 3.13       |
| 6) Gen. 35.9-12  | 16) Job 42.10, 12-13    | 30) Heb. 12.22-24     |
| 7) Gen. 41.37-41 | 17) Psa. 30.4-5         | 31) Rev. 21.3-5       |
| 8) Ex. 3.9-10    | 18) Psa. 30.11-12       |                       |
| 9) Ex. 15.18-19  | 19) Lam. 3.22-24        |                       |
| 10) Ex. 31.16-18 | 20) Isa. 38.1-5         |                       |
|                  | 21) Matt. 1.21-25       |                       |
|                  | 22) Matt. 16.18-19      |                       |
|                  | 23) Acts 2.41, 46-47    |                       |
|                  | 24) Acts 7.55-56, 59-60 |                       |
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Start the New Year off well with the commitment  
to faithfully study God's Word  
and spending time in prayer!

## WELCOME TO ELK RIVER NAZARENE CHURCH

**December 28, 2025**



Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

—Isaiah 43:18-19

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# ELK RIVER NAZARENE CHURCH

**Sunday Morning@ 9:30/10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening @ 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays @ 6 p.m. AWANA Club**  
**6:30 p.m. Youth Group & Life Groups**

**Real People.  
Real Life.  
Real Hope!**



***You Belong!*** You have found a place where you fit ...here 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](https://www.facebook.com/ElkRiverNazareneChurch)  
Find us on YouTube:  
[YouTube.com/@elkrivernazarenechurch](https://www.youtube.com/@elkrivernazarenechurch)

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

### Prayer List—Our Church Family

Kaydence Meadows Ashworth—recovery  
Dean & Edna Banks—health  
Don Bickley—health  
Joyce Bumpus—health  
Richard & Nancy Casto—health  
Juanita Fisher—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—surgery recovery; 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.  
Bill Lawson—health/salvation; E. George  
Don Milgrim—ALS; neighbor of our church  
Charlotte Pritt—health; Elizabeth George  
Kelly Regus—cancer/chemo/radiation; A Myers  
Brenda Rider—cardiac/health; Tammie Jones  
Laurie Sage—health; Susan Green  
Gene & JoEllen Short—Health; Ledsome Family  
Jennifer White—metastatic cancer; Amy Myers

#### PRAYER BOX

If you desire prayer for a friend or loved one who is in need of salvation, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer box in the foyer (to the left of the main entrance). The Men's Prayer Group will be praying specifically for these needs!

### PRAYER CONNECTION

Prayer requests may be given in several ways. You may email your request to [connect@elkrivernaz.com](mailto: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

Juanita & Ron Fisher  
244 Kenna Drive  
So. Chas., WV 25309  
Recovery from Fall

Jerry & Ann Lewis  
569 Garrison Ave.  
Chas., WV 25302  
Health

Birthdays

29 Tammie Jones    30 GL Montgomery    3 Jared Bowen  
30 Patty Bumpus    2 John Browning

Anniversaries

29 Mike & Jewel Epperly    31 Roy & Cathie Hoffman    4 Ed & Kelly McMinn

*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.    **No Evening Service**

Tuesday

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

Wednesday & Thursday

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—NO EVENING SERVICES**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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!

**The Church Office will be closed on  
Wednesday, December 31st—Thursday, January 1st.**

**Needles will meet on Tuesday, January 6th, at 10 a.m.  
in the FH Classroom. All are welcome!**

**Joy Club Luncheon**—Join us at Cracker Barrel, 5720 MacCorkle Ave, SE, at 11:30 a.m. on January 6th! Sign up in the foyer.



**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.

**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!



**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.



**Tickets are available  
today for purchase!**

## Happy New Year!

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the  
threshold of a new year,  
we want to express our deepest gratitude  
for the past year's blessings.  
Thank you for your faithfulness, your love,  
and your constant presence in our lives.  
We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by  
and the days yet to come.  
We lift up to you, our loved ones, our communities,  
and the souls in our world.  
May your peace reign in our hearts  
and in the hearts of all people.

## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts  
and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.  
**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*

## 2025 MEMORY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

### IN MEMORY OF

Thomas Townsend  
Naaman Vance  
Naaman Vance Jr.  
Virginia Vance  
Elzie Eli Williams  
Bill & Lucy Wiseman  
Charles Raymond Wiseman  
Glen Wisnewski

### GIVEN BY

Betty Townsend  
Bill Burdette  
Bill Burdette  
Bill Burdette  
Debbie Ray  
Linda Wiseman  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Kay Gerencir

### In Honor Of

Janie Parsons

The NMI Council purchased special ornaments to decorate  
the Memory & Honor Christmas Tree.

