

An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road cutting through a dense, lush green forest. Several cars are visible on the road, including a red car at the top, a white car, and a blue car further down. The road curves in an S-shape, and the surrounding trees are vibrant green with some autumnal tints.

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ANNUAL REPORT

The logo for Shuswap Community Church, featuring the letters 'SCC' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are white and are set against a solid black circular background.

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We exist to declare and demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel.

We will do this by making disciples and planting churches.



SCC LEAD PASTOR REPORT

Faith is holding on to a God who is faithful. We sure have had plenty of opportunities to test that truth haven't we?

When you're a Christian you know that believing in Christ means believing things can change. I've always been one who accepted, and even welcomed change.

Whether it be a change of heart, change of mind, or change of circumstances, faith guides us to find trust in God's hand for transformation knowing that's what His glory does. This truth has been deeply comforting to me over the last few years when the world, and the church changed in a way that I don't think anyone was prepared for.

And yet, I think we can all say we're tired of change. Numerous times this past year I "settled" into believing that the change was over, and that the normal (albeit new) had taken hold. Inevitably something would be announced, directive or a restriction, and I would find myself disoriented once again. This is especially true within the church, where in 2021 we went from being online in the Spring, open with restrictions in June, open without any restrictions in the summer, and then dealing with a new set of masking and occupancy limits in fall. Each season had something new, but that's kind of to be expected. With each change comes an opportunity for our trust in Christ to deepen and our faith to be exercised. And each time He has shown Himself to be present, to be speaking, to be guiding and to be strengthening.

I have been blessed personally by Jesus by working alongside some amazing people. Our church has been blessed with incredible volunteer and vocational leaders. Even as we have had turnover, with some team members leaving and others joining, there is a deepening trust in one another as well as a growing love for the church amongst them. Each of them has been an encouragement in my faith this past year and I love them dearly, as I'm sure you do too!

As a leadership team (Elders & Board) there has been a deep desire to pursue unity, while recognizing that this does not mean everyone holds the same uniform opinion on pandemic related matters. For the most part the church has been able to stay united, though there have been those who have chosen to begin other fellowships. This meant that upon reopening not everyone who was there before the lockdown returned. Although it is disappointing an effort has been made to enjoy those who have returned, rather than be upset about those who haven't. We've also had the wonderful opportunity to make new friends, as there are many new faces worshipping with us. Majority of newcomers are those who moved to the Shuswap during the last few years. I'm thankful that so many of them have chosen to worship, participate in community and look for places to serve!

This past year the Lord has provided financially as well. A reduction of costs as well as a committed donor base ensured that even though we struggled to keep our income and expenses at a break even point. This happened while we had a major giving campaign in Sicamous to purchase the Hub, repair the parking lot in Salmon Arm, and carry full time staff in Sorrento and Chase. Our counselling center

had an incredible impact on personal lives while also generating a significant amount of income to help offset the costs. All things considered, we were able to finish the year with a healthy contingency fund, money in the Overflow fund, while paying all our bills.

So what happens now? The Board and Pastors have been prayerfully asking that question. During our Board Retreat, with Campus Pastors we spent time evaluating and planning. It was a good time for discussion. During that time we remembered that there are two initiatives from Overflow that have yet to be completed: A campus in Enderby and the implementation of a Discipleship Plan. There was a great deal of hope that the Enderby campus would be established in 2021, but in spite of a genuine effort, there was a fragmenting of the core group. Leadership believes that we should wait and see how the Lord leads in this next season before trying to plant there. Please keep praying for that community, and our possible involvement there in the future.

The framework for a Discipleship Plan has been one of those long-term projects that we believe will serve the church. Christ's commission to "make disciples" is something that we cannot neglect, and I believe that COVID has exposed how we desperately need to build one another up in discipleship. I'm excited about the Discipleship plan that we have put together, and that will be further developed in 2022. Currently, content is still being written and resource tools are being developed. In early 2023 we will invite everyone to participate in it, and I pray that it will be a powerful thing in the life of our church.

As leadership discussed these things, we considered other priorities for the next year. We agreed that there is an opportunity to redefine Membership at SCC this next year. As we get to know one another again, and invite others to join our church, clarifying the commitment and responsibility of the church will be beneficial in moving forward. Four areas of commitment have been identified: 1) Partnership in the mission, 2) Deepening friendship, 3) Doctrinal Agreement, 4) Commitment to Discipleship. Over the next few months we will be sharing these and welcoming the feedback of everyone at SCC, whether they are members or not. Each of those areas will be the theme of four "Together" services this summer. In May, June, July and September, each campus will host a Sunday morning service for the WHOLE church, inviting the others campuses to an outdoor worship gathering and meal. The hope is that this will help us get to know each other better, while also celebrating all the things we have in common. At the end of it, we will invite everyone to a new "membership" commitment.

As a new season is upon us, there is great anticipation for what Christ will continue to do in us, around us and through us, individually as we seek His glory and corporately as we pursue His mission. One thing we can be confident about is that we will continue to be testifying to God's faithfulness in both expected and unexpected ways.

Pastor Ben Hall

SCC BOARD REPORT

2021 was a very challenging year for SCC in many ways, and yet our God has remained faithful and unchanging. The year began with another wave of Covid, one that hit closer to home with cases in the church and community, which required even more flexibility and changes “on-the-fly”. Almost everything was virtual for the first part of the year, and it is a great credit to the staff for the high quality worship services that were delivered each Sunday. The gospel continued to be preached faithfully and people were tuning in.

