



This Christmas, we're coming together to serve, celebrate, and share the love of Jesus in our communities. Each location has special opportunities to connect, volunteer, and enjoy the season with your Roads family & community – so mark your calendars and join in the joy!

CARLINVILLE - NOV 30, DEC 5, 6 & 7

Christmas in Carlinville – Free S'mores on the Square

Join us for the **35th Annual Christmas in Carlinville** celebration! The Roads Church will be on the Square serving up free S'mores for the community. Warm up by the fire pit with friends and family, enjoy a sweet treat, and take in all the festive sights and sounds of the season.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Help us share the love of Jesus (and s'mores!) by signing up for a 2-hour volunteer slot:

Friday, December 5 | 4:00–8:00 PM and on Saturday, December 6 | 2:00–8:00 PM

You can **sign up** in person at The Roads Church–Carlinville or by emailing Ashley Vinyard at avinyard@theroads.church

We're Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army!

We're serving our community by helping ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Christmas season at Wal-Mart.

Saturday, November 30 | 1:00–5:00 PM and on Saturday, December 7 | 1:00–5:00 PM

Sign up for a **one-hour shift** in person at church or call or text Debbie Proctor (217) 494-2103 to volunteer.

MT CARMEL - DEC 6 & 17

Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 6th

The Roads Church will be part of the **Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade**, pulling our decorated float and celebrating together as we share the love of Jesus with our town.

Line Up Starts at 3rd & Market | Arrive by 4:45 pm | Parade Starts at 5:15 pm

Sign up in person at The Christmas at The Roads table, and make plans to come out, walk in the parade, and be part of the celebration.

Christmas at The Roads – MTC Family Fellowship

Wednesday, Dec 17 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of **family, fellowship, and caroling** as we celebrate the Christmas season together!

We'll gather for a carry-in style fellowship meal – the church will provide the meat, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up in person before or after service to let us know what you'll be bringing.

After dinner, we'll enjoy Christmas songs and time together celebrating the joy of Jesus' birth as a Roads family.

NORRIS CITY - NOV 30 & DEC 17

Christmas in the Village & Lights Parade 2025

The Roads Church - Norris City is excited to be a part of the **Norris City's Christmas in the Village & Lights Parade on Sunday, November 30!** The festivities begin around 2:30 PM, with horse-drawn wagon rides, a petting zoo, live nativity, cookie-tasting competition, vendor fair, and more!

Our **Roads float** will be part of the annual **Christmas Lights Parade**, and **everyone is invited to walk** with us as we hand out goodies and spread Christmas joy!

The Roads Church will also host a **Christmas Ornament Decorating Station** for kids to enjoy before the parade.

Want to walk with our float?

Sign up on The Roads App – REGISTER tab. This will help us get details to our walkers.

Wear something festive—red and/or green—and add a few battery-powered lights to your outfit!

The evening wraps up with the Lights Parade, a short gospel message, and the community tree lighting—a joyful reminder of the true light of Christmas!

The MOVE Student Ministry - Christmas Party

Jr. & Sr. High students, join us on **Wednesday, December 17th** for our Christmas Party!

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE & OFFICE CLOSURES - DEC 24 - JAN 1

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and prepare for the new year, we'll have some schedule changes for our regularly scheduled gatherings and office times.

From Wednesday, December 24, 2025 through Thursday, January 1, 2026, there will be no weekday Sanctuary Prayer times, Wednesday Night gatherings, or Move Student Services.

Our church offices will also be closed on weekdays during this time.