

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 ask for help with 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	8:20 – 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Scripture	Phil Newby		
1 st Ushers	Greg Brusven Shane Bland	2 nd Ushers	
1 st Welcome Center		2 nd Welcome Center	
1 st Greeters	Daniel & Sandy Mosteller Janet Kahler Sheyna Fischer	2 nd Greeters	Colin & Sara Ogan
1 st Nursery (Walker)	Lisa Nold Sheryl Hall	2 nd Nursery (Walker)	
SS Nursery (Walker)	Brianna Sargent Trish Sargent	2 nd Nursery (Toddler)	Mary Ellen Hilton
1 st Sound		2 nd Sound	Rory Fischer
1 st Graphics		2 nd Graphics	
1 st Livestream & Lights		2 nd Livestream & Lights	

We thank you for your service to Community Bible Church!

December 29, 2024
Worship Times
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Gather in Fellowship
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship

Pastor Phil Newby
 Worship Team

Scripture Reading
 Pastoral Prayer

Gal 5:16–26 (p.975)
 Kim Kahler, Elder

Zealous For Good Works
 "Demystifying the Ghost"

Titus 3:5–6 (p.999)
 Pastor Chance Sumner

Response in Worship
 Depart in Fellowship

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

“MEMBER SPOTLIGHT”

“Top Theology Event of 2024”

As we close the year, let’s reflect on this question: What event best demonstrated the Sovereign Hand of the Almighty Triune God? My answer is the attempted assassination of Donald Trump in Pennsylvania. I say this for three reasons: publicity, consequence, and margin of survival. Regarding its public nature, anyone who has access to the internet can witness these events unfold. In terms of consequence, imagine if had he been killed. What would our beloved county look like right now? The thought alone is chilling. Finally, in terms of how close Trump came to dying, he literally got shot in the ear. I’m no scientist, but I know that the distance between his ear and his skull is extremely small—a hair’s breadth. At a critical moment, Trump turned his head, and his life was spared.

Why did the President-elect dodge the bullet? It’s unchristian to dismiss it as mere randomness or to say, “We don’t know.” No, we do know, for the Bible tells us so. This is the answer: God ordained this to happen. Scripture is clear that everything, from the minute to the monumental, happens according to God’s divine will. As King Nebuchadnezzar confesses that God “does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand or say to Him, ‘What have you done?’” (Dan 4:35).

In saying that the LORD preserved Trump’s life, I am not saying that I (nor anyone else) knows the ultimate reason why. The short-term reason is that Trump would win the election on November 4, but beyond that we do not know. Time will reveal the purpose God has for the President-elect. Nor am I saying that God’s preservation of Trump’s life means that Trump is a Christian. Trump’s eternal destination is irrelevant to my point, since Yahweh uses both righteous (2 Kings 18:4) and pagan rulers (Isa 45:1). I am simply affirming that what we saw had God’s fingerprints all over it.

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Writing about our Nation’s Civil War and Abraham Lincoln’s subsequent assassination, theologian Charles Hodge (1797–1878) wrote this about what he observed,

“No Christian can look upon the events of the last four years without being deeply impressed with the conviction that they have been ordered by God to produce great and lasting changes in the state of the country, and probably of the world. Few periods of equal extent in the history of our race are likely to prove more influential in controlling the destinies of men. Standing, as we now do, at the close of one stage at least of this great epoch, it becomes us to look back and to look around us, that we may in some measure understand what God has wrought.”

These observations resonate with our current situation. Our Nation has seen tumult in the last four years that, left unchecked, could have torn the USA apart. The assassination of the President-elect would have accelerated the tumult, but the Triune God preserved Trump’s life. While we wait to see what God has in store for us in 2025 and beyond, we proclaim with Nebuchadnezzar that the LORD’s “dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation” (Dan 4:34). Praise His holy name!

Pastor Chance Sumner

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gentlemen of Tuesday Men's Bible Study (In room 200)

& Ladies of Tuesday Night BSF: We pray that you have had a blessed holiday season. Both the men & the women will not be meeting on December 31st. They will resume meeting on January 7th, 2025. God bless.

HEY MEN! Tuesday group that meets at 6:00AM (both on-line via Zoom, & at a home). On Tuesday January 7th, 2025, we will begin studying Scripture & an excellent book on essential Christian beliefs. It is written by the renowned Dr. Wayne Grudem. The book is titled "*Christian Beliefs - 20 Basics Every Christian Should Know*". Whether you are a young believer or seasoned saint, this study will leave you built-up, encouraged, refocused & not confused! Contact either John Strohmman 605-280-2780 or Brent Dowling 605-280-6564 for more details.



Parents of young children: Both the Walker & Toddler Nurseries will NOT be staffed today.

At 2:00PM on January 5th the Christmas decorations will be taken down. Please consider coming to help. We will meet in the sanctuary.



THIS WEEK AT CBC

Sunday – 29th

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–8th grades) – Room 300 (upstairs in gym)
High School (9th–12th grades) – Youth Room (NW upstairs corner of gym)
Adults – Room 200 (Next to Gym Kitchen) – Ray Vander Laan's Discipleship Study
Adults – Room 201 (Next to Gym doors) – Ephesians
11:00 AM Worship Service.
2:00 PM GriefShare support group – Room 200
4:00 PM Women's Prayer Meeting Sanctuary Prayer Room
6:00 PM One2One Youth (6th–12th grades)

Monday – 30th

6:00 PM Men's Bible study – Room 200 – Contact Mark Anderson (605-281-1263)

Tuesday – 31st

6:00 AM NO Men's Bible study – Room 200 (Will resume January 7th, 2025)
6:30 PM NO BSF (Women's Bible Study Fellowship) (Will resume January 7th, 2025)

Wednesday – 1st New Years Day! (Offices will be closed)

6:30 PM NO AWANA! (Will resume January 8th 2025)
Pre-K through High School Kids Ministry – cbcpierre.org/awana

Thursday – 2nd

9:30 AM No Women's Bible Study – Room 400 (Will resume January 9th, 2025)
6:30 PM Worship Team rehearsal in sanctuary – Contact Pastor Phil Newby
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 – 3rd

6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200 – Contact Scott Granville (605-280-3330)

Looking Ahead

Jan. 5th 2:00PM – Take down Christmas decorations (All are welcomed to help)
• Contact one of the Deacons or ladies in Women's Ministry.