



# Welcome to Church of the Lakes

8844 Nineveh Road, Nineveh, IN 46164

We are excited to have you join us for worship. Here is what you can expect today:

- 9am-10am: Coffee Fellowship in The Gathering Place
- 10am: Worship, Announcements, Youth & Children Dismissal
- Bible-based preaching & teaching
- Communion
- Opportunity for private prayer at the end of service, please remain in the sanctuary to meet with our Prayer Team.

## CONTACT OUR STAFF

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## Record of Faithfulness: As of November 23, 2025

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| General Fund: \$3807.90   | Decisions made this year...   |
| Missions: \$423.10        | To be baptized-8              |
| Designated Funds: \$20.00 | To become a member of COTL-14 |
| Total Giving: \$4251.00   | Last Week's Attendance: 128   |

### Partner with COTL using these convenient ways to give:

- Cash
- Check payable to COTL
- Online Banking Payment
- Direct withdrawal from your payroll
- Venmo Transfers to @COTL-Nineveh

**Please contact the church office if you have any questions about giving.**



**JOIN OUR PRAYER CHAIN:** Email office to be added to our group prayer chain. To submit prayer email [rachellen2003@yahoo.com](mailto:rachellen2003@yahoo.com)

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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| Thrive Students:<br>Grades 6-12 | Harvestland Kids:<br>Pre-K through 5th | Nursery:<br>Ages 0-2 |
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### Brown County Health & Living Angel Tree

As a group we will deliver the gifts and sing carols to the residents on **Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am**, then we will all meet at Casa Del Sol in Nashville for lunch. Please return your gifts to church by Sunday 12/7 with two Christmas cards that are signed by your family and Church of the Lakes. Wrap the presents individually and mark weather they are for a male or female. If you have questions please reach out to Kathy Fairchild at 812-350-1935.

### Memorial Poinsettia Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to honor someone with a beautiful memorial flower this year, please sign-up today. Each flower is \$8.00, and we will display them in the Sanctuary through Christmas Eve.

### Christmas Party 12/7/2025 at 5pm

Please sign-up for the Christmas party and let us know what side dish, salad, or dessert you will bring. Ham, turkey, rolls and drinks will be provided.

**We will have an UGLY sweater/outfit contest this year.**



If you would like to participate in the adult/youth gift exchange, remember to bring a wrapped gift that is new and valued around \$20.00. Harvestland kids will have their party downstairs after dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Fairchild at 812-350-1935.

## Contact Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about the following: (Mark all that apply)

- ☐ Starting a relationship with Jesus
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Church membership
- ☐ Bible study opportunities
- ☐ Church ministries
- ☐ Serving with the church
- ☐ Counseling services

### Submit a Prayer Request

- ☐ This confidential
- ☐ Okay to share
- ☐ Please contact me privately

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Place your request in the offering box.

Connection Card

11/30/25

We would like to get more acquainted.  
Please complete this card and place it in the offering box at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I’m new here!
- ☐ I need to make a change

Guest Address (or) Address Change

CityStateZip code

Phone

Email

Children at home: ☐Yes☐No

Name(s) & Age(s)

I AM A GUEST OF \_\_\_\_\_

MY HOME CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all that apply:

☐SINGLE☐MARRIED☐WIDOWED

☐NEW TO THE AREA

☐RETURNING GUEST

☐ I WOULD LIKE A VISIT

SERMON NOTES: 11/30/25

A video of the weekly sermon and a copy of the weekly bulletin can be found on our website [www.church-of-the-lakes.net](http://www.church-of-the-lakes.net), as well as information about our upcoming events and Bible studies.

On a mission to help people find & follow Jesus Christ.  
We invite you to “Join us on the Journey!”



Nativity Story 2025: “Saying Yes To God”

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” <sup>34</sup>“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup>The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail.” <sup>38</sup>“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[a]</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[b]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[c]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”<sup>[d]</sup> (which means “God with us”). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7

**2** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register. **4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.