

## Community Bible Church Newsletter – December 2025

**The Incarnate Word** – “For the law was given through Moses, God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But His only Son, Who Himself is God, is near to the Father’s heart; He has told us about Him” – John 1:17-18.

The more sophisticated man becomes, the more fascinated he is with his origins. He peers with ever increasing erudition into the universe and discovers new galaxies and unheard-of wonders. The question “How did it all begin?” grips man’s attention. The scientific answer is, “We don’t know exactly.” So, the search goes on for origins and significance and meaning.

What science and speculation are not equipped to determine, divine revelation reveals with certainty. Divine revelation announces, “In the beginning the Word already existed. This “Word” was God, and He created everything there is” (John 1:1-3). The Jews reading “the Word” would think of authority. When God said, “it was so”. When God would say, “This is what the Lord says., it would be so. The authority of the Word! But Greeks reading about the “Word” would think of “reason” being communicated, which is what words are supposed to do. The Word is authoritative reason communicated to men. But who is the Word? The Bible tells us, “He became human, lived among men, was full of unfailing love and faithfulness”, and was identified by the Apostle John as “Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (John 1:17-18). The Word was eternally God. Through Him and for Him, the world was created. Then He came into the world, populated by men who have never seen God, to tell them what God is really like. Science cannot do that. Speculation cannot do that. Only God can show God to man, and He did. But would you believe that men in large measure rejected His revelation, preferring to live in darkness of their established beliefs? Yet Jesus, still full of unfailing love, still offers, to those who believe in Him and receive Him by faith, “the right to become children of God” (John 1:12).

We admire members of the armed forces who sacrifice their own comforts and safety, leave home and family, and head to foreign lands to defend what is dear to them. We respect courageous missionaries who brave loneliness, disease, unknown perils, and misunderstandings to take the message of hope and deliverance to people in bondage. How much more should we revere Jesus, the Word Who became flesh, Who knew glory in eternity with the Father and gladly laid aside all privilege, assumed our humanity, bore our sorrows, suffered our pain, and died our death! How sad that so many have neither recognized Him nor revered Him. How glad are those who have!

Pastor Bradley Kihlthau

**Women of Joyful Hearts Annual Christmas Party - Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am** - The ladies will be gathering for a great time of fellowship and laughter. The ladies are encouraged to bring their gifts for their secret sisters and then the guessing begins if you really knew who had your name for the year. Please bring an ornament for exchange and 2 dozen goodies to share with others. New secret sisters will be drawn for next year. If you haven’t joined this group, please come and join in.

**Kids for Truth Christmas Caroling and Pizza Party – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.** – The children and youth will be sharing the joy of Christmas with the residents of the Villa through Christmas caroling. Following this, they will be gathering for hot chocolate and pizza back at the church and wrap up the evening with a Bible devotion shared by Pastor Brad.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** – A special celebration of our Savior’s birth. This evening service will include gathering at the Lord’s Table for Communion, along with the singing of traditional Christmas music, and a special Christmas message from the Word. The night will conclude with the song “Silent Night” being sung in a beautiful candlelight setting. Candy bags for the kids at the conclusion of the service.

### **Birthdays**

3-Megan Wynne	18-Pastor Brad Kihlthau
7-Patty Howard	20-Herman Ziegler
8-Heather Kreman	24-John McBride
9-Philip Doremus	28-Grady Smith
10-Rod McCoy	29-Justin Kreman
15-Jonathan Parks	30-Ruth Shepard

### **Anniversaries**

5-Leon & Tamela Anderson
20-Larry & Loretta Kennedy
28-Tim & Jewel Hoxworth
Kim & Jennifer Erickson

