

CHRIST AT THE CENTRE



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#### OUR VISION

Centre Street Church will be 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 fully devoted followers of Jesus.

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## 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.

814 Prayer gatherings

819 Average number of children attending Children's Ministries per week

8,873 Average in-person and online attendance per weekend

Baptisms 85

Average number of adults attending missional communities and groups per month 2,805

Number of people who attended 2023 Leaders Gathering 566

## PURSUE RELATIONSHIP

We pursue disciple-making relationships to support, equip and challenge one another to live the way of Christ (an UP-IN-OUT life).

## PURSUE MISSION

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

821 Average number of people per month who attended Compassion Ministries Well Cafe

282 Children attended CSCamps this summer with 28 decisions for Christ

249 Decisions for Christ

46 Global workers

28 Partner agencies

225 Church Partners & Church Plants

Average number of people attending New Canadian ministry programs per month 195

Average volunteers each month 1,524

Boxed lunches and food hampers distributed 6,598

### BUILD more room for God

BUILD Capital Development Fund Giving to July 2023 20.9M

Remaining towards our current goal of 9.8M 4.6M

## PURSUE GENEROSITY

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

## PURSUE SIMPLICITY

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

Prayer: Lord, are there ways you are inviting me into simplicity? Are there things in my life that You are asking me to release so that I am free to follow Your plan? Is there something You are asking me to do so that Your kingdom can advance?  
I thank You that You're the God of generosity - help me to enjoy the good gifts that you have given me and to share those things with the people around me.  
In Jesus' name, amen.

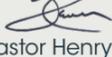
## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR AND BOARD

In Hebrews 12 we are instructed to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." At CSC, our mission is to introduce people to Jesus and help them become His devoted followers, but the world around us offers many distractions. If you take a moment to reflect, it likely won't take you very long to come up with three or four things that, in your weaker moments, might divert you from your focus on Christ and His calling for our lives. The church is important because, through its ministry, we are encouraged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and challenged to prayerfully consider whom we could invite to run the race with us.

As we pray for God's guidance and together lean into our mission, God moves. This year, we will be establishing "Come and See" weekends on the first weekend of every month. These will provide an opportunity for all of us to invite those we know and care about to CSC, people who have questions about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus. I am convinced that as we increase our focus on and prayer for our neighbours, friends and family, we will see God's life-changing power at work in even greater ways in our lives and in the lives of others.

Thank you for faithfully praying, serving and giving toward the mission God has called us to as a church. In the proper time we will reap a good harvest for our efforts (Gal. 6:9).

I love being your senior pastor,



Pastor Henry Schorr

As a board of governors, our goal is to see Christ lifted up at Centre Street Church and, through our church, in the Calgary area and around the world. We have seen Christ honoured and lifted up in the many ministries that have provided opportunities for people to encounter Him and have their lives changed by Him. We have been encouraged by the progress on our BUILD project at Central Campus and are looking forward to the grand opening in the coming months. Our prayer is that everyone at CSC would bear fruit in every good work and increase in the knowledge of God.  
CSC Board of Governors.



Our desire is that everything that happens at the five campuses of Centre Street Church – every moment of prayer, every note of music, every word of teaching – would encourage people as they pursue God. We pursue God during our large weekend worship services, in our small missional communities across the Calgary region, in triumphant Christmas productions and in quiet moments of prayer.

God is moving. A highlight of the year was the opportunity to host The 6:7 Awakening prayer conference. This event caused pastors and church leaders from diverse backgrounds, diverse denominations and diverse perspectives to unite as one in their pursuit of the face of God in prayer. This powerful event held special meaning for one participant, who said, "The conference in May was life changing for both my wife and me. We had been struggling within our marriage and were having a tough time communicating. For some unknown reason, I seemed unable to share what I was truly feeling. During the Wednesday night session God started to work in my heart. After the session some pastors started to pray with me and for me. God showed up and broke through some of the major walls that had built up in my life. God revealed to me that even though my life before Jesus was really bad, that didn't mean I couldn't experience all of the goodness he had for me. The following day my wife and I left on a trip for our wedding anniversary, during that trip God continued to work in my heart and fully restore our relationship!"



Learn more about the impact of The 6:7 Awakening



"It's been awesomely overwhelming to see how this group of girls has grown so massively from grade seven to grade nine," says Janet, a volunteer leader in Youth Ministry. "These girls are opening up to friends about the power of their faith. They invite friends to youth, one girl started a Bible study at her school, and over half of them serve in Children's ministry, so they're building relationships with people younger than themselves."

