
S H U S W A P C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BEN

Another year has passed. My kids are taller, my face is wrinklier, and my wife continues to get wiser. These things happen every year, and yet I continue to find myself surprised by them. Thankfully, other than the wrinkles, I find myself more and more grateful for them.

In a few years when I remember 2018 I think I will remember most the number of times that God asked me, "Do you trust me?" Most of you know that it was a difficult year for many in our church, and some of the challenges we faced together demanded a greater depth of faith. A faith that God understood the challenges. A faith that God had a plan. A faith that God would save and bless. Though it was a difficult year in life and ministry, I'm glad for the deepening faith.

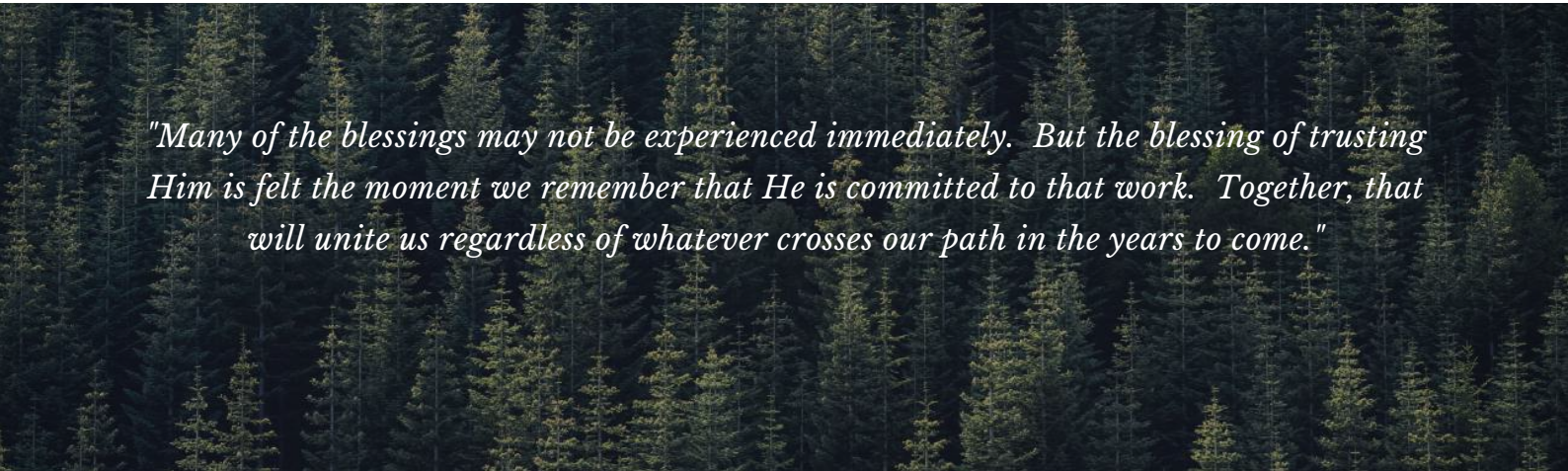
I hope you've become aware of God's work in you, and that you've seen God's work through you. It is the expectation and hope that flows from our belief that Jesus is alive and He is continuing to work. Many of the blessings may not be experienced immediately. But the blessing of trusting Him is felt the moment we remember that He is committed to that work. Together, that will unite us regardless of whatever crosses our path in the years to come.

This last year much work was given to preparation. We prepared and then launched a new campus in Chase. We evaluated and have been implementing an administrative restructuring. We have engaged and will be equipping for a counselling ministry to be launched soon. We have continued developing discipleship and leadership pathways for everyone who calls SCC home. This is all in addition to the ongoing work of all our campuses and ministries that have had a significant impact on many people in the Shuswap.

In 2019, we will begin to see (with our eyes) the work that God has been preparing in advance for us to do. Look for it around you. Look for it in you. I promise you'll see it. It's going to be a good year.

Love,

Pastor Ben



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**WE EXIST TO DECLARE AND
DEMONSTRATE THE TRANSFORMING
POWER OF THE GOSPEL.**

WE VALUE:

- **Corporate Christ-Centered Worship:** We will provide excellent and engaging worship gatherings that are spirit-led to the glory of God.
- **Authentic Community:** We will provide a place for everyone to build significant friendships that encourage spiritual growth.
- **Compelling Mission:** We will seek to proclaim the gospel in all we do for the purpose of seeing lives changed.
- **Developing Leaders:** We will target, train, and release leaders according to calling and gifting.
- **Generous Stewardship:** We will report the use of our resources with integrity as well as provide opportunities for people to give joyfully and generously.
- **Purposeful and Expectant Prayer:** We will seek out God's face and favour with an expectancy that he will answer us.



