

CBC Annual Report 2024
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Personal

I can't believe it has already been a year! My family and I are so thankful to be here in Pierre and part of CBC. The best part is building new relationships with such wonderful people. God is working in so many ways here and it is a joy to be a part of what He is doing. This year I have experienced the truth that as Christians, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Whether we are in Montana or in South Dakota, God is at work everywhere and we are to be willing to go wherever He calls us. In case you are wondering what all I do here as associate pastor, here is a summary of what I have been working on since we arrived:

Worship Ministry

The most visible area would be the worship ministry. Pam and I have enjoyed serving together throughout the years, so this ministry is close to our hearts. Since we came, we have seen more people get involved, whether singing or playing. The goal is to make worship both a celebration of who God is and what He is doing, as well as a call to a deeper devotion for Christ. We attempt to fit the songs to the message of the sermon so that the music becomes a part of what God is teaching us as a Church.

Along with worship, there was a need to update computers in the sound room for graphics and streaming. I was privileged to help in this area this past year. God has blessed us with the resources to have quality equipment for presenting God's Word.

My wife, Pam, started a choir that is preparing for Christmas. The choir also involves even more in serving our Savior through worship.

Teaching/Mentoring Ministry

I have really enjoyed coming alongside Pastor Chance as his associate pastor. Over the years I have served in many ways in the local church, one of which was senior pastor, and it is an honor to share some of my experiences with him. I think we make a pretty good team, if I do say so myself! We are blessed to have such a pastor, for the more I know him, the more I see Christ in him, and working through him.

God has called me both to lead worship and teach. Last year I taught a Sunday school class for adults on eschatology, which was well received. I have taught a class for newcomers as well. My other teaching responsibilities is to fill in for Pastor Chance when he is on vacation or unable to preach on a particular Sunday. I count it a privilege every time I have an opportunity to teach the Word and share the gospel of Christ.

One of my passions is to see men and women equipped to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12). In visiting with Pastor Chance, it became clear that the timing was right to begin a Bible Institute at CBC, particularly for men, to equip them to lead with a solid theological foundation. So, CBC Institute of Theology was begun in the Spring of 2023 with Pastor Chance and me as instructors. The first class was on spiritual leadership and now we are surveying through theology 101.

Children/Youth Ministry

Another need that became apparent was help with youth ministry. Since I was a youth pastor before, I felt that I could lead a Sunday night youth group. Several parents along with Pam and I put on a youth group kickoff at Korkow Ranch this August and are having regular Sunday night youth group meetings. Investing in youth ministry is such an important part of any church that takes seriously its purpose which is to make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-19). Finally, I am also serving at AWANA in whatever area that is needed.

Pam and I feel blessed to be welcomed into the CBC family, and it is a joy to serve as associate pastor here. Thanks for making these "Newbies" feel so welcome!

God Bless, Pastor Phil