

CHRIST AT THE CENTRE



### 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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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR AND BOARD



"I thank my God every time I remember you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now". (Phil 1:3;5). This is how I feel about you—the people of Centre Street Church! What a privilege it has been for me and our staff (for whom I have never been more grateful) to be ministering alongside all of you in the greatest cause ever given to man.

As a church, we continue to worship and honour our Lord by remaining firmly committed to the Bible and prayer, to loving God, loving one another and reaching out in love to those who need the Lord. Through the faithful giving of your time, talent and treasure, the hungry were fed, the hurting found hope in Christ, the lonely found community, the lost were introduced to Jesus and children, youth and adults were helped to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus, in Calgary, Canada and beyond.

In your hands is a snapshot of how God has been changing people's lives in response to our prayers and obedience to His call. As you read it, remember behind every statistic is the story of someone's life. My prayer is that a year from now, we will not only be more in love with Jesus, but will continue experiencing the rewards of investing our lives in that which lasts for eternity.

I love being your senior pastor,

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

Pastor Henry Schorr

The past year has been a time of blessing for us as a church. We have seen Christ honoured through the serving and giving of so many people who have sought to show Jesus in their interactions at worship services, Days of Prayer, Alpha courses, the Centre for the City and so many other ministries that happen throughout the year.

We are particularly celebrating the opening of the expansion at the Central Campus, which has provided a new home for the Centre for the City and space for Children's and Youth Ministries and many, many others. Thank you for your generosity, and please consider what God might be inviting you to give as we continue to pay for these BUILD projects.

CSC Board of Governors

902

Prayer gatherings

1146

Average number of children attending Children's Ministries per week

9844

Average in-person and online attendance per weekend

385

Total number of people who decided to follow Jesus

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.

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**22,340**

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

**95**

Number of children and youth who decided to follow Jesus

**43**

Global workers

**27**

Partner agencies

**130**

Church Partners & Church Plants

**634**

Number of children and youth who attended various camps at CSC this summer

# PURSUE MISSION

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# PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS

Baptisms

107

Average number of adults  
attending missional communities  
and groups per month

3055

Approximate number of people  
served by Disability Ministry  
each week

165

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

# PURSUING GENEROSITY

City and Global Mission Giving

\$14.3M

Number of people who  
contributed financially to  
our mission

3,219

Average volunteers each month

2,016

Average number of people  
served through ministry  
programs for new Canadians

254

## BUILD more room for God

Build capital development fund  
giving in 2024

\$2.9M

Remaining toward our current  
BUILD goal as of August 31, 2024

\$1.7M

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

# PURSUUE SIMPPLICITY

*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.*

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

# GOD IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH





## STUART'S Story

God spoke to Stuart when he was driving home after being part of Centre Street Church's Encounter God weekend. The message was clear and simple, "It's time."

"So I did it," Stuart says, "I just said, 'Lord, I give my life to you.' It was an instant change; it wasn't a week or two later, it was right then and there when I felt the difference."

The community around the Centre for the City's Monday night evangelism outreach was the first place Stuart made connection with CSC. Each Monday night, teams of people from CSC go out into the community looking to have good conversations and share the love of God with the people they encounter. For Stuart, the next step was an Encounter God discipleship weekend, which allows people to enter into healing and freedom in Christ. First, Stuart made a connection with people, and this led to a connection with Jesus.

Each of these ministries is made possible by people and communities on mission, pursuing God and encouraging others to do the same. We pursue God through conversations and programs, in large worship services and in small prayer gatherings. We pursue God in personal prayer and reading of scripture and in gathering together for days of prayer and times of teaching.

Stuart took the step of baptism and now shares his story with other people and prays for them. He is a demonstration of what it means to pursue God.

Watch Stuart talk about his story.  
Learn more about Encounter God at  
[cchurch.ca/encountergod](http://cchurch.ca/encountergod)



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## HAILEY'S Story

A simple, genuine invitation is sometimes all it takes to make a big difference in someone's life.

Hailey was someone who was nervous about relationships. "I think I felt like I wasn't worthy enough," she says, "and I wouldn't be able to maintain relationships because my mindset was that I don't want to be the first to get left behind."

