

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CBC MOPS Annual Christmas Toy Drive is on Tuesday, December 13th from 11-3pm. Please drop off any new or gently used toys at Community Bible Church. If you would like to donate but don't want to do the shopping, please drop off cash or checks made out to CBC Mops to Virginia in the church office and we will shop for new toys. Donations can be dropped off until Dec. 12th. Thank you for your willingness to bless our community in this way!

Mission opportunity right in our backyard! On Christmas Eve each woman in the SD Women's Prison will be given a bag of treats with the gospel message of Hope and God's Redeeming Love. We invite you to be a part of this Christmas Goodie Bag ministry. You can help by giving a financial contribution – either in an offering envelope or by texting 84321. Please designate that it is for goodie bags. **Please join us as we pack over 500 goodie bags on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Help us share Christ's love with these ladies!



The Nurseries will not be staffed with volunteers on Sunday, December 25th.

Thanks to all of you for your help with Tom's funeral. Whether you provided food, decorated the tables, served the meal, or were part of the tech crew, we will honor you with a special gift to CBC. ~Esther Harmon, Erin, Susanne and Hannah

BirthRight is hosting a diaper drive at CBC from December 4-26. Boxes will be collected at the church and given to families in need over the winter months. All sizes are accepted, as are gently used, cold-weather baby clothes. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to BirthRight. If you have questions, contact Grace Sargent at (605)-220-6142.



The musical group Surprise Package will perform its annual Christmas Concerts at 7 PM on Friday, December 16th and 2:30 PM on Saturday, Dec. 17th at Trinity Episcopal Church, 408 N Jefferson Avenue, Pierre. The concerts feature vocalists Bethany Lennox, Brenda Freund, Carol Gengler, Mitch Honan, Diane Kehrwald, Katie Larson, Kevin Kumpf, Michael Pangburn, Michelle Lintvedt, Missy Slaathaug, Rodd Bauck, Stacey Smith, and Ben Orsbon, accompanist Lori Koenecke director Dave Huft, and other instrumental musicians. Come and enjoy the sacred and traditional Christmas music. There will be a free will offering but admission is free.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

Sunday – 11th

- 8:30 AM Worship service
- 10:00 AM Bible Hour: 3 yrs. – 5th grade meet in classrooms (Welcome Center has a map)
 - Middle School (6th, 7th, 8th grades) – Room 300 (upstairs in gym)
 - Senior High (9th – 12th grades) – Youth Room (upstairs NW corner of gym)
 - Adults – Room 200 (next to gym kitchen) – Acts
 - Adults – Room 201 (next to gym doors) – Discerning the Times
 - Adults – Room 400 (across from coffee area) – Foundations
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 2:00 PM GriefShare
- 6:00 PM All church Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 PM CBC Unashamed Youth (6th - 12th grades)

Monday – 12th

- 6:00 PM Men's Bible study – room 300
- 6:00 PM Women's Board meeting room 201
- 7:00 PM High School Study Group

Tuesday – 13th

- 6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200
- 6:00 AM Men's Bible study in person @ 318 N Jefferson or via Zoom
 - Contact Brent Dowling or John Strohmman
- 9:00 AM MOPS (Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
- 11:00 AM MOPS Toy Drive
- 6:30 PM BSF (Women's Bible Study Fellowship)

Wednesday – 14th

- 6:30 PM AWANA Christmas Dinner – Parents come have Christmas dinner with your clubber then spend the rest of the night participating in their Awana activities.

Thursday – 15th

- 7:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast – Gym kitchen & room 200
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – Room 400
- 6:30 PM Worship Team rehearsal in sanctuary.
- 7:00 PM Community Inc. 12:5 for college and career young adults – 811 N Madison Ave. Contact Gaye Granville with questions. 402.319.3171

Friday – 16th

- 6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 18 Packing SDWP Goodie Bags – 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service – One service at 5 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day service – One service at 10 am (No Sunday School)
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day service – One service at 10 am (No Sunday School)
- Jan. 8 Christmas decorations taken down – all hands are welcome!
- Jan 8 Harbinger Movie in sanctuary – more info to come

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE and we want to help you get connected and grow in your Christian walk. Please visit our Welcome Center to pick up a gift bag and ask for a brochure detailing various CBC ministries for all ages. A complete listing of our staff, ministries, and Sunday messages can be found at www.cbcpierre.org.

