



**OLIVE KNOLLS**  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

PASTOR: KEVIN HARDY

Worship Sundays: 8:30 am and 10:15 am  
Celebrate Recovery: Fridays: 1st Friday dinner 5:45pm;  
Weekly: service 6:30pm  
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# worship

**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We are so glad you are here today. If you need anything please contact a greeter in the lobby. They will be happy to help you. We hope you picked up today's sermon notes, found on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary. They will help you follow the morning message. Please take a moment to complete our **Connect Card**, with the **TAP app**, on the back of the sanctuary chairs, so we know you worshiped with us today. We have a small gift we would like to mail to you for visiting with us.



Every December we revisit the familiar scenes of Christmas — angels, shepherds, a carpenter, a young mother, a manger. But this year, we step back to see the bigger truth: God is the Master Storyteller. Before Bethlehem, Mary, Joseph, or the shepherds — God was writing a story of redemption, hope, and salvation.

**Title:** The Carpenter: "The Story You Didn't Plan"  
**Text:** Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph's story was turned upside down by God's plan — but obedience in the unexpected became part of God's greatest story. When your story doesn't go as planned, God may be writing something greater through you.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**FRIDAYS** | 6:30 pm | Gathering Place  
Preschool childcare available with reservation

## YOUTH CONNECTIONS

### SUNDAY

Junior High Group | 8:30 am | 2nd floor worship center  
High School Group | 8:30 am | 2nd floor worship center

**Breakfast Club** | 7th & 8th grade

**TUESDAY** | 6:30 am | Starbucks on Calloway & Snow

**Youth Group** | 7th - 12th grade

**WEDNESDAY** | 6 - 8 pm | Gathering Place

**Breakfast Club** | 9th & 10th grade

**THURSDAY** | 6:30 am | Starbucks on Calloway & Snow

**Breakfast Club** | 11th & 12th grade

**FRIDAY** | 6:30 am | Starbucks on Calloway & Snow

Contact **Pastor Kyle**, [kkrumstick@oliveknolls.com](mailto:kkrumstick@oliveknolls.com), for all Youth Group related questions.

## CONNECT 56

### SUNDAY

5th & 6th Grade | 10:15 am | Middle School Chapel

### CONNECTING ON WEDNESDAY

5th & 6th Grade | 6-8pm | enter Gathering Place

## CHILDREN'S CONNECTIONS

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Nursery - 4 th grade | 8:30 am & 10:15 am

Age appropriate activities for all children each week.

Contact **Katey Wood**, [kwood@oliveknolls.com](mailto:kwood@oliveknolls.com), with all Children's Ministry related questions.

**Olive Knolls Church** exists to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ by building an attractive community for our active reach as we **REACH, GROW, SERVE, and GO.**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24 | 5 pm

Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with us at our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. This special evening will feature your favorite Christmas carols, inspiring Scripture readings, a heartwarming children's message, and the breathtaking glow of candlelight as we sing Silent Night together. Bring your family, invite your friends, and experience the true meaning of Christmas—the Light of the World has come!

## PRIMETIME CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 8th | 11:30 am

Join us for an afternoon of wonderful food and festive fellowship. Tri-Tip, Chicken and, Rolls will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. We will have a White Elephant Exchange. The gift should be something that you want to get rid of or re-gift. The crazier the better. We look forward to spending this special time with you. Please contact Pastor Chris Schwartz, [cschwartz@oliveknolls.com](mailto:cschwartz@oliveknolls.com), if you have any questions.

## YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 18 | 6:30 pm

Young adults ages 18-30, single or married without children, you're invited to a night full of hot chocolate, warm food, and a White Elephant gift exchange! Bring a small gift for the exchange (maximum \$5) and get ready for fun, surprises, and plenty of laughs. Come hang out, meet new friends, and celebrate the season in a cozy, festive space just for you. It's the ultimate Christmas party—you don't want to miss it! Sign up with the **TAP - Connect Card** to let us know you will attend. Questions? Contact: Jorgino Ortega @ 619-510-2923

## WALK THRU THE BIBLE

Saturday, January 10 | 9 am - 12 noon

Cost: \$20 per person or \$50 per Family Pack

Walk Thru the Bible: Old Testament. A few memorable hours. 4,000 years of history. An epic adventure. Experience the story of the Bible in a way that makes God's Word come alive. Learn 40 hand signs and stories designed to help you understand the big picture of the Old Testament. See beyond the facts of the Bible and encounter it's author. It's great for the whole family! We encourage you to bring your kids along. Childcare will be available for infants through kindergarten age children. Use the **TAP - Walk Thru the Bible** - to register. Contact Pastor Brent Kall, [brentkall1@me.com](mailto:brentkall1@me.com), with any questions.

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## OLIVE TREE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

2 Ways YOU can be a blessing this Christmas.

### #1 Bless a Child

Donate a \$50 Walmart gift card. Gift cards will be given to parents and caregivers, in financial need, to help purchase Christmas gifts for the children in their lives.

### #2 Bless our Homeless

Donate \$45 to cover the cost of a Christmas Care Gift to be distributed to the homeless in Bakersfield. (sleeping bag, socks, hat, gloves and, hygiene items)

### Here's How "The Olive Tree" Works

Stop by the Olive Tree in the Gathering Place. Choose the ornament of how you wish to participate. Take it with you as a reminder of how you blessed someone this Christmas.

### THEN...

**To Bless a Child** - purchase a \$50 Walmart Gift Card and bring it back to the church.

**To Bless the Homeless** - Make a \$45 monetary donation. Envelopes are available for checks or cash. Or give with the **TAP - Give Online** use the fund "Olive Tree - Sleeping Bag".

**Donations** can be left with our Olive Tree Volunteers on Sundays, placed in the offering or, dropped off at the church office during the week. We would appreciate all donations by Sunday, 12.21. Please contact Jane Hardy, [jhardy@oliveknolls.com](mailto:jhardy@oliveknolls.com), with questions.

## TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

During the Christmas season many of us remember a special loved one we've lost. This Christmas we have a special Christmas Tree, "The Tree of Remembrance", in the Gathering Place. You are welcome to add the name of your loved one to an ornament and hang it on the tree to represent your love for them and acknowledge the loss you feel without them. An offering bucket is available if you would like to make a contribution to our local benevolence fund in honor of your love one.

# give

## MONTHLY

Tithes & Offerings budgeted (11/01/25-11/30/25).....\$115,000  
Tithes&Offeringsreceived(11/01/25-11/30/25).....\$131,853

## ANNUAL

Tithes & Offerings Annual Budget (9/1/25-8/31/26).\$1,465,000  
Tithes & Offerings YTD Budget (9/1/25-11/30/25).....\$325,000  
Tithes & Offerings Received YTD (9/1/25-11/30/25).....\$367,194

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(Click on "Give")