This tree gave us the opportunity to remember friends,  
family and loved ones who are  
no longer with us this Christmas Season.

Memories are made by the living,  
some placed an ornament in honor expressing  
your love and gratitude for your loved one while they are living.

A donation of \$450.00 was sent to the  
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Global Fund.

May God fill your hearts with His  
perfect peace this Christmas and always!

## 2025 Nazarene Missions International Memory Tree



## 2025 MEMORY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

### IN MEMORY OF

Douglas Keith Albers  
Thelma Baldwin  
Terri Bickley  
Terri Bickley  
Thelma Fern Bickley  
Betty Black  
Carl Black  
Bob Boggess  
Norma Boggess  
Debbie Bumpus Brown  
Jake "Pops" Buckner  
Larry "Jake" Buckner  
Clarence Burdette  
Pansy Burdette  
Rosa Burdette  
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Earl & Noka Carter  
Amy Lynn Catron  
Webb & Wanda Chenoweth  
Raymond "Bud" Collison  
Virginia Conley  
Lorri Ann Cottrill  
Regina Crites  
Janet Cummings  
Rick Cummings  
D. Dickson  
Woody Edwards  
Scott England  
Ashton George  
Colbert George  
Rodney Green  
Lillie Greenway  
Beth Dohm Guthrie  
Lynne Hamilton  
Pat Harper  
Betty Hess  
Tina Holbrook, Sister

### GIVEN BY

Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Angie Bickley  
Donny Bickley  
Don Bickley  
Vicky Shank  
Vicky Shank  
Jeff Boggess  
Jeff Boggess  
Patty Bumpus  
Sandy Boggess  
Sandy Boggess  
Bill Burdette  
Bill Burdette  
Bill Burdette  
Billy Burdette  
Rochelle Davis  
Sydney French  
Sierrah Yoak  
Barbara Stutler  
Beth Layton  
Kim & Karen  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Diane Billings  
Nellie Cottrill  
Diane Billings  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Charlotte Cummings  
Heather Jones  
Vickie Marcum  
Elizabeth George  
Elizabeth George  
Elizabeth George  
Susan Green  
Sue Bickley  
Lee Dohm  
Marsha King  
Roger Harper  
Don Bickley  
Joan Canada

## 2025 MEMORY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

### IN MEMORY OF

Roger & Jane Hovey  
Cathy Hudnall  
Richard & Maxine Huffman  
Lola Hunt  
Phyllis Hutchinson  
Jim Jamieson  
Curt & Nancy Jones  
Eric Jones  
Stella Jones  
George Jordan  
Gretchen Jordan  
Bob Kees  
Bob Kees  
Pat Kennedy  
Helen King  
Richard Lacy  
Phyllis Larter  
N. Keith Ledsome  
Janiece Mack  
Kaden Martin  
Charlie McMinn  
Laval Nichols  
Brian Nye  
Mary Olsen  
Phyllis Pauline  
Betty Preston  
Raymond & Reba  
Carolyn Reed  
Marie Runion  
Brooks Shaffer  
Harold Shaffer  
Doris Shank  
James O. Shank  
Joshua Shank  
Kenneth Shank  
Linda Snodgrass  
Glada Stone  
Emmett Stutler  
Emmett Stutler  
Tonya Stutler  
Bessie Thomas  
Jerry Thornton

### GIVEN BY

Marsha King  
Jim Jones  
Tammie Jones  
Diane Billings  
Donny Bickley  
JoAnn Vealey  
Jim Jones  
Susan Green  
Diane Billings  
Vickie Marcum  
Vickie Marcum  
Kay Gerencir  
Mandy Lacy  
Bill Burdette  
Marsha King  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Valarie Rucker  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Pastor Randy Ledsome  
Terri Pickens  
Sue Harper  
Diane Billings  
Kathy Shaffer  
Linda Shank  
Ann Runion  
Janice Ledsome  
Kathy Shaffer  
Dan Reed  
Ann Runion  
Elizabeth George  
Elizabeth George  
John Shank  
John Shank  
Vickie Shank  
Linda Shank  
Roger Harper  
Cathie Hoffman  
Barbara Stutler  
Tabby Stutler  
Barbara Stutler  
Linda Wiseman  
Terri Pickens