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# God Working at CSC



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



In 2 Tim. 2, Paul tells Timothy to “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

We are blessed as a church to have staff and volunteers who not only pray but also teach Scripture faithfully. As we lean into Him by faith, God continues to bless and grow our church, and this report will show you just a portion of what He has been doing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This coming year, as I prepare to transition away from the role of senior pastor at CSC, I am grateful that God has supplied all we need, including our senior leadership team and our leadership team and staff who under Christ are passionate and capable of continuing to lead our church in the way of Christ.

I am also looking forward to the ministry God has for me, including continuing to preach and act as an ambassador for CSC, inviting people into the mission God has given us. There is no retirement from the Christian life, and I hope to be ministering among you for years to come, as God guides and provides.

I love being your senior pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Schorr'.

Pastor Henry Schorr

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As a Board of Governors, we stand in awe of all that God is doing at Centre Street Church. This year saw people being introduced to Jesus (386 people made first time commitments this year!) and becoming more devoted to Him (256 baptism, too!) These things – along with the many, many other ways God has blessed us – are the result of leaders, staff and volunteers responding to the call that God has placed on us.

We are also grateful for the more than 45 years of faithful ministry of Pastor Henry. As he prepares to transition out of his work as senior pastor, it is the board’s responsibility to pursue God’s direction about who our next senior pastor should be. We are engaging this task prayerfully, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and His leadership. We ask that you be praying for this important task and process. Visit [cscchurch.ca/leadership](https://cscchurch.ca/leadership) for the latest on the senior pastor transition.

In the meantime, we know that we have a passionate and experienced senior leadership team, a dedicated staff and devoted volunteers who are responding the Holy Spirit in accomplishing the mission He has called us to.

CSC Board of Governors

# PURSUE GOD

We pursue intimacy with God, and as we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our ability to hear and obey God.

- 44** Number of children who made decisions for Christ at CSCamps in 2025
- 10,690** Average in-person and online attendance per weekend
- 230** Estimated number of people who made a first time commitment to Jesus.

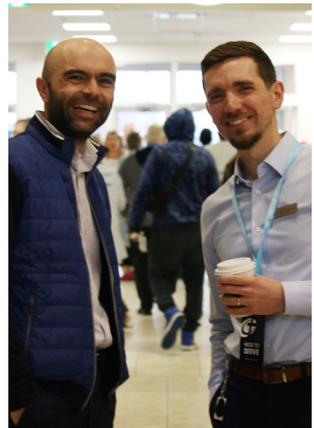
This year, we conducted a congregational survey that helped us understand how we, as a church, are doing on our five pursuits.

**74%**

of respondents who said they intentionally set aside time with God in prayer three times a week or more

**65%**

of respondents who said they read their Bibles three times a week or more



## PURSUE GOD

"My life has been completely changes since I really accepted Christ," says radio personality and voice actor Roger Rhodes. "I express love easier, I'm happier, and I enjoy helping and caring for people more."

Roger is talking about how Jesus met him in the midst of a terminal cancer diagnosis. "My world just stopped," he says. "What do I do? What more? I mean, more importantly, what about my family, my wife, my daughter, her husband? I kind of felt like I was ruining my family." But as Roger dove deeper into scripture and his relationship with Jesus, he found transformation. He ends his story with an invitation; "We just have to rest in His finished work on the cross and rely on His grace."

We pursue God through taking the time to pray and read our Bibles, and by gathering with other people to worship, pray, learn and serve. Each month, we gather together for our Prayer Summits, which give us the chance to pray together. We also offer classes like Encounter God and Hearing God's Voice to provide opportunities to listen and respond to the Holy Spirit.

Pursuing God is not all about classes or programs. We pursue God through conversations with friends, in large worship services and in small prayer gatherings. We pursue God in personal prayer and reading of scripture and in gathering together to learn about the Bible or to serve others.

God rewards those who diligently seek Him. As we do so, we find that we can rest in His finished work and rely on His grace.

**Watch Roger talk about his story**



## PURSUING RELATIONSHIPS

We pursue disciple-making relationships to support, equip and challenge one another to live the way of Christ. Our relationships with one another encourage us and build our faith.

**256**  
**2808**  
**820**

**Baptisms**

**Average number of adults attending missional communities and groups per month**

**Average weekly attendance at weekend Children's Ministry**

**76%** of respondents to the congregational survey who said sharing life in community was either "Very Valuable" or "Essential"

Relationships are not always easy. Even the ones that are most important to us can be affected by past wounds and current conflicts.

Grace shared vulnerably about relationships during our 2024 summer sermon series *Beneath the Surface*. "In October, 2023, I had a major blowout with my son and his girlfriend, which led to our estrangement. They did things I felt were awful and I responded by yelling some terrible things back," she confesses.

