

TODAY

Sunday, December 14
8:45 AM—Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Rm)
9:00 AM—Worship & Communion
10:30 AM—ABFs, YBF, Sunday School
11:40 AM—Handbell & Tone Chime Rehearsal

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 15
7:00 PM—Finance Team Meeting (MP Rm)

Wednesday, December 17
6:40 PM—Youth Group*
6:40 PM—Awana*
7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting*

Thursday, December 18
7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 20
7:00 AM—Men’s Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

Sunday, December 21
8:45 AM—Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Rm)
9:00 AM—Christmas Celebration Service
10:30 AM—ABFs, YBF, Sunday School
11:40 AM—Handbell & Tone Chime Rehearsal

***See inside pages for more details**

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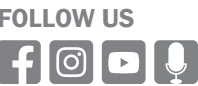
PASTORS & LEADERSHIP

Pastors
Chris Lenhart *Lead Pastor*
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Elder Email: *Elders do not have individual CMBC emails. Please use elders@calvarymonument.org to email all the elders about elder-related items.*



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 **3 WAYS TO GIVE FROM HOME**
Scan the QR code • Visit the CMBC website • Mail a check

CMBC Bible Memorization **December 2025**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

The Weekly

December 14, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

9:00 AM

“BREAK FORTH O BEAUTEIOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT” — CHORALE

WELCOME

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

PRAYER — FRANK HEVERIN, ELDER

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

Children in grades K-6 are dismissed for Junior Church

MESSAGE — PASTOR CHRIS LENHART
FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD: “JOY”
IS. 35:1-10, PS. 146:5-10, JAMES 5:7-10, MATT. 11:2-11

COMMUNION

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

OFFERING (MINISTRIES FUND)
Please place your tithes & offerings in the boxes at the doors
as you leave. See back page for info about giving from home.

Welcome!

If you’re a guest today...

We’d like to meet you! Please stop by the Info Desk in the lobby so we can personally welcome you.

Please fill out the communication form and place it in the offering box.

 Wireless internet password: cmbcguest



CALVARY MONUMENT BIBLE CHURCH

LOVING, LIVING, LEADING FOR GOD’S GLORY

Growing in a greater love for God and a greater love for each other.

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

Advent Memory Verse: 1 John 4:9 (ESV)

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Prayer Meeting - Online and in the Building Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Join us in the building or use the link to join on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198667797>
Meeting ID: 891 9866 7797
Special guest on 12/17: Emma

There's an ABF for you! Current topics & locations:

- The Patriarchs (Auditorium)
- Daniel (MP Rm)
- Angels & Demons (Prayer Rm)
- A Missions Toolbox (Rm 24A)
- 1st & 2nd Corinthians (Rm 23 - for women)

2025 Giving Reminder: any tithes and offerings that you want to appear on your 2025 giving statement must be received in the church office no later than Tuesday, Dec. 30. Checks mailed must be postmarked by Dec. 30. Monies received after that date will appear on your 2026 statement. Thank you.

2026 Youth Bible Quizzing will soon begin!

Bible Quizzing is fun and rewarding and available to anyone from 8th grade to age 20. Matches are on 8 consecutive Sunday evenings beginning Jan. 18, followed by 2 exciting tournaments. Practices are every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon beginning in early January. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Darrell Rishel. Quizzing will be on Acts 10-28. The sign-up deadline is Dec. 15.

Save The Date: Volunteer Training

Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:00 AM - Noon

Tara Kelley from Handi*Vangelism will be here to provide training for children & youth workers, but all are welcome. More details to come. *Snow date: March 28.*

Christmas Activities & Services

The 12 Days of Christmas

Items for The Factory food drive must be returned by **TODAY, Dec. 14**. After today, please drop your bags off at The Factory (3293 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise).

2nd Annual Christmas Card Challenge

Bless the congregation! There are around 50 names on the CMBC Care List – congregants who are homebound, recovering from surgeries, dealing with ongoing medical concerns, or are widows or widowers – and we'd like to help you bless them with a simple Christmas card! Please help yourself to a list located in the brochure box in the hallway.

Share your Christmas card with your church family! If you'd like to share a Christmas card with everyone, you are welcome to post it on the bulletin board in the hallway this month!

Christmas Celebration Service

Sunday, Dec. 21, 9:00 AM

Come rejoice and worship with us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday! The love of God has been made visible in the sending of Emmanuel! Familiar Christmas carols, and several special music selections will be part of our morning service.

