



OLIVE KNOLLS
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

DECEMBER 21, 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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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 Shepherds: "The Story You Can't Keep to Yourself"

Text: Luke 2:8-20

The first people to hear about Jesus couldn't help but tell others. God's good news is meant to be shared. When you truly encounter Jesus, you become part of the story God is still telling.

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**, kkroomsick@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, 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 SERVICE SCHEDULE

~ **Christmas Eve Candle Light Service** ~

Wednesday, December 24th | 5:00 pm

Childcare for nursery - 3 years

~ **Family Sunday** ~

Sunday, December 28th | 10:15 am

One Worship Service

Regular nursery and preschool ministry provided. Elementary children will sit with their family. Activity bags will be provided.

No Connect 56 or Youth Group

Wednesday, 12/24 or 12/31

OKC Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed

December 25th - January 1st.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

We invite you to participate in a transformative 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting from January 5 to January 25, 2026. Join us each morning, in the Olive Knolls Gathering Place from 6:30 to 7:30 AM, for focused prayer, inspiring worship, and a brief devotional message designed to enrich your spiritual journey. This is a valuable opportunity to draw closer to God and deepen your faith. Join us as we start off this new year focused on God and what He has for us.

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. It's great for the whole family so bring your kids too! 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, with any questions.

OLIVE KNOLLS GROUPS

Grow Your Faith & Get Connected

Olive Knolls **GROUPS** offer an excellent opportunity to develop supportive friendships and deepen your faith as a disciple of Jesus. We have many **GROUPS** meeting throughout the week to connect, pray, grow, and explore the Bible together. Joining a group is a wonderful way for you to be seen, form connections, and enhance your spiritual journey! **Our Winter Semester begins January 11** through March 29. Find a Group for you! Get all the information and to sign up use the **TAP - GROUPS**. Contact Pastor Brent Kall, brentkall1@mac.com, with questions.

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YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITY

God is leading Olive Knolls into an exciting new season of ministry with 4 major projects that will significantly enhance our mission:

- A new sound system in the Worship Center
- A LED wall to bring vivid graphics and video to our worship experience
- A new 15-passenger van to safely transport students and ministry teams
- Major repairs to our main parking lot

Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 over 3 years. Your year-end gift will help us move into 2026 with momentum & faith. Would you prayerfully consider giving an extra offering before December 31 to help launch the **Moving Forward Together** vision? To give online use the **TAP - Give Online** fund "Moving Forward Together" Thank you for investing in the mission of Olive Knolls!

YOUTH WINTER CAMP

February 27 - March 3

Student in 7th - 12th Grade

Only 40 spots available. \$50 deposit secures your spot. Use the **TAP - Events** to get all the details and registration link. Contact Pastor Kyle, kkroomsick@oliveknolls.com, with questions

OLIVE TREE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

It's not too late to be a blessing and partake in the Olive Tree Outreach this Christmas. Use the **TAP - Olive Tree** to give \$50 to bless a family with a Walmart Gift Card or \$45 to donate a sleeping bag (sleeping bag, socks, hat, gloves and, hygiene items) to the homeless. Our Olive Tree Volunteers are available at the Olive Tree in the Gathering Place today to assist you with questions.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

During the Christmas season many of us remember loved ones we've lost. Stop by the "The Tree of Remembrance", in the Gathering Place and 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. An offering bucket is available if you would like to make a contribution to our local benevolence fund in honor of your loved one.

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MONTHLY

Tithes & Offerings budgeted (12/01/25-12/31/25).....\$225,000

Tithes & Offerings received (12/01/25-12/31/25).....\$82,526

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).....\$367,184

Online Giving: oliveknolls.com