Nursery is provided during both services and Sunday School:

1st service	8:25 – end of service	infant – 3 years
During Sunday School	9:50 – end of class	infant – 3 years
2nd service	10:50 – end of service	infant – 3 years

NURSING MOTHERS are invited to use the Cry Room behind the kitchen in the coffee area.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

~ That Jesus is the Son of God who became a man to die for the sins of the whole world; He was raised from the dead and ascended back to heaven; He is coming again. (1 Cor 15: 1-8) ~ That the Bible is the inspired word of God and is the only authority for our faith (what we believe) and practice (how we are to live). (2 Tim 3:16) ~ That every person has worth as a creation of God, but that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Rom 3:23) ~ That forgiveness of sins, the promise of eternal life and an abundant life are available to those who believe that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord. (Jn 3:16) ~ That those accepting Christ shall repent of sin, confess faith, and be baptized into Him. (Rom 10:9; Acts 2:38) ~ That the Church exists to provide for the spiritual growth of the people and to see that the Gospel is preached to everyone. (Eph 4:1-16) ~ That Jesus Christ will one day return to earth and reign forever as King of kings and Lord of lords. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)



CBC has Wi-Fi Internet. The Welcome Center can provide connection information.



CBC provides Assistive Listening Devices. Check out a receiver at the Welcome Center.



2 AEDs available 1) West of Welcome Center 2) In the gym kitchen on west wall

DECEMBER 18TH VOLUNTEERS

Scripture	John Zimmerman		
1st Ushers	Chris Nelson Milt Burgeson	2nd Ushers	David Smith Greg Brusven
1st Welcome Center		2nd Welcome Center	Susan Sheppick
1st Greeters	Dan & Ann Propst Robert & Rachel Hettinger	2nd Greeters	Bob & Colette Reiners Rex & LeAnn Haskins
1st Nursery (Walker)	Jessica Duval Michelle Bland	2nd Nursery (Walker)	Deb Haberer Pam Templeton
SS Nursery (Walker)	Steve & Amy Kropp	2nd Nursery (Toddler)	
1st Sound	Kevin Espeland	2nd Sound	
1st Video	Virginia Brown	2nd Video	Mindy Sargent
1st Camera & Lights	Kody Kyriess	2nd Camera & Lights	Lewis Hofer
We thank you for your service to Community Bible Church!			

December 11, 2022
Worship Times
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

3rd Sunday in Advent*

Gather in Fellowship
Lighting of the Shepherd's Candle

1st – Sam Smith Family
2nd – Josh Gilkerson Family

Welcome
Call to Worship

Kevin Hofer, Elder

Scripture
Pastoral Prayer
Worship through Song

Luke 9:18–20 (p. 867)
Kevin Hofer, Elder

Joy to the World Sermon Series
Luke 2:22–38 (p. 857)

“Who Do You Say That He Is?”
Pastor Chance Sumner

Depart in Fellowship

An Elder is available in the Prayer Room at the end of the service to pray & serve.

**Please remain quiet prior to the worship service to allow others to pray & meditate.
Please remain in the sanctuary for the duration of the service to minimize distraction.

“FROM PULPIT & PAPER”

The Misery of Atheism

Comparing Christianity to its antithesis brings its glory into sharper focus. Atheism, the denial that God is real, serves as a wonderful example of what Christianity is not. Atheism is a dark abyss that leads to hell. Let’s briefly stare into the void to grow in our love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

If God is not real, nothing matters. All pain, suffering, and distress is ultimately meaningless. Without God, purpose remains an illusion and morality exists as a façade. There is no truth, beauty, or goodness. Human existence boils down to a failed experiment, guided and directed by matter, chance, and chaos. As Dostoyevsky explains in *The Brothers Karamazov*, “If there is no God, everything is permitted.” Virtue becomes sin, and sin becomes virtue. Meaning unravels. I cannot imagine a more miserable existence.

Atheism produces misery. Who would ever want to believe that!? On the other hand, Christianity produces hope. Who wouldn’t want to believe that!? The Christmas season is all about joy and gladness. Those qualities do not exist if God is not real, and yet we know they exist. How is it that we can have joy? Only through Christ, for He has come and saves us from the utter hopelessness that is atheism. Praise His holy name!

Pastor Chance

The Pierre Area Right to Life organization is launching a fundraising campaign in anticipation of abortion being added to the ballot in November 2024 to change the SD Constitution. The purpose of this campaign is to sway the 60% of the public who are fence-sitters on the abortion issue to becoming Pro-Life before that vote takes place by using visual images on billboards and local TV commercials. The 3-phase campaign is described in a nutshell in 3 TV commercials at www.humanfromdayone.com with a billboard image for each phase shown as well.

In chronological order the 3 phases are:

- (1) Conception is Day 1 of Your Life
 - We Believe ALL humans are Created Equal.
- (2) Every human life has value; and
- (3) Every human life should be protected.

Billboard signs and rentals, and TV commercials are quite costly, so your help in making the project a success would be appreciated. You may donate online at www.humanfromdayone.com but this requires a processing fee. An alternative way to contribute would be to send a check payable to “We Teach Think” designating Pierre, SD on the memo line. The mailing address is:

Angela Copenhaver, Founder & Exec. Director of WeTeachThink,
P.O. Box 80215, Lincoln, NE 68501.

