

Crossfield United Church Announcements Dec. 18, 2025



Words to Contemplate in Advent

“I am absolutely amazed that Joseph is the first person in the New Testament who learned how to read the Bible. Like Joseph, we are to read it through the spectacles of the grace and the goodness and the love of God. The Bible is to be read in the light of the character of God. As my old friend down on the other side of the mountain in East Tennessee used to say over and over again, ‘Well, Craddock, I know one thing. God is just as good a Christian as we are.’ That’s not bad; that’s not bad at all...

“Christmas for me has already started because I know that when Jesus is born, the man who will teach him, raise him, care for him, show him how to be a carpenter, take him to the synagogue, teach him his Bible, and teach him his lessons is a good man and he will do right. When you have somebody like that, it is already Christmas, and Christmas will last as long as God can find in every community one person who says, ‘I will do what is right.’

“What is right is to read the scripture and to read the human condition in the light of the love and grace and kindness of God. As long as there is one in every community, it will be Christmas. The question, of course, is whether or not you will be that person.”

- Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, from a sermon on Matthew 1:18-25, titled “God is With Us”, given at Cherry Log Church of Christ, rural Georgia, 1998.

What's Happening At Crossfield United This Sunday?

Join us this Sunday, December 21st at 10 a.m. as we continue the Advent journey to Bethlehem's stable.

The 4th Sunday of Advent is often observed as "Love" Sunday. Prayers will be offered, readings from the Bible proclaimed, our Choir will be present, and well-known Christmas carols will be sung. This is a great service for those unable to be present Christmas Eve.

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.



Christmas Eve at Crossfield United

We invite you to join us
December 24th at 7:00 p.m.
for our annual Candlelight
Service. The lighting will
be subdued, the
atmosphere warm and
welcoming. Many carols
and the Christmas story
will be celebrated as we
consider God's gift for the
whole world in Jesus the
Christ.



Christmas Eve Scripture Readers Needed


It's traditional that the wider community of faith participates in sharing the Christmas story at our Candlelight Service Dec. 24th.

If you'd like to read, please contact Rev. Dave.



Upcoming Worship Services:

- * December 21st, 10 a.m: Advent 4/ Matthew 1:18-25 – Joseph.
- * December 24th, 7 p.m.: * Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
 - December 28th, 10 a.m: First Sunday after Christmas.
 - * January 4th, 10 a.m.: Second Sunday after Christmas.



In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word
was God,
John 1:1



For I am convinced that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from
the **love of God** that
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our final gathering of 2025 will take place Thursday, Dec. 18th, 3 – 4:15 p.m., as usual. Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25. Drop-ins welcome.