



WSBC welcomes both the “scattered” and the “gathered” church to remain connected and active. Thank you for your complete cooperation, patience and grace given as you personally prepare to gather at WSBC each week.

**What to expect at WSBC.**

As a result of the pandemic (COVID-19), it is necessary to make some changes in how we are used to gathering for worship. We must be intentional in providing reasonable guidelines and precautions for the good of your neighbors who attend and participate in our worship services. As such:

- Please monitor your (and your family members’) **health and temperature** and sanitize your hands before attending an on-site WSBC worship service.
- **Please stay home** - if you are sick, if you (or any family member) have a fever, if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 with or without symptoms, or if you have had any close contact with a person who has been confirmed, suspected or is symptomatic of COVID-19.
- Plan to **arrive early** on Sunday mornings as doors will open 20 minutes before service times. (Service times are 9 and 11AM).
- Please **wear your own mask** while at WSBC.
- Please observe and maintain all **social distancing (6 feet)**, in the sanctuary *but also while coming and going*. Please, distance 6 feet from others, refrain from handshakes and hugs, avoid fellowshiping in hallways and the narthex, and minimize touching all surfaces.
- Help us accommodate both services. Please, do not linger in the sanctuary or narthex. **Fellowship with friends and family outside the building** along 45<sup>th</sup> Street and then walk around the church to the parking lot, bank or wherever you parked your vehicle.



*Fortune Restores*  
Zephaniah 3:9-20

*As the people of God, we experience great joy because of God’s gift of salvation through the coming of Jesus Christ!*

This joy is experienced by the people of God.

This joy is experienced in the presence of God.

This joy is experienced through the promise of God.

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December 13, 2020

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**Call to Worship**

*How Far is it to Bethlehem*

**Community Life**

**Sermon**

*Fortune Restores*  
Zephaniah 3:9-20  
Pastor Dean Monkemeier

**Advent Candle for Joy**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*O Come O Come Emmanuel*  
*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*Midnight Clear (Love Song)*  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Online Worship Options:

<https://wsbc.info/online-stream/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch](http://www.facebook.com/WSBCVillageChurch)

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/wsbcvillagechurch>

**Freshman Student of the Week** is **Camden Usakowski**, Morraine Valley Community College.

**Family Advent Devotionals: JESSE TREE.** Each day this Advent season, our WSBC Kids Leaders will share video Advent devotions with your family. Jesse Tree ornaments will be delivered to your home to help your family grow spiritually this Christmas. The devotionals will be posted here:

<https://wsbc.info/children-family/jesse-tree/>

**Beginning Wednesday, December 16, you may make your worship service reservation for Sunday, December 20 at: [wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP).**

**OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Sunday, December 20 at 5PM.** Bring your friends, family and your favorite hot chocolate as we gather outdoors to sing and fill our neighborhood with Christmas Carols. <https://wsbc.info/christmas/> You may contact Pastor Joel with questions.

You are invited to celebrate the birth of Christ with us in-person on **Christmas Eve**. The service times are 4:30 and 6PM with livestream beginning at 4:30PM. We hope you can join us to sing familiar carols and listen to Pastor's Dean reflections on Christ: *The Light of Christmas*.

The **Annual Christmas Letter from the Missions Committee** inviting you to donate toward sending our college students and young adults to **URBANA, Intersivity's Student Mission Conference for young Christians**, has been placed in church boxes.

**2020 Year End Gifts.** As the calendar year draws to an end, please take note of the following information:

For donations to be included in the 2020 calendar year, all gifts need to be postmarked on or before December 31, 2020. When bringing your donation to the church, it needs to be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

# CALENDAR

## TODAY 13

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship  
1:30PM Families/Couples Small Group  
6:30PM HSM

## THURSDAY 17

6:30AM *Galatians* Men's Bible Study  
6:30PM Core Class Discussion on ZOOM

## MONDAY 14

8PM Women's Prayer on ZOOM

## FRIDAY 18

## TUESDAY 15

8:30AM EMI Men's Group  
7PM Praise Team Rehearsal

## SATURDAY 19

7AM *Daniel* Men's Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY 16

7AM Men's Prayer on ZOOM  
9AM Worship Reservations accepted for December 20  
[wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP](http://wsbc.info/WorshipRSVP)  
1:30PM Prayer on 45<sup>th</sup> Street

## SUNDAY 20

9AM Worship  
11AM Worship  
1:30PM Families/Couples Small Group  
5PM Outdoor Christmas Carols  
6PM Small Group

# MISSION FOCUS

## KAMPALA EVANGELICAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (KEST)



Supported by WSBC since approximately 2004, KEST is committed to developing and promoting a Christian worldview in the African context. The goal is to apply the gospel to African realities. Training programs integrate biblical and theological foundations with practical life issues

*Did you know?* Dave Hayes and his daughter, Emily were part of a team that repainted KEST in 2016?