Grace was a group facilitator in Centre Street Church's Freedom Session program, and she wondered if she should quit, but another leader challenged her to follow the Freedom Session process, which involved acknowledging her feelings, taking responsibility for her part in the conflict, and ultimately offering forgiveness for the hurt she had experienced. Over time, she was able to re-establish a connection with her son and hear him say that he loved her.

"God is so good," she concludes.

Grace found help and support for relational healing through Freedom Session, but relationships can be built through a cup of coffee with a friend, or by serving alongside a team at the Centre for the City. They happen when we sing together in a choir, or when we tell a story in Children's Ministries. The important thing is that our relationships point us and others to Christ.

CSC pursues relationships by providing one-on-one discipleship, where two people can explore their relationship with Jesus together, or Alpha, conversations about life and faith happen in a context of hospitality. The invitation to relationship is available to everyone who is willing to accept it.

**Watch Grace's story**



## PURSUE MISSION

As individuals and as a church, we seek to introduce people to Jesus.

**30,242**

**Number of meals served through the Well Café, box lunches and hampers**

**30**

**Number of Youth in Leadership Development**

**43**

**Global Workers**

**18**

**Partner Agencies**

**140**

**Church partners and church plants**

Trent Eaglespeaker is a member of one of Canada's First Nations who shared his story of joy with us this Christmas. "I grew up on the streets, learning to fight, learning to steal. I also learned to hide from people and from white vehicles of any kind since they were the ones that took me to residential school. I didn't hide well enough because I ended up at one of those schools," he says.

After residential school, Trent found himself on the street, sleeping rough. "I slept anywhere I could; in bank lobbies, on park benches, and in shelters. One night, as I lay there in a shelter, I saw people crying, yelling, and fighting. I thought, is this hell?" Eventually, Trent found affordable housing near Central Campus. He began to visit and found healing through Men's Ministry. He then got involved in community at the Well Café in the Centre for the City.

The Centre for the City, which includes ministry to those experiencing poverty and to newcomers to Canada, is just one way we pursue ministry at CSC. We support mission trips in Calgary and abroad, organize Monday Night Evangelism to reach out to all parts of our city, and through summer camps and athletic events in Children's Ministries and Crossover Sports.

Trent is now one of the people pursuing mission at Centre Street Church. "I'm grateful that God is using me to lead people to him," he says. "People come up to me and tell me, Trent, I'm going to church because of you."

**See Trent's story**



Learn more about the Centre for the City at [cchurch.ca/cffc](http://cchurch.ca/cffc)



**\$15.8 m**

**\$2.8m**

**4879**

**344/mth**

**2353**

We pursue generosity locally, nationally, and internationally. We joyfully surrender our resources and demonstrate the love of Jesus.

**City and global mission giving**

**Build capital development fund giving in 2024-2025**

**Number of people who contributed to our mission**

**Average number of people serve through ministry programs for new Canadians**

**Average number of people serving each month**

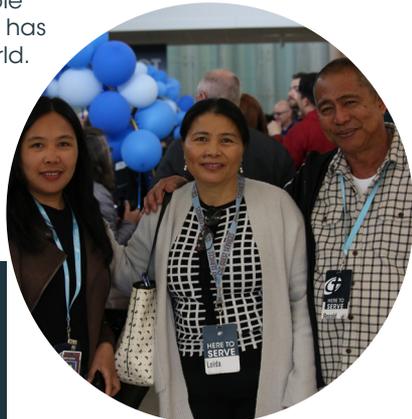
This past year was one of celebration, as we thanked God for His provision in allowing us to complete payment for the projects included in our seven year Build campaign, which included the construction of a building for our Bearspaw Campus, and nearly 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> expansion at Central Campus, along with improvements at Bridgeland, Airdrie and South campuses.

This milestone was made possible by God working through the generosity of His people. One anonymous couple shared a bit about their giving journey. "We felt called outside of our comfort zone, giving out of faith, not just budgeting. While budgeting felt natural, we wanted a supernatural experience," they shared. "After weeks of prayer, we set a challenging pledge without knowing how we'd meet it." God blessed them, increasing their business and allowing them to meet the commitments they had made.

Generosity can show up in places other than finances. We can be generous with our time by serving others in Disability Ministry, or by volunteering in the café, or by offering our services in helping maintain our facilities. We can also be generous with our homes, offering hospitality to people who need a friend. The impact is not just local – God has also enabled us to pursue generosity around the world. We've been able to support project in Ukraine, Mexico, South Africa, India, and here in Canada.

Ultimately, the glory goes to God. As our anonymous couple shared, "God expands our capacity when we give out of poverty, proving his faithfulness."

Learn more about generosity and our Build journey, watch the Build Celebration video:



## PURSUE SIMPLICITY

We live simply to have the time to hear God and the resources to accomplish the vision and mission He has called us to.

**48%**

**of respondents to the congregational survey said they take time for rest and to connect with God each week (Sabbath)**

**30%**

**of respondents said they have a lot of time or are highly focused on pursuing the mission God has called them to**

In the great commission found in Matthew 28, Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey Christ. This is the beating heart of what it means to be the people of God, and it is the reason that it's our mission to introduce people to Jesus and help them become His devoted followers.