A simple invitation from a friend – someone Hailey reconnected with during a CSC family camp- meant that Hailey attended a youth event where she saw Lydia who provided an invitation of her own, asking Hailey if she would be interested in a student leadership program called Legacy. At Legacy, Hailey encountered a community of young people who cared about her and were committed to the church.

The Kingdom of God advances through healthy and caring relationships. Hailey experienced this through Legacy, but relationships happen everywhere – in small groups, through teams that serve together in the community and at the church, in hospitality extended between friends and with strangers. 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, where 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 Hailey's story

Learn more about Alpha at [cschurch.ca/alpha](https://cschurch.ca/alpha)



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RELATIONSHIPS



## ANDREA'S STORY

"My mission is my community" says Andrea.

"I get to work with people from all over Calgary, coming from different backgrounds. Becoming friends with the people I work with, including my neighbours and my community, is the first step to getting to share my life and where my hope lies." Andrea and her husband Paul are a family working together to invite people into relationship, and ultimately to Jesus.



"Every day we have an opportunity to not just share the gospel, but be the gospel," says CSC supported global worker Renee. Renee thinks of South Campus as her church home, even as she pursues mission in the African nation of Ghana. "We need to be intentional in praying for God to open our eyes to see opportunities." Opportunities like those Katie and Cam see at their local playground, where they've connected with the parents of their children's friends, offering hospitality, conversation and even childcare in Jesus' name.

Centre Street Church pursues mission through Missional Communities, and through youth and young adult trips that reach out to Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan and youth here in Calgary.

"We want to follow God, we want to follow where He leads us," says Paul. "Sometimes it's overseas, and sometimes it's right in your own backyard. Sometimes it's to that neighbour who just needs to know that you care."

See Andrea, Paul, Renee, Katie and Cam talk about mission.



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MISSION

# THE WELL CAFÉ STORY



"Jesus spent a lot of time around tables," says Steve Griffin, pastor of Centre for the City. "He wanted to look at them eye-to-eye and let them know that they are loved. That is the focus of our café space."

The café space is a place where people in need from the community can come together to socialize, have a good meal and access additional support. This welcoming space has been made possible through God's goodness expressed in the generosity of our congregation.

Centre Street Church has been generous with these spaces – inviting the community to join us for coffee at our Bearspaw campus, for pickleball in our new gym or for English language instruction in one of our new classrooms.

Hospitality is a way to be generous with our space, serving is a way to be generous with our time. Whether we serve in youth and children's ministry, with Monday Night Evangelism or with guest services, welcoming people into one of our buildings, we can know that God will take the gifts we offer to Him and use them to help introduce people to Jesus and encourage them in their relationship with Him.

The impact is not just local – God has also enabled us to support global projects like the Victory Foundation's affordable housing project, La Hermosa church in Mexico and the Inundo Model Farm in South Africa.

Learn more about the global projects we've been supporting through BUILD.

# PURSUE GENEROSITY



## DANAE'S Story

Working as a hair stylist, Danae is in a profession that allows her to have time with people and to look after them, helping them, building a connection with them. It also means that she has time to talk to them and listen to them.

A few years ago, Danae began to build a friendship with a regular client. They chatted, talking about a range of topics; about their lives, about the need for community, about what they believed. Danae realized that this was someone who not only needed Jesus (we all need Jesus) but also might be open to the possibility of a relationship with Him. When she shared the gospel, Danae worried that she hadn't done a good job, but she kept including invitations to church during appointments.

Eventually her client said that she and her husband were looking for a deeper level of community, and Danae again invited them to church. This time they accepted the invitation and over the next two years both she and her husband also accepted Jesus. Danae just naturally talked about the importance of Jesus and offered an invitation. A life was changed not because someone travelled across an ocean, or spent a lot of money, but only because a friend talked to her while doing her hair.

Watch Danae talk about how simplicity showed up in her life.



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SIMPLICITY



This year, we threw open the doors of our expansion at Central Campus and welcomed our city in. Since then, the expansion has been incredibly busy with ministry to youth and children, newcomers to Canada, with sports outreach, ministry to those with disabilities and to people in need.

We're grateful to everyone who has been generous to this BUILD project. We're also excited about what God is doing with the space and we are challenged by the hunger in our city for what we have to offer and, most important, for the message of Jesus. We know that God is going to ask us to keep responding to this need, and we hope that you will continue this journey of generosity with us.

CELEBRATING a Milestone



BUILDING more room for God



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