



THE TABLE

Christ Church Bellingham newsletter | March 2024

SESSION UPDATES

Session Update

On March 19th, the Session met for their monthly meeting. After sharing a meal together, they discussed the new strategic goals for the upcoming ministry year, an update on future facilities, and the church finances. After this, the Session appointed Ruling Elder Mitch Rosenburg to serve temporarily as the Clerk of Session for the remainder of Ruling Elder Keith Bode's sabbatical. Additionally, the Session discussed the upcoming annual budget cycle.

The Session decided, due to ongoing technology issues to cease live-streaming the Sunday worship service and instead record video of the sermon to upload to our church's YouTube page later in the week. The livestream was started as an accommodation during Covid, and due to our church's position of valuing in-person worship on Sundays, and the streaming issues leaving a bad first impression for potential church visitors, it was concluded that recording video of the sermons for later posting is the best direction for CCB.

The Session spent time in prayer for both members of our congregation and for Pastor Nate and the staff as they prepare for Pastor Nate's upcoming sabbatical from May 1st - August 31st.

The Session meets on the third Tuesday of each month; the next meeting will be April 16. Please be in prayer for our leaders as they discuss church business and make decisions for our church family.

Meet the Session | Mitch Rosenburg



Mitch was born and raised in and around Bellingham. After marrying his wife, Théa, he graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in computer science, which has kept him gainfully employed ever since. He and his wife have been married for 20+ years; together, they're raising four delightful daughters and have been members of Christ Church Bellingham since 2019. Mitch enjoys bouldering, Rubik's cubing, collecting pointy-eared animals (current count: one cattle dog and three kittens), and making his daughters laugh.

Meet the CCB Staff | Jen Moline



Jen was born and raised in northwest Washington in a home that valued Christ, family, sports, and music. She moved to coastal California for college and pursued a BA in Theology with an emphasis in missions. She met her husband, Jesse, through their local church and together they led worship, community groups, and she audited a Biblical Counseling program Jesse attended. Jen and her husband have two children and are passionate about people and hospitality. She loves anything outdoors: hiking, biking, gardening, moss, trees, camping, floral design, and more. When the weather gets cool Jen especially loves a good cup of tea, indoor games and puzzles!

Stewardship

February 2024

DONORS *% of member households who gave

# of Giving Households	90
% of Members Who Gave*	54%
% of Adults Who Gave	60%
Avg Wkly Giving Per Adult	\$66.07
# of New Givers	4

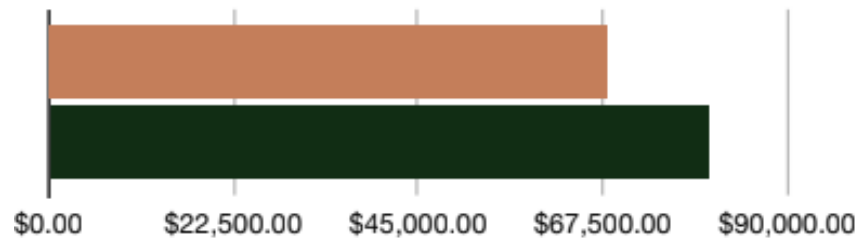
FEBRUARY GIVING

Monthly Giving Target	\$80,067.00
Actual	\$68,142.96
Difference	-\$11,924.04
% Achieved	85%

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING**

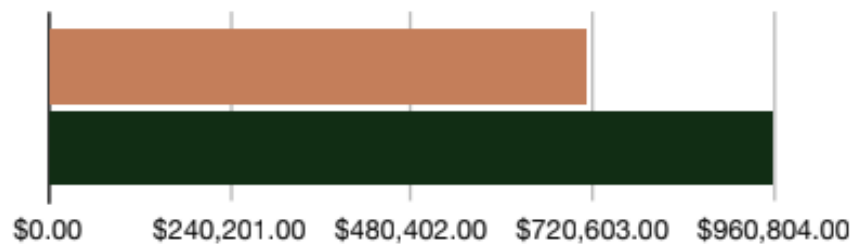
Monthly Giving Target	\$640,536.00
Actual	\$711,210.79
Difference	\$70,674.79
% Achieved	111%

February Giving



■ Actual Giving
■ Weekly Tracking Goal

YTD Giving



■ Actual Giving
■ Weekly Tracking Goal

CHURCH EXPENSES - BUDGETED

MONTH	AVG ADULTS	ACTUAL TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES	ACTUAL WEEKLY EXPENSES PER ADULT	MONTHLY EXPENSE TARGET	BUDGET EXPENSES PER ADULT PER WEEK
Jul	213	\$84,807.62	\$91.88	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Aug	231	\$89,402.36	\$89.31	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Sep	250	\$70,968.17	\$65.51	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Oct	244	\$91,181.07	\$86.25	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Nov	250	\$80,347.81	\$74.17	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Dec	239	\$81,663.43	\$78.85	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Jan	238	\$88,901.44	\$86.20	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Feb	238	\$81,321.53	\$78.85	\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Mar				\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Apr				\$81,644.92	\$95.16
May				\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Jun				\$81,644.92	\$95.16
Annual	238	\$668,593.43	\$81.38	\$979,739.04	\$95.16
<small>Totals</small>	<small>Average</small>	<small>Sum Total</small>	<small>Average</small>	<small>Sum Total</small>	<small>Average</small>



Community Updates

New Members

This month, we welcomed **Evan Dahl** into membership.

