



# Cranbrook Alliance Church Monthly Update

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## Coming up ...

### Praying for our family and friends at Christmas

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm during "Discover University" in the North Star Room. December presents us with opportunities to bring Christ's presence into our relationships because Christmas is on the minds of many who need Jesus. Come and take time to learn to pray for them and share the weight of the needs in your family or friendship circle.

### Biblical View of Finances

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm during "Discover University" in the North Star Room. Please sign up for this workshop. As we end 2024 and look ahead to a new year, this is a helpful opportunity to take a new look at how to manage your household's finances.

### Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Invite friends to this annual celebration of who Jesus Christ is and why He came to Bethlehem.

### Christmas Hampers

As we all prepare for Christmas and look forward to at least one festive meal, we also want to think of others.

In the past, we at Cranbrook Alliance Church have sent out 25 Christmas Hampers to families in need. We will again plan to fill 25 Christmas Hampers. We are collecting cash donations and will be shopping for the things that are needed. In this way we hope to be able to make our collective funds go further, as well as ensuring that all hampers are of equal value and quality. We will be collecting donations at the church office and after the Sunday Service on December 8<sup>th</sup>, you may also donate online through our website <https://cranbrookalliancechurch.com/christmas-hampers/> The approximate value of each hamper is \$125 for a family of four. Thank you in advance for your support.

If we have any extra funds the money will be directed to the encouragement fund.

### ATO: Carol Sing

Adult Time Out (ATO) Christmas Carol Singalong. Come join us for a fun afternoon of singing Traditional Christmas Carols. Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm in the church foyer. If you can, bring a plate of sweet or savoury goodies to share, a friend or two and your singing voice. Looking forward to hearing you there.

### Joseph Creek Giving Tree

Once again this year we are able to bless the residence of Joseph Creek Care Village and Kootenay Street Care Village through Christmas gift giving.



Anyone may participate by picking up a tag from the tree in the foyer, starting November 28<sup>th</sup>. Each tag has a list of items needed including personal hygiene items as well as some more personal items. In an effort to simplify the type of gifts that are donated and to make it easier for the staff at Joseph Creek to process them, they have now given us this list of gift suggestions. You may choose to purchase one or more of the items

## MISSION

Being Christ's Presence

## VISION

Expecting God to add to our numbers daily

## GOAL

Each One Shepherd One

## DISCIPLESHIP EMPHASES

Belong to Christ and each other  
Believe in Christ in all things  
Become more of what He created, called and gifted us to be

Love Neighbours | Pray Expectantly | Tell the Gospel | Be Renewed in Christ's Spirit | Teach the Bible | Send Workers | Be Accountable | Be Family

## December Calendar

[cranbrookalliancechurch.com/church-events/calendar/](http://cranbrookalliancechurch.com/church-events/calendar/)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Worship Service & CAC Kids	2 10am Prayer for Isreal 1pm Ladies Bible Study 3:15pm Rooted 7pm Volleyball	3 10am Men's Coffee 7pm Discover U 7pm Pursuit (Gr. 7-9)	4 9:30am R&R for Mom's	5 9am Odd Job Squad 12pm Men's Lunch	6 7pm Revive (Gr. 10-12)	7 5pm New Canadians Dinner 
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15 10am Worship Service & CAC Kids 2:30pm ATO: Carol Sing 	16 7pm Volleyball	17 10am Men's Coffee 7pm Discover U	18 9am Friendship Coffee  9:30am R&R for Mom's	19 9:30am Odd Job Squad 12pm Men's Lunch	20	21
22 10am Worship Service & CAC Kids	23 10am Prayer for Isreal 7pm Volleyball	24 10am Men's Coffee 7pm Christmas Eve Service 	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 10am Worship Service & CAC Kids	30 10am Prayer for Isreal 7pm Volleyball	31 10am Men's Coffee	<b>Church office will be closed December 24 and will reopen January 6</b>			
			<b>Office hours</b> Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 4pm (closed 12 to 1pm)		<b>Prayer Chain</b> 1-778-761-3401	

on the list. Please do not wrap gifts, if you would like to include a medium sized gift bag, that would be helpful – All items are due back to the church by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Love Offering

Each year at Christmas time it has been the tradition of Cranbrook Alliance Church to present a love offering to our staff. It is our opportunity to show our appreciation to our staff for their dedication to the Lord's work in Cranbrook. If you are interested in contributing to this, please make a note with your doantion or mark your offering envelope as "Love Offering". December 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last day to contribute. Thank you.

### Church Directory Update

We'd love to include an updated photo of you in our next Church Family Directory! Starting January 12<sup>th</sup> and each Sunday then throughout the month of January we will have a photo booth set-up in the foyer. Please plan to stop by and have your photo taken and confirm your contact information is correct.



### Parenting Workshop

Looking ahead, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we're hosting a morning workshop with Matt & Josie Jagers from Family Life Canada. They will focus on 'Discipline that Connects with Your Child's Heart'. It will be a morning for all parents of kids who are age 2 to 18 who want to discipline in a way that changes hearts, not just behavior.



**Registration is required in advance** and we are

offering this workshop for just \$10 per family. This includes lunch and childcare (for kids up to 10 years old). Register online [cranbrookalliancechurch.com/events/parenting-workshop/](http://cranbrookalliancechurch.com/events/parenting-workshop/) or in person through the church office.