In a culture that is full of distractions, it can be easy to lose track of this mission. Work, entertainment, even family, can begin to fill up every available space in our lives, leaving little time for making disciples of others and maybe even leaving little time to be disciples ourselves.

Simplicity is about having the focus and clarity needed to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the mission He gave us. It means asking ourselves questions about how we're spending our time, how we're using our resources, and how we're ordering our priorities to make sure that they're aligned with what God is inviting us into.

Ultimately, staying focused on God's mission brings glory to Christ and builds the church. It reminds us that our calling is not about our own success, but about obedience to the One who has sent us.



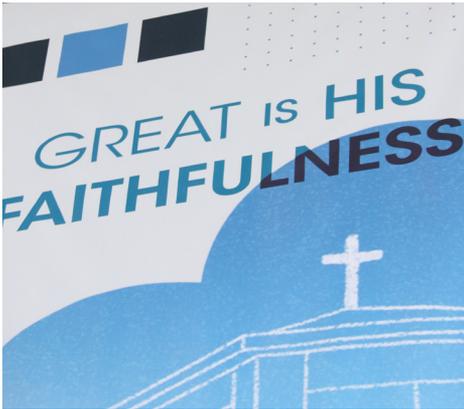
# GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS

## CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

God has continually provided the facilities and resources needed to fulfill our mission effectively. By March 2025, we officially completed our first financial goal to BUILD more room for Him, totaling \$25.5 million over seven years! What an incredible feat – especially considering the challenging economic times we faced. In May, we celebrated God’s faithfulness in allowing us to complete payment for these projects.

God is preparing us for the next phase! He answered our prayers and gave us an additional building in the Lakeview area that is going to make a great new home for our South Campus! Renovations to the roof, electrical systems, accessibility features and more are going to cost about \$2 million.

Please be praying about what God might be asking you to give on our ongoing BUILD journey.



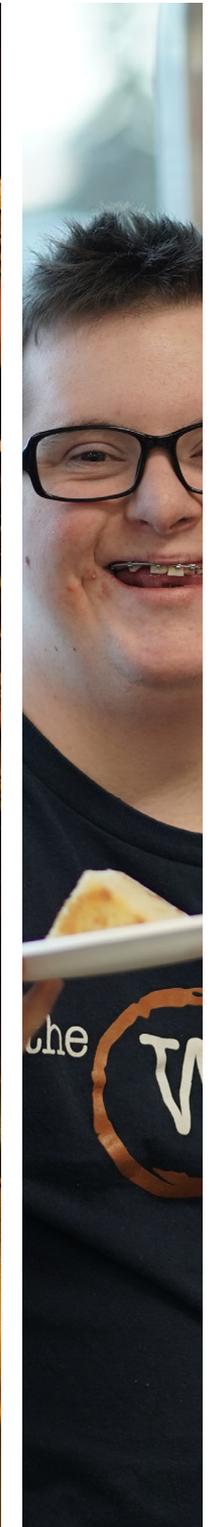
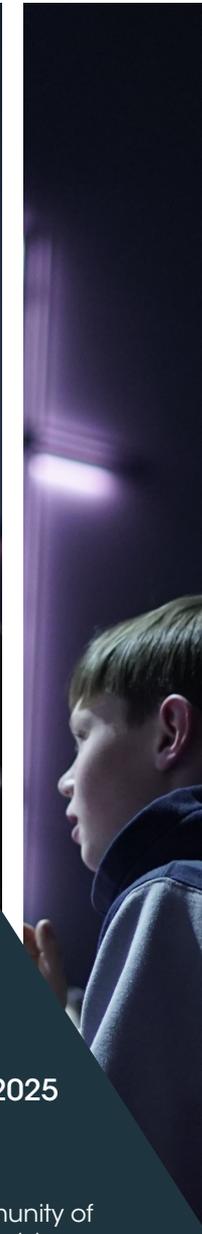
## SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION

After 45 years of ministry at Centre Street Church, Pastor Henry Schorr announced his intention to step away from his role as senior pastor. Pastor Henry is not retiring, and we expect we will continue to benefit from his presence and preaching for years to come, as God leads and provides.

Please be praying for the process of discerning God's choice for the next senior pastor of CSC. The Pastoral Search Committee will be praying and working to find the right person to nominate, and the Board of Governors will make the final decision about who to call.

You can learn more and find the latest updates at [cchurch.ca/leadership](https://cchurch.ca/leadership).





## Centre Street Church Ministry Report, 2024-2025

### Our Vision

Centre Street Church is a Biblically functioning community of fully devoted followers of Christ committed to accomplishing God's redemptive purposes in the world.

### Our Mission

Centre Street Church exists to introduce people to Jesus and to help them become His devoted followers.