Note: Sunday School, YBF, and ABFs will be meeting on Dec. 21 & 28.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:00 PM

Join us at 6:30 PM for a time of fellowship and light refreshments before entering the auditorium to participate in our annual candlelight service. Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 7:00 PM in the auditorium, and will include corporate singing, special music, prayer, scripture, and a devotion that will lead us to our time of candle lighting and the singing of *Silent Night*. *This service is in the building only (no livestream).*



Awana

Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM

Awana aims to reach kids age 2 through sixth grade for Christ through fun, Scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love and serve Him.

12/17: Deck the Leader Night - Clubbers will get to "deck" their leader with Christmas decorations!



CHURCH BUSINESS

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF 12/7/25

In-Person Worship Service Attendance	324
ABF, YBF, Sunday School Attendance	214
Service Livestream Views	89
Weekday Activities Attendance	125

Offering Report (Ministries Fund)

Checks, cash & online giving: \$23,053.01

FAMILY NEWS

In the Hospital: Janie Hershey, Clarence Lefever Jr.

Sympathy

To Jeff & Anne Ingram, in the passing of Jeff's mother, Mary Alice Ingram, on December 5.

To the family of Nancy Sensenig, who passed away December 4. Nancy is Ken Graham's mother and Wendy Graham's mother-in-law.

Thank You for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and kindness during the unexpected death of our son Doug. We very much appreciated all of them.
—Jim & Darlene Byler

Upcoming Milestone Anniversary

Dec. 17 - Vernon & Fay Kauffman - 65th

Staff Updates

Matt Whitacre began his employment at CMBC on Monday, Nov. 17.

Pastor Jim Davis's last day on staff will be Dec. 31, and he will be preaching on Dec. 28. Pastor Jim and his family will continue attending CMBC.

CMBC YOUTH

YBF (Youth Bible Fellowship) for grades 7-12
Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

Youth Group for grades 7-12
Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM, Youth Room

December Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30-8:30 PM: Christmas Party
No Youth Group: Dec. 24 or 31

OASIS YOUNG ADULTS

Oasis Young Adult Home Group - December
Sunday, Dec. 28, starting at 11:30 AM

Save the date! Oasis Home Group will be held on December 28 directly after church from 11:30 and on. Please join us for lunch, fellowship and games

50+ CLUB

Soup 'n' Movie Saturday: "Brave the Dark"
Saturday, Jan. 17, Noon-4:00 PM, CMBC

We'll eat at noon with the movie ("Brave the Dark") to follow. Place settings provided. Sign up in the lobby Dec. 28–Jan. 11.

Joy

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 12/14/25



Advent Series – For God so Loved the World

Series Goal: To be encouraged as we are attentive to the sending of Jesus into the world as the clearest demonstration of God's love; growing equipped to live with great hope, peace, joy, and love in our broken and divided world.

Series Verse: 1 John 4:9

Series Layout:

- Hope awakens our hearts
- Peace stills our fears
- **Joy strengthens our hearts**
- Love completes the story.

Today's Essential Question:

How does Advent joy strengthen our hearts—especially in seasons of waiting, disappointment, and wilderness?

Joy breaking into the wilderness.

Isaiah 35:1-10

Joy rooted in God's unchanging faithfulness.

Psalm 146:5-10

Joy that waits well.

James 5:7-10

Joy when our expectations are disappointed.

Matthew 11:2-11

Further Study

1 John 4:9

Heb. 12:2

Zeph. 3:17

Advent Candle - All: "Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads."

<p>Advent 2025: For God so Loved the World</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Joy</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Is.35:1-10, Ps. 146:5-10, Jms. 5:7-10, Matt. 11:2-11</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Is. 35:1-10, Ps. 146:5-10, Jms. 5:7-10, Matt. 11:2-11</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk together or write in your journal about a time or season in your life when the Lord's joy seemingly carried you, giving you the strength and courage to faithfully continue walking in Him, even as the path was very uncomfortable and/or unclear. 2. Why is joy an important attribute or characteristic to reflect on and consider during the Advent season? 3. What does it mean that God delights in or rejoices over his children? How could a proper understanding of this truth establish joy as a prevailing and definitive attribute in our own closest relationships? 4. As we interact with other mature disciples of Jesus, how does naming and sharing our own pain, sorrow, and disappointments, help us to practice joy within the Christian community of the church? 5. Prayerfully reflect on and consider those in your life who might be in need of joy this Advent season. How might we be an encouraging presence of joy for them? What could they need to hear or know about Jesus that might promote joy? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u> 1 John 4:9 Heb. 12;2 Zeph. 3:17</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>