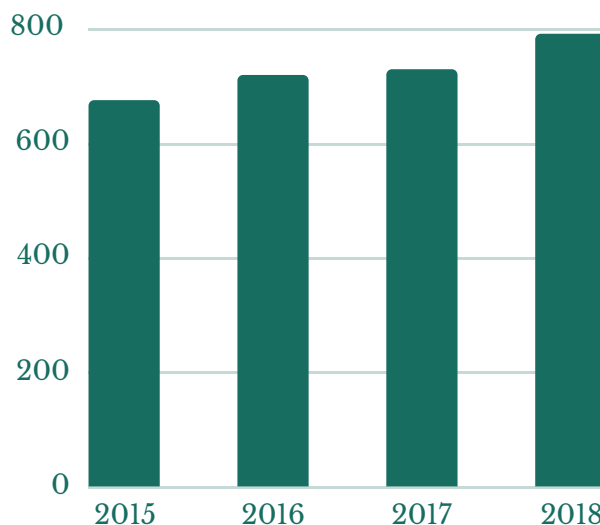
*We are committed to making
disciples and planting churches.*

GROWTH

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AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

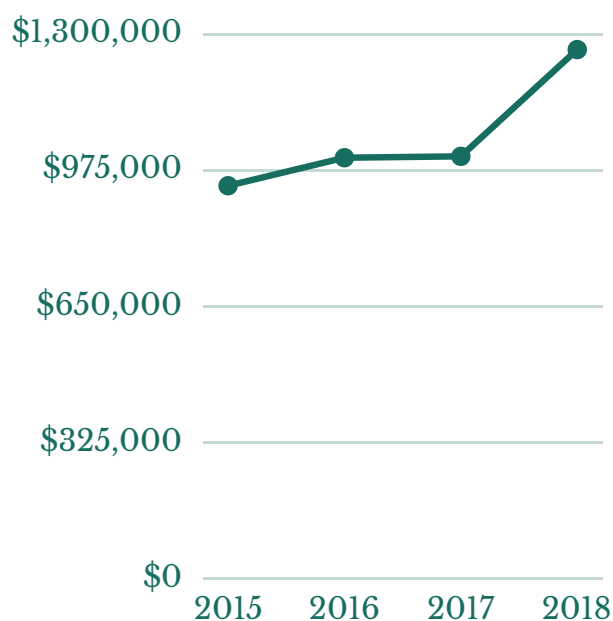
In 2018 we saw an overall increase of 8% in worship service attendance compared to 2017.



1.2M

TOTAL INCOME

The addition of the OVERFLOW fund has given our total income a dramatic boost and is allowing us to pursue the vision and mission of church planting, centralizing resources, and developing a counselling ministry.



6 PEOPLE WERE TRAINING FOR VOCATIONAL MINISTRY EITHER THROUGH IMMERSE OR ANOTHER GRADUATE-LEVEL PROGRAM

IN 2018 WE SPONSORED OUR SECOND SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

378

PEOPLE CONNECTED IN 37 LIFE GROUPS

99

MEN ATTENDED "MEN'S ADVANCE"

180

KIDS ATTENDED SCC SOCCER CAMPS

75

PEOPLE ATTENDED ALPHA IN SALMON ARM

17

SEVENTEEN PEOPLE PUBLICLY DECLARED THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST THROUGH BAPTISM

85

PEOPLE WERE HELPED WITH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

140

WOMEN ATTENDED THE IF:GATHERING

\$20K

GIVEN AWAY IN BENEVOLENT MINISTRY

190

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN YOUTH MINISTRY

13

PEOPLE FROM SORRENTO SENT ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

"I really enjoyed watching the videos and then having the discussion afterward. The food was very good! I am new at being a Christian and I learned a lot through this program."

-ALPHA Participant

A STORY OF MULTIPLICATION: CHASE

On October 7, 2018, the first public worship gathering of SCC - Chase was held at the Chase Community Hall. We're excited to see what God is doing in the hearts and lives of people through the ministry of SCC in Chase.

"Being out in Chase for half a year now, it has been neat to see how God is at work building His church. A couple who attended church at SCC, lived in Chase for a number of years. They prayed for the community and strived to live out the Gospel in their everyday lives. One summer this couple invited their neighbor's children to attend an SCC Soccer Camp in Chase. The kids had a blast. This year the children could not wait for soccer camp to begin again. They enjoyed a week of running around and having fun and Rachel and I were able to meet this family. We invited them to Kids Zone and they came each week. One week at Kids Zone the dad asked for a children's bible to read with his son. Each week the family came and watched and listened to what was being said. Then on Christmas Eve, the four of them shook my hand as they stepped into church for the very first time. This story is a beautiful picture of God at work in this world through his church."

Pastor Spencer Coers

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE
COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED BY
SCC CHASE.

OUTREACH

SICAMOUS

SicaMouse 2018 was our biggest outreach to Sicamous and the Shuswap yet with approximately 750 people coming to visit our big town party. Talented volunteers made and animated an R2D2 to give us one of our new cast members at SicaMouse. Extra effort like this by Christians using their skills for the glory of God brought new people to their very first SCC outreach. Everyone who came to SicaMouse received a Bible and an invitation to church along with the fun and the free food. We praise God for what he did in 2018!