Date Night | April 5

March date night is Friday, April 5, from 5:30-8pm at the church building. Email Tabithah Schwandt (tabithah.schwandt@gmail.com) with any questions about joining our childcare co-op.

Women's Gathering | Saturday, May 4

Spiritual Formation Focus: God's Word

Does your Bible reading taper off during the summer months? Come and be spurred on to keep God's Word as your daily bread all summer long. We'll talk about practical ways to do this and hear a testimony from Rosemma Weston as well.

Church Camping Trip | June 27-30

Note the date change: our fourth annual church camping trip will be June 27-30 at Bryce Creek Campground. Save the date if you'd like to participate in this fun tradition with our church family.

Men's Retreat | April 26-28

Mark your calendars for our men's retreat at the Firs Chalet!

Let's gather together at the Firs Chalet at Mt. Baker, Apr 26-28 for fellowship, teaching, and worship. Historically this is a great time of connection for guys, and the chalet has epic views and ever-flowing coffee; you don't want to miss it.

- Schedule: Friday late afternoon/evening to Sunday morning so we can all make it back for corporate worship.
- Our retreat speaker is Mark McElmurry, who was well received at our men's retreat several years ago. Mark is the Dean of Students at Covenant Seminary (PCA).
- Food is included
- A packing list and instructions will be sent out as the event approaches. This is for men ages 16 and up.
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Register here

If you have any questions, please direct them to Jon Neville (jcneville@protonmail.com) and/or Dustin Hill (ddhboone@gmail.com).

Missionary of the Month | Daniel & Bethany Robbins

by Christina Hannah, Missions Committee

Daniel and Bethany Robbins serve with Serge in Malawi. Their focus is on leadership development through theological education and training lay trauma counselors. Daniel is currently teaching at a seminary started and run by a Presbyterian church in Malawi (CCAP). Bethany works alongside a ministry which provides counseling and restoration to sexually exploited girls. Together, they're passionate about leadership development and empowering Malawians.

As of January, Daniel has also been partnering with two Malawian run projects: Chronological Bible Storying, and the brand new Chichewa commentary project, Nyali Yanga ("my lamp"). Both of these endeavors will serve to build up the next generation of healthy churches, theologians, and theological resources (like commentaries) for the future life and sustainability of the Malawian church.

Prayer requests:

- Praise God for rain!
- Pray for Dan and Bethany as they make some big decisions for Lazy's schooling next year.
- Pray for the Lord to be renewing and liberating the Robbins family after a hard last month: car accident, firing a guard who was stealing, attacks on their cats, family stress, administrative failures at the seminary, etc.
- Pray for rest and deep connections in the midst of busyness.





CCB Missions Committee:

- **Marc Woodyard, Ted Neufeld, Christina Hannah, Nicholas and Johannah Goodman, Tracy Smith**

Missionaries CCB Supports:

- Timur and Olga Anickin (Latvia)
- Jeff and Barbi David (Cuba)
- Eric and Megan Kelly (Panama)
- David and Sara Perkins (Czech Republic)
- Daniel and Bethany Robbins (Malawi)
- Jay and Laura Stoms (South Africa)
- Michael and Lindie Wadhams (Whatcom County)
- Undisclosed (Middle East)



Recent Sermons



You can re-listen (or catch up if you missed a Sunday) to each sermon on Apple Podcasts or our Spotify channel.

[LISTEN](#)

Renew Northwest

Renew NW is a digital publication where Pastor Nate and other writers from around the Pacific NW address topics in Scripture, church life, and cultural issues that we might only address briefly in our exegetical studies on Sunday mornings. In fact, many of this year's articles have been sparked by your questions.

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Community Happenings

Don't miss out on gatherings and offerings in our community. Join the "[Community Sharing](#)" and "[Adventures & Gatherings](#)" groups on Church Center to share or hear about requests, events, and service opportunities.

Get to know us

- [Getting around on Sunday morning](#) (service times, childcare, what to expect, etc)
- [What we believe](#)
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We'd love to get to know you!

Connect with us [here](#), or learn more about our ministries:

- [Discipleship Groups](#)
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Watch a short overview of CCB's five core values [here](#).

