

Another Word July 16, 2026

To our family and friends of King Road Christian Church

We had a packed house and a great time with all who came to watch the fireworks display on the Fourth of July! Thanks to all who contributed and helped to make it a great success once again.

Sunday the 26th we will have as our guest speakers, missionaries who are currently home in Ohio. We look forward to hearing how God's word is being spread in the Middle East. There will be a meet and greet at 9:45 and a potluck after our service. Please plan to attend and bring a friend or family member.

The roof replacement is well under way. Shingles are done and the flat roof membrane should be completed by next week. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project.

As we go to prayers, please remember Manoka Hassinger's son Tim, as he recovers from a stroke and surgery, Chase, Heather's friend, as he deals with cancer, Sandy Hockenberry as she battles Parkinsons, and for Miriam's husband Fred, recovering from an appendectomy.

Dear and gracious God, we are so grateful for Your gift of life and Your unlimited blessings and goodness. We thank You for the love You give that draws us closer to You and to each other. We often face uncertainties in life but through faith, we have hope. The world tries to distract us, but Your shining light of truth guides us to life everlasting. May our lives reflect Your love to others so they too may find their way home to Your loving arms. We offer this prayer in Jesus' perfect name, Amen.

Close to twenty years ago, Dale Campbell and I took a trip out west to Yellowstone National Park. What an incredible experience it was to see nature at its best! But it was also a moment in time when I, wanting to get a picture of a grizzly bear, had Dale stop the car so I could run after it down the road. Luckily, the bear must have had lunch already, ignored me, and sauntered into the forest. Not one of my life's smartest moments! What were you thinking Rich!? Oh, yeah, I wasn't!!

However, to catch our flight home we needed to be at the Bozeman Montana airport by 6am. Having almost a 2-hour drive to make our flight, we needed to be on the road by 3am. In the mountains, it is really dark at 3am. I asked Dale if he had ever seen stars in pure darkness. He said he hadn't so we pulled off the road, turned off the headlights and stepped out of the car.

Dale still talks about that moment to this day. The stars looked so large, bright, and close that you thought you could reach out and touch them. We are all so used to having streetlights, security lights, and the glow of city lights around us that we are astonished when we see the heavens with such clarity.

Which brings us to a very revealing scripture. Paul wrote to the church of Corinth, "The god of this age, (note little "g" god) has blinded the minds of unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God." 2 Corinthians 4:4. Paul is saying that there is a Heavenly light that God wants us all to see. It's the good news of Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for the world.

But there is a problem. The often glaring light of the "god" of this world (that's the devil) can dim or even blind us from God's heavenly light.

When that happens, we can literally miss Jesus, miss God's love, and miss eternal life in heaven.

Let's face it, we are surrounded by a lot of distracting lights like the streetlights, security lights, and city lights that constantly glare around us. May they remind us that evil is always attempting to blind us from seeing God's heavenly light. Be sure to seek out God because He will shield you from the blinding lights of the world and reveal to you the pure and radiant glow of the heavenly light of Christ.

In His Peace,

Rich