

CBC Annual Report 2025
Associate Pastor Phil Newby

Personal

Looking back as I finish the second year here at CBC, I see more and more why God brought me here and feel even more confident that I am serving where God wants me to be. The most challenging event this year personally was when my wife, Pam, had a heart attack in the Spring. God answered our prayers, and Pam is doing well. This year also brought the blessing of my son, Jeremy, and his wife, Tallee, who moved from Montana to Pierre. That means that all our children and their families are now part of the Pierre community, and it is so great to have them near. We still have two grandchildren in British Columbia, and we were excited that one of them, Jacob, went to Summit Ministries for the gap year with the help of CBC. Thank you! I am also working to finish my Doctor of Ministry through Luther Rice Seminary. All that is left is my thesis. This thesis is also a project on discipleship that I believe has the potential to help the ministries of CBC.

Worship/Audio/Video Ministry

It is a joy to serve as worship leader and to serve alongside my wife, Pam. We have seen more people join in as we rotate instrument players and singers. To date we have been blessed with over 25 people playing or singing on the worship team rotation, not to mention the many people that make up the production team doing sound, graphics, and streaming up in the booth, that are a vital part of this ministry. Roxanne Rice and my wife, Pam, also have been such a blessing in serving in the administrative needs. Doug Sargent, Tim Brown, and Caleb Nordquist have filled in as worship leader in my absence and do an amazing job.

Along with worship, there was a need to update the gym sound equipment which has just been installed.

Teaching/Mentoring Ministry

God has called me both to lead worship and teach. This year I have taught a Sunday School class on the book of Romans. We are finishing the third and final quarter in November. I am privileged to also be available to fill in for Pastor Chance when he is on vacation.

Sunday afternoons during the school year I am a teacher for our Institute of Theology. We are now in our fourth semester and are already seeing fruit as God is raising up men to take the baton and be the leaders of our church for the next generation.

Small Group Ministry

This year I transitioned from helping with the youth ministry to starting a small group ministry. There have always been small groups in one form or another at CBC, but we felt one missing component was more home small groups to encourage fellowship, discipleship and serving. To date there are 8 new home groups planned and we are praying for even more. I introduced my favorite style of small group curriculum called sermon-based small groups, where each group gets a study guide based on the sermon for the week. This encourages attendance for preparation and brings Sunday sermon and weekday Bible study together. These are just a few of the things happening in my areas, and I again thank you for the opportunity to serve as associate pastor here at CBC.

God Bless, Pastor Phil