"Jesus said, 'Come and see' and He invited people to and see where He was living, and because of that simple invitation, their lives were changed forever," says Laurie-Lynn, as she reflects on how powerful a simple invitation can be. Laurie-Lynn and her husband David felt challenged to ask the people around them to join them at Alpha or small groups or, most important, on the path to follow Jesus. "I just can't say enough about the joy you get when someone else starts to follow Jesus," Laurie-Lynn says.

From serving those affected by the war in Ukraine through our partner agencies to supporting new Canadians in Calgary and area, from missions trips in Canada and around the world to sharing the gospel in the streets and alleys of Calgary through Monday Night Evangelism, the people of Centre Street Church are seriously taking up the mission to introduce people to Jesus and show God's love to the world.

The work of mission is absolutely worthwhile. As David says, "It can be kind of scary inviting an atheist into your church, but if you really care about that person, it's something you have to do." He adds, "We've never had an invitation not be accepted. Once we started to actually believe that Jesus is who He says He is, we realized how important it is that other people know too."

Janet's youth are showing us the power of pursuing relationship. By pursuing relationships we foster spiritual growth, build community and share the transformative power of God's love. Whether it's a brief chat on the way into a weekend service, or a deep conversation shared in a missional community, Centre Street Church wants to be a place where relationships can begin and grow.

Alpha is another place where conversation happens and relationships deepen. As one participant said, "I feel our time in Alpha helped me to reconnect meaningfully, not only with core elements of the gospel, but also in relationship-building with other like-minded and like-hearted individuals through the sharing of testimonies and personal stories, which all contributed to an enhanced relationship with Jesus. My wife started Alpha somewhat reluctantly but with a spark of curiosity and has completed the course an entirely changed woman who is desirous for the daily study of the Word and praying for others who require healing."

Interested in learning more about questions of life and faith? Join Alpha at [cchurch.ca/alpha](https://cchurch.ca/alpha)



Watch as Laurie-Lynn and David talk about pursuing mission. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/773531705>



"Youth need people speaking truth and encouragement into their lives. My mentors taught me this in my youth when they looked past my faults. When you're real and authentic, people hear the message, and there's no greater message than the salvations of Jesus," says Jason, a youth leader who has led the same group of boys for several years. Over the years, Jason's generosity with his time has rubbed off on the boys, as they go out into the community to serve by giving Christmas hampers

At Centre Street Church, pursuing simplicity isn't about taking a vow of poverty or even about trying to avoid saying "yes" to a lot of activities – it's about being clear on the mission and purpose to which God has called us and saying an emphatic "no" to the things that don't lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and inviting other people to do the same. The good news is that when we say "no" to the distractions, we have the freedom to say "yes" to the good things that God wants to do in our lives and, through us, in the lives of the people around us.

Pursuing simplicity can show up in big ways; we can choose to go on a missions trip to share the gospel with people who haven't heard about Jesus rather than taking a traditional vacation. We can decide that to live in a smaller house in order to give more to people in need. Simplicity may even look like buying a bigger house to use for hospitality. It can also show up in small ways – deciding to put aside the television remote to spend time with a friend or leaving work a few minutes early to drop off a meal for someone who has been recently bereaved.

We serve a God Who is generous and has provided us with many good things. Simplicity frees us to enjoy the very best of what God has to offer through healthy relationships and generosity made possible because of reduced distractions and clear focus.

to those in need. The result is a band of brothers who are one link in a chain of generosity.

Centre Street Church provides many opportunities for people to practice generosity – whether it's generosity of time by serving in ministry areas like children's and youth ministry, or generosity with money by giving sacrificially to the work of the good news of the gospel in Calgary and area and around the world.

The expansion at Central Campus allows new ways to be generous – creating the room needed for sports ministries, learning and providing a new home for the Centre for the City, which includes our ministries to new Canadians and those with compassionate needs. "Someone who had just toured the expansion Aramburu, pastor of communication and technical ministries. "They told me, 'It's amazing what God can do when we give Him our gifts.' It's true! We believe God has led us on this journey, and we are just stepping out in faith."

See how God has moved in the lives of a group of teenage boys through a leader's generosity. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/801764819>



To learn more about the ministries of Centre Street Church go to our website at [cchurch.ca](https://cchurch.ca) Or visit our connect page here:

