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Church office will be closed December 22nd -January 2nd

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LOOK
&
LIVE



Look & Live is a podcast from our church designed to accompany our Bible reading plan. In each episode, released Monday to Friday, Pastor Josh will provide a few insights into that day's passage. Our prayer is that this will enrich your time in God's Word and your walk with Him.

Rediscovering the Glory of Christmas
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NEWSLETTER



COMPASS
BIBLE CHURCH
LONG BEACH

December 21, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

Call to Worship
Luke 2:13-14

Joy to the World

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Announcements and Offering

Scripture Reading & Prayer
Matthew 1:18-25

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Sermon: Rediscovering the Glory
of Christmas
John 1:1-18

Communion

In Christ Alone



LESSON:
God Announces the Messiah's
Birth

PASSAGE:
Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

MAIN IDEA:
GOD ANNOUNCED THE
MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF JESUS
THE MESSIAH.

CHRISTMAS AT COMPASS

PASTOR BRUCE RETIREMENT SERMON

Pastor Bruce will be retiring at the end of the month after decades of faithful ministry. Praise the Lord for Bruce's years of service and for the impact he has had at our young church.

Join us Sunday, December 28, for Bruce's final sermon as a pastor.



Lighthouse is our ministry for students grades 6-12. We meet Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the church office for teaching and small groups. Our next meeting will be January 8th.

For questions, email josh@compasslb.com

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EQUIPPING CLASS

The Equipping Class will not meet on December 28. The class will resume on Sunday, January 4.

Bible Reading Plan

Our church's Bible reading plan through Luke will end on Christmas Eve. Be sure to grab the handout for December 25-Jan 2, "Seeing Christ in the Scriptures."

A new reading plan through the Bible will begin on January 5.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Next men's groups:
January 13, 14, 15 at 6:30pm

Next women's groups:
January 20, 21, 22 at 6:30pm

If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, email Pastor Bruce at bruce@compasslb.com or visit the Compass Connect booth after the service.



DOUGHNUTS & COFFEE

Grab a doughnut or coffee (hot or iced) at the table near our Fellowship Field behind the auditorium.



December 21, 2025 – Pastor Josh Petras

John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man having been sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the Light, but he came to bear witness about the Light.

⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens everyone. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to what was His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John bore witness about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has been ahead of me, for He existed before me.’” ¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

#1 – _____ ? v.1-3, 14

#2 – _____ ?

• _____ v.14-17

• _____ v.18

• _____ v.12

#3 – _____ ? v.10-12

PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1 – What did you learn about Jesus in **John 1:1-18**?

2 – How is the Bible’s view of Christ different from how others may view Him?

3 –What is the significance of Jesus bringing truth, grace, and a clear picture of God? Why is this such good news?

4 – If you’ve received Christ, you can be called a child of God. How will you enjoy the privilege of fellowship this Christmas?

5 – If you have not received Christ, what is your reason? What would keep you from believing everything the Bible says about Jesus and entrusting your whole life to Him?

Bible Reading Plan (Dec 22-26)	
MON	Luke 23:26-56
TUE	Luke 24:1-35
WED	Luke 24:36-53
THU	Genesis 3
FRI	Gen 12:1-3, Psa 67, Isaiah 45

Prayer Requests
Praise God for the glory of Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
Praise God that, in Christ, we can know God truthfully and personally.
Pray for Pastor Bruce, as he prepares to preach his final sermon before retiring.
Pray for our long-term goal of having a building in Long Beach.
Pray for 2026, that our church would be useful in building up believers and reaching lost souls.