

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The year has been different for all of us, including the South Dakota Women's Prison. A place where contact with the "outside world" is limited, has been even more so this year: No visits from family or friends since March, No volunteers going into the prison for Church Services or Bible Studies, No Groups coming in to sing Christmas Songs. However, we were recently given permission for the women to receive the annual Christmas Goodie Bag filled with treats and the message of hope--The Gospel! **Because of Covid, we are asking for monetary gifts only, which can be given through the church by indicating "Goodie Bags" in the memo or on the envelope.** Also, due to Covid, we will not be filling the bags in a large group in the gym as we normally have done in the past. Thank you so much for remembering these women and for praying for them!



### CHANGE OF DATE!

#### **Join us December 16<sup>th</sup> for All-Church Christmas Caroling!**

We will have traditional Christmas Caroling in several neighborhoods. Help us spread joy and hope in the community! **Meet at 6pm in the FLC gym** and we will head out from there.



**VBS Director for 2021!** Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. We need to start planning and ordering materials now! Contact Jenn Oedekoven.



#### **Did you know that CBC has an email prayer chain available?**

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, email the church at [office@cbcpierre.org](mailto:office@cbcpierre.org) requesting to be added. The office must have an email on file before adding your address to the contact list. A confirmation email will be sent back with instructions about how to send a prayer request that will be forwarded to all prayer chain contacts.

## THIS WEEK AT CBC

### **Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Worship service  
10:00 AM Bible Hour: 3 yrs. – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in classrooms (Welcome Center has a map)  
**Middle School** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades) – Room 300  
**Senior High** (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Room 200  
**Adults – Youth Room** (upstairs) – Jude – Women's Study  
**Adults** – Room 400 – Exploring Christianity  
**Adults – Sanctuary** – Dust to Glory  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM CBC Unashamed Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Youth Progressive Dinner

### **Monday – 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM Women's Board meeting  
7:00 PM High School Study Group meets in coffee area

### **Tuesday – 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)  
7:00 PM Elder Board Meeting – Contact an Elder to get on the agenda

### **Wednesday – 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM All Church Caroling – see announcement  
6:30 PM No Awana – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Thursday – 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 AM Youth Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 AM Women's Bible Study in 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) Contact Gaye Granville with questions. 402.319.3171

### **Friday – 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 AM Men's Bible study – Room 200  
8:10 AM Moms In Prayer (for all Pierre schools) – *Resumes January 15<sup>th</sup>*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services – 5 & 6:15 pm  
Jan. 5 BSF starts second semester – see insert for more details  
Jan. 10 Take down Christmas decorations

# 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](http://www.cbcpierre.org).

**NURSERY:** Nursery is not being provided at this time. Parents are welcome to take children to room 400 (next to the restrooms) to sit with them. Parents will provide their own toys, books, etc. for children to use. The service can be viewed on the TV in that room.

**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 Thes 4:13-18)



**CBC has WiFi Internet.** The Welcome Center can provide connection information.



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



**AED available** in the old kitchen by the offices

## DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTEERS

Scripture	Joel Jundt	SS Nursery	Not currently available.
1 <sup>st</sup> Ushers	Shane Bland	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ushers	
1 <sup>st</sup> Welcome Center		2 <sup>nd</sup> Welcome Center	
1 <sup>st</sup> Greeters		2 <sup>nd</sup> Greeters	David & Paula Smith
1 <sup>st</sup> Nursery	Not currently available.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nursery	Not currently available.
1 <sup>st</sup> Sound	Virginia Hanson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sound	Cody Lorenz
1 <sup>st</sup> Video	Virginia Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Video	Boyd Wallace
1 <sup>st</sup> Camera & Lights		2 <sup>nd</sup> Camera & Lights	

We thank you for your service to Community Bible Church!

**December 13, 2020**  
**Worship Times**  
**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

### Worship Today\*

Gather in Fellowship  
Welcome  
Lighting of the Advent Candle

Pastor Jesse Sternke  
1<sup>st</sup> – Rick Vallery Family  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Chance Sumner Family

Call to Worship  
Cross Centered Missions Update

Scripture  
Pastoral Prayer  
Worship through Song

Luke 1:26-38 (p. 855)  
Rick Bauer

Worship through the Word  
Luke 1:30-33 (p. 855)

“And He Will Reign”  
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.

*\*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”

I enjoy reading theological maxims – short, concise, and powerful statements regarding God’s truth. Scripture presents several of these. Take, for example, what Paul says in 1 Thess 5:16–18, “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.” That’s a powerful and succinct way to describe the Christian life. How should Christians live? Just obey those three verses, and you’ll be well on your way.

These maxims exist outside of Scripture, too. Throughout Christian history, numerous Christians have written theological maxims. Here’s one that I really like, and that I’d like you to reflect on. It is said to come from William Carey, an important and now-deceased Baptist missionary. It goes like this, “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” Let’s break it down.

The first statement – “expect great things from God” – refers to the believer’s faith regarding the power of God. Christians underestimate the power of God. Too often we don’t expect great things from God. Rather, we expect the same old, same old. We have a ho-hum faith. Scripture doesn’t present a ho-hum God. Rather, God is “able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Eph 1:19). Incredible! God’s power is unimaginably great.

The second statement – “attempt great things for God” – refers to the believer’s efforts in light of God’s unimaginable power. When we truly grasp who God is – His infinite grace, mercy, kindness, gentleness, power, righteousness, and truth – our lives won’t remain the same. Our effort for God should correspond to who God is. Because God is God, we must live our lives with tremendous energy and effort for Him, attempting to conquer the world for His sake.

As we close out 2020 and plan for 2021, remember this maxim. Pray for God to reveal to you His unimaginable power. Do not be content with half-hearted works for God. Do great things for God next year. Do all that you can for Him. Step out in faith, knowing that God is unimaginably great. In 2021, expect and attempt great things from God.

Pastor Chance



### Pierre Area Women’s Group

**Verse by verse, we approach the Bible as God's Truth, to be studied, savored, and lived out.**

**Join second semester!**

**When:** Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm  
January 5 - May 11, 2021

**Where:** Community Bible Church

**Study:** Genesis: In Genesis, we discover God as Creator and ourselves as His image bearers.

Want more information or to enroll in class?

**Sign up at Welcome Center**

Group leaders (contact info at welcome center)

Amanda Roark

Sara Ogan

Mattie Weaver

More information about BSF at [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org)