WAYS TO GIVE

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CASH OR CHEQUE: Cash and/or cheques are normally collected at a weekend service. If you would like to receive a tax receipt please complete a giving card and envelope. You can also request a set of numbered envelopes if you intend to give by cheque or cash on a regular basis. Cheques can also be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Shuswap Community Church
3151 6th Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC, V1E 1J2

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD: Interac machines are available at the Salmon Arm Campus.

SALMON ARM SAVINGS & CREDIT UNION: SASCU customers can add "Shuswap Community Church" as a biller/payee and make a donation through their online banking system. Your Shuswap Community Church "account number" will be your donor/envelope number, which may be a 1, 2, or 3-digit number. If you've forgotten your donor number or do not have one, please contact the church office.

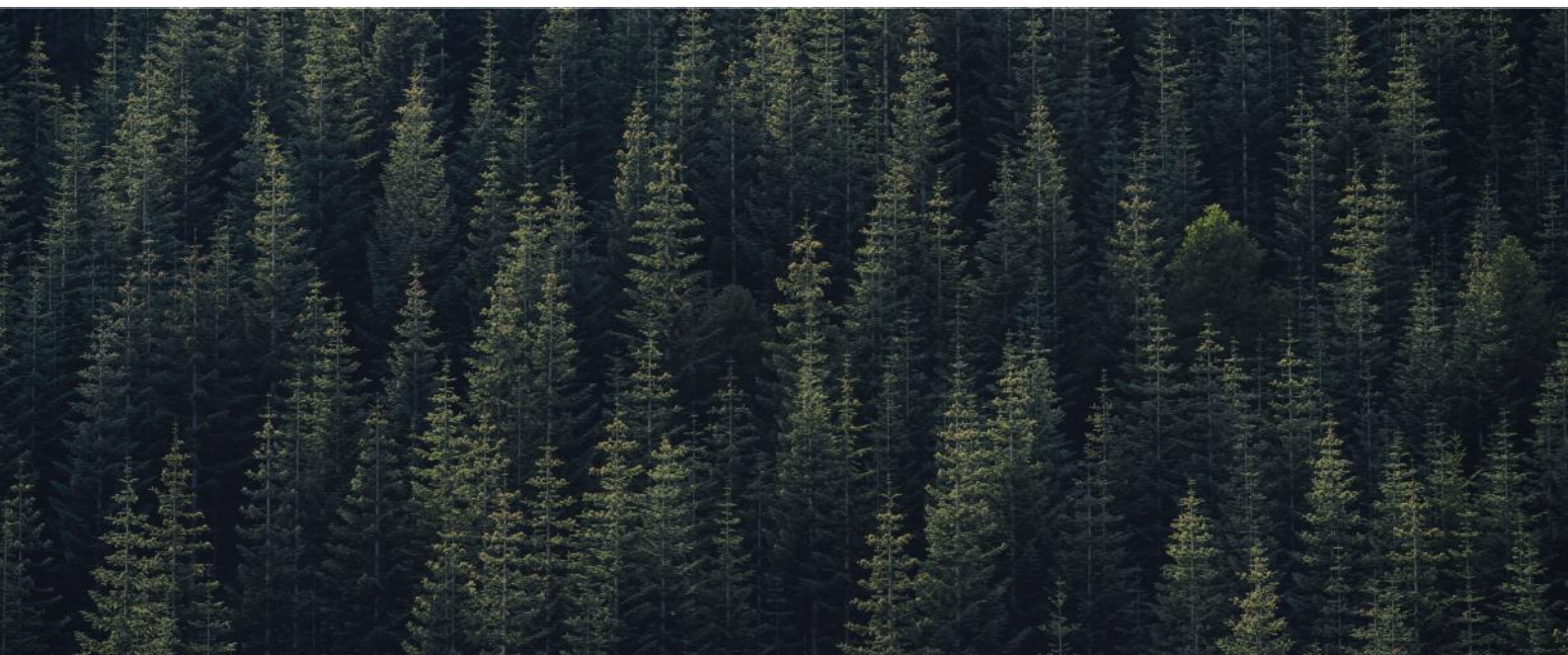
E-TRANSFER: You may send an e-Transfer through your online banking to giving@aplacetobelong.ca. Contact us for more information.



To contribute to the OVERFLOW fund and support ongoing ministry development including church planting, counselling ministry, and leadership development, please be sure to designate your gift to "OVERFLOW".

Visit www.aplacetobelong.ca/OVERFLOW for more information.

BAPTISM





"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name."

Acts 22:16

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SALMON ARM OFFICE HOURS

Monday: By appointment
Tuesday: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Wednesday: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Thursday: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Closed on statutory holidays.

SERVICE TIMES / LOCATIONS

SALMON ARM

Saturday, 6:00pm and Sunday, 9:00am and 10:45am

SICAMOUS

Sunday, 10:30am at Eagle River Secondary

SORRENTO

Sunday, 10:30am at Sorrento Memorial Hall

CHASE

Sunday, 5:35pm at Chase Community Hall

