

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025



Should the players of a sports team begin to experience difficulties with each other off the field, the chances of their performing well on the field will be jeopardized. The same thing applies to a business, a family, or a church. Good leaders know this and therefore spend considerable time and effort seeking to maximize good relations and minimize personal frictions. Good leaders do this by constantly reminding the group about their objectives and helping them focus on what is of prime importance. Good leaders teach their people that “the main thing is to keep the main the main thing”.

Paul, as we know, was dealing with a particularly fractious group of people in the church of Corinth. They were divided on a number of issues. All of these issues, in Paul’s view, were less significant than the “main thing”. So, having dealt with some of the issues that were dividing them, and having reminded them that they were called to love each other, Paul turned his attention to sharpening their focus once more on the main thing. He wrote, ‘Now let me remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then and still do now, for your faith is built on this wonderful message’ (1 Corinthians 15:1). The main thing was not who was the best leader, or who exercised which gift, or which ministry was most important. The main thing was that God had done something in human history to change their lives for time and eternity, and that He had alerted the people of Corinth to what He had done through the preaching of the Good News. Without the Good News, there would be no church, no gifts, no ministry, no apostles, no salvation, and no forgiveness. In fact, without the Good News, there would be no Corinthian Church at all to get worked up over less-than-man things!

What precisely is The Good News? “That Christ died for our sins,... He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). That is the Good News. Many men and women have died bravely, some even voluntarily and vicariously. But no one has died with the intentions of raising Himself from the dead and accomplishing it. No one, that is, except for Jesus (see John 10:17-18), which demonstrates that His death was unique. It was so unique that it alone could be the basis for the forgiveness of sins.

The main thing is that Christ died to bring forgiveness and rose from the dead, conquering sin, death, the devil, and hell. As long as Paul was alive, he would never cease to remind people of this. May we as Community Bible Church do the same.

Pastor Bradley Kihlthau

Elders Meeting – August 2025

Present – Jim Schmall, Colton Ehler, Larry Kennedy, Rod McCoy, John Seiler, and Pastor Brad Kihlthau

Devotion – was shared by Larry Kennedy from Ephesians 1 of God not tolerating sin and yet His grace being lavished upon His children. Pastor Brad opened the meeting in prayer.

Previous Minutes – were reviewed and approved as presented.

Financial Report – was reviewed and approved as presented – current balance \$50,480.95

Ministry Updates were shared by Pastor Brad: [Worship](#) – Pastor Brad will continue in the Book of Genesis during Sunday morning worship services except for the County Fair Outdoor Service and August 31st as Caleb Hein will be sharing. Pastor shared that we have continued to have a strong attendance for worship services this summer, and that our internet audience has grown also. [Missions](#) – The Annual Church County Fair will be held August 23rd and 24th. This event will have a new look with food booths and game booths being set up on the north lawn. The Missions Team is working to stay in contact with our missionaries and to make this year’s fair event successful. Caleb and Ashtyn Hein will be with us on Sunday August 31st to share their ministry update from Victory Bible Camp in Alaska. [Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings](#) – Pastor shared that our Midweek study is taking place on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. A Young Men’s Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings @ 6:15 a.m. Also, the Ladies Prayer Meeting is held each Thursday’s @ 8:45 a.m. and the All-Church Prayer Meeting on Sunday’s @ 9:00 a.m. [Children and Youth Ministry](#) – Children’s Church is going well with a great bunch of teachers each week. Our Kids for Truth will be starting back up on September 10th @ 6:15 p.m. with a hayride and hotdog feed that will take place at the Schmunk Pond southeast of Bayard. Regular KFT nights will continue for the rest of this School year with monthly activities and the Kids for Truth lesson material will be used for curriculum. [Men’s Ministry](#) – This ministry will start back up on September 18th with the first meeting held @ Mike Parks Body Shop north of Bayard. The following month will be held @ the Meier’s cabin in Mitchell. Pastor will be teaching these nights from the Book of James. [Ladies Ministry](#) – The Ladies are meeting on Thursday mornings for Prayer and Bible Study. They are also having their monthly service meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Current projects include the cleaning of the basement freezer, gathering school supplies, and ideas of Kids for Truth food.

[Security Team](#) – Colton Ehler shared the Security Team update. The team had just completed training this past Sunday and plans to continue this every quarter. **Other:** The Junior High room window should be installed before the September 10th start of Kids for Truth. It was noted that the church charge card at Walmart will end in November and that facility supplies will be ordered from Amazon and our local grocery store in Bayard. Prayer Request were taken and the meeting was closed with prayer time.



Women of Joyful Hearts

The ladies will meet for their Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 am with prayer time at 8:45 am. The service meeting will be Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm. Marva Hutchinson will be the hostess. Projects discuss freezer food, KFT, school supplies (Kleenex, dry erase markers, & colored pencils), and discuss our October Meal Night.



Kids For Truth

Kids For Truth will have their kick-off on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:15 pm with a hayride to Schmunk's ponds. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided at the ponds. Bible devotion shared on site.

Looking ahead, we will have our Box Car at the Movies in October. Please start saving your big boxes!!



Men's Supper and Bible Study

September 18th Thursday @ 6:00 pm at Mike's Body Shop north of Bayard. Burgers and Bratwursts will be served. Pastor Brad will be sharing the Bible lesson entitled "Grow Up" from the Book of James



KEMI is sponsoring a 5K walk/run at the Wildcat Hills south of Gering on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 am. More information is on the bulletin board.

Children's Church

Nursery Workers

7-Melanie Dalbey/Steve & Sally Meier
14-Jenn Seiler/Bobbi Kuhlman
21-Marva, Jackie, Gail/Steve & Sally
28-Rick Schmunk/Frontier student

7-Annalise Parks
14-Emma Herbel
21-Jennifer Erickson
28-Kim Doremus

Greeter- Sally Meier

Ushers-Herman Ziegler/Justin Johnson

Birthdays

Anniversaries

8-Kim Erickson	22-Jackie Luppess	2-Ben & Bobbi Kuhlman
12-Kim Doremus	24-Alyssa Parks	Greg & Connie Hascall
13-Maureen Reifschneider	25-Emma Herbel	
Marva Hutchinson	27-Pat Korell	
16-Sheri Ragland	Colton Ehler	
17-Corina Walters	30-Kevin Ross	

Weekly Bible Studies

Wednesday 6:15 a.m. – *Young Men's Bible Study "Proverbs"*

Pastor Brad

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *Midweek Bible Study "Topical Studies"* – *Jim Schmanll*

Thursday 9:30 a.m. – *"Into His Word"* – *by Ann Graham Lot* –

Ladies Bible Study

What a Great Church County Fair!!!

Thank you to everyone that participated, organized, cooked, gave monetarily, and enjoyed the fair. Over \$4700 was raised for our monthly supported missionaries.

