

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the 1st Sunday of each month, we have “NAME TAG SUNDAY,” where we ask everyone in attendance to wear a name tag. Help us to get to know you! Name tags are available at the end of each row. *Please keep sharpies away from children and in containers during the service.*

We encourage all children ages 4 and up to participate in singing a Christmas song for the call to worship on December 11, for both services. Practice times will be between the 1st service and the start of Sunday school TODAY. Contact Brenda Engbrecht with questions.

Showers of Blessings! We would like to welcome to our congregation:

◆ Arthur Dirk Schoonhoven, son of Timothy & Anika Schoonhoven, and brother to Hendrik
Please help us welcome him by placing any cards or gifts on the umbrella shower table.

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 Missions Committee will meet Monday, December 5th at 7 pm in room 400.

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.

Kelly House Christmas Service Project: Join CBC Women's Ministry on Saturday, December 10th during Coffee, Christmas Cookies & Connections (see insert) for a Service Project to benefit Kelly House. Coffee, Christmas Cookies & Connections will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the CBC Coffee Area. All requested items need to be at the church by Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 am. Our Service Project will be packing Christmas Gift Bags for the 12 residents. we are collecting toiletry items and a personal gift for each resident. Sign up here to help provide items <https://tinyurl.com/WMKHSP>
Residents will receive gifts at their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14th from 12:00-3:00pm. Please consider signing up to bring Christmas cookies, toiletry items or a personal item for the residents. Women are invited to attend the Kelly House Christmas Party if they wish. Glenys Holter's daughter is the director of Kelly House. We hope you join us! Women's Ministry will be providing Coffee, Hot Cocoa and Christmas Cookies during this time of fellowship, conversation & service.

The musical group Surprise Package will perform its annual **Christmas Concerts** at 7 PM on Friday, December 16th and 2:30 PM on Saturday, December 17th at Trinity Episcopal Church, 408 N Jefferson Avenue, Pierre. The concerts feature sacred and traditional Christmas music. There will be a free will offering but admission is free.

THIS WEEK AT CBC

Sunday – 4th

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
12:15 PM Quarterly Congregational Meeting and Potluck – after 2nd service
2:00 PM GriefShare
6:00 PM Women's Prayer Time in sanctuary
6:00 PM CBC Unashamed Youth (6th - 12th grades)

Monday – 5th

6:00 PM Men's Bible study – room 300
7:00 PM High School Study Group
7:00 PM Missions Committee meets – room 400

Tuesday – 6th

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 Strohman
6:30 PM BSF (Women's Bible Study Fellowship)
7:00 PM Joint meeting of Elders and Deacons – room 202
8:00 PM Elder meeting in room 202 – Contact an Elder to be added to the agenda
8:00 PM Deacon meeting in room 201 – Contact a Deacon to be added to the agenda

Wednesday – 7th

6:30 PM Awana – Silent Night, Holy Night!

Thursday – 8th

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 – 9th

6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200

Saturday – 10th

6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 11 All church Prayer Meeting
Dec. 13 MOPS Toy Drive
Dec. 18 Packing SDWP Goodie Bags – 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service – 5pm
Dec. 25 Christmas Day service – One service at 10 am (No Sunday School)

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 11TH VOLUNTEERS

Scripture	Kevin Hofer		
1st Ushers	Bob Hofer Jim Van Camp	2nd Ushers	Marc Scarborough Mark Anderson
1st Welcome Center	Rachel Hettinger	2nd Welcome Center	
1st Greeters	Paul & Tia Hertel Tom & Laurel Wempe	2nd Greeters	Derek & Stephanie Todd
1st Nursery (Walker)	Lisa Nold	2nd Nursery (Walker)	
SS Nursery (Walker)	Bob & Abby Jeffries	2nd Nursery (Toddler)	Janae & Jada Burkhead
1st Sound	Kevin Espeland	2nd Sound	Cody Lorenz
1st Video	Virginia Brown	2nd Video	Boyd Wallace
1st Camera & Lights		2nd Camera & Lights	Fabricio Rodrigues
We thank you for your service to Community Bible Church!			

**December 4, 2022
Worship Times
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

2nd Sunday in Advent*

Gather in Fellowship
Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle

1st – Rick Vallery Family
2nd – Kevin Roark Family

Welcome
Call to Worship

Kim Kahler, Elder

Scripture
Pastoral Prayer
Worship through Song

Joel 2:21–27 (p. 762)
Kim Kahler, Elder

Joy to the World Sermon Series
Matt 1:1–17 (p. 808)

“Christ’s Dysfunctional Family”
Pastor Chance Sumner

Communion
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”

Canary in a Coal Mine

Doctrinal devolution does not happen all at once. Rather, it is a slow process. There can be a certain order to it. When people shift away from a Christian worldview, they tend to first dispose of the idea that the Bible is entirely truthful—biblical inerrancy. From that position of rejecting biblical truth, it’s only a small step to other perverse beliefs like, “Premarital sex can’t be *that* bad.”

Biblical inerrancy functions like a “canary in a coal mine.” This idiom refers to a certain coal mining practice. Miners used to take caged canaries (small birds) into the coal mines. These birds are highly sensitive to harmful gases, more so than humans. If the canary died, that meant that dangerous gases were present, and so the miners would immediately exit the mine. The canary served as an early warning sign of imminent danger. That’s how biblical inerrancy functions. It’s a canary in the coal mine for Christian theology.

Paul tells Timothy in 1 Tim 4:16 to persist in keeping a close watch on his doctrine. Like Timothy, we too need to keep a close watch on our doctrine—specifically, on what we believe regarding the truthfulness of Scripture. It’s our canary in the coal mine. Keep it safe. Never let go of the conviction of the belief that the Bible is the *very* Word of God.

Pastor Chance