Warmer weather in spring allowed us to meet outside on Sundays, which were a welcome change from screens. Tremendous team effort was made by the staff to provide multiple different services at different locations so that as many people could gather as was permitted. Just as soon as we had got the hang of outdoor meetings, things changed again and capacity limits were increased to allow “regular” indoor church services.

The summer began with great hope, but an aggressive wildfire season brought a lot of uncertainty and stress throughout the Shuswap. The board also continued to meet, virtually at the start of the year, and then in person when allowed. We continued our monthly business meetings as well as special times of specific prayer. It was encouraging to continue to receive new people into membership throughout the year. We received reports from the different campuses and the counselling centre, and heard of the struggles, successes and prayer requests from the different parts of SCC.

Although there were various financial challenges throughout the year, God continued to prove Himself faithful. One of the “wins” of the year was the member’s approval of the plan to purchase the Hub in Sicamous. The owners of the Hub, who had graciously let us use the facility for many years, decided they wanted to sell the property and gave us the first chance to purchase it. Thanks to God’s provision and the generosity of the saints of SCC, we were able to fundraise a down payment in a short period of time.

The fall saw the church continue to persevere during yet another wave of Covid (and new restrictions), as well as losses of staff and regular attenders from “Pre-Covid”. Unprecedented floods and mudslides negatively impacted some Shuswap families and through Fellowship Pacific we were able to financially assist our fellow Baptist Churches to help many in the Lower Mainland who suffered extreme losses. Through all the strife and heaviness, the staff continued to demonstrate their hope is built on Christ the solid Rock. Unlike in 2020, we were able to conclude the year meeting in person to cherish the Christmas season.

On behalf of the SCC Board,
Daryl Neufeld, Chair



CHASE CAMPUS

What a year 2021 has been. As is true for many, we, as a church, have had to lean especially hard into the grace of God this past year. The year began much as it left off in 2020, and the roller coaster of life and ministry in the midst of a pandemic continued. Whatever ups-and-downs or loop-d-loops we have faced over the year, some things have, and always will, remain the same. God is

good. God is great. God is gracious. God is glorious. I don't think there is a better example of these truths than when we reflect on the life of our SCC Chase Church. We began the year doing online services, as many of the other SCC locations were doing. Winters in the Shuswap can get a little gloomy sometimes. The mountains hem in the clouds and

the sun can seem all but a distant memory. But just when we needed it God, in grace, opened the doors for us to gather again. We were able to re-open church and host an in-person outdoor service for Easter Sunday! There is no better day to celebrate together than Easter, a day to remember hope and celebrate new life. Meeting together again gave our little church both! We continued to meet in-person outdoors for the next 23 weeks in a row at Memorial park, in Chase. Over the whole summer we never had to cancel a service due to weather, smoke, or heat and it only rained on us



once! Praise the Lord! What some may have seen as inconvenient, God used to bless and encourage our congregation. We were able to do church for the whole community to see and we were able to preach the gospel for the whole community to hear; literally. We cranked those speakers! The music and message could be heard all throughout town. The beach is the place to be on a hot sunny summer day. People came, and people saw.



Rachel and I adopted a young boy this past summer. I was able to go on parental leave for a few weeks to help our son adjust to, and connect with our family. During that time our little church really stepped up. We were able to bring on an amazing summer assistant to lead the church while I was off. She did a fantastic job, and it was really amazing to see her rise to the occasion and use her gifts and passions for the glory of God. We had people helping and serving and rallying together. It was a beautiful picture of God's Church, the body, working together.

In the fall we were able to re-launch our Kids Zone program. As a church we should often be asking the question, "if the church disappeared would anyone miss it?" It's a question that causes us to reflect on the impact we are having in the community we live in. Are we living out the mission God has called us to? Because of COVID we were unable to run our Kids Zone program for the past year and half. When we re-launched it in September we were able to see the impact it had had on people in the community. There were many families who had really missed it and were over-the-moon excited when we opened the doors to the community hall to welcome the kids and their families in again. Our youth

program has also thrived in the past year. We have had several new youth connect in and we have been able to have some really amazing conversations with them about who God is and the promises he has made. The process has been slow but God is working and I can feel the heart of the community softening to our Church. SCC Chase celebrated our third anniversary this past thanksgiving. Since our launch, part of our mission has been to “help the people of Chase discover the gospel while loving them as Jesus does.” God has not been idle in enabling us to work toward this end. We continue to be a small congregation but God is working, people are growing, and the gospel is oozing its way into the hearts and lives of the people of Chase through the ministry of SCC. This is evidenced in the little things. I have been able to continue to facilitate a ministry leader's prayer time in Chase. Various pastors and missionaries from the community meet at the SCC Hub monthly for a time of prayer and fellowship. The churches in Chase have historically been very divided but that is changing by the grace of God. We were able to host our largest church service in the past 2 years this Christmas Eve. That is exciting in and of itself but more-so was seeing the faces that made up that group. We had the non-believing spouses of some of our faithful attenders walk through the church doors. We had the un-churched parents of some of our youth and kids zone families show up. And we had community drop ins that I am still getting to know. These are all people we have prayed would walk through our doors. All proof that God is at work in the hearts of the people in Chase.



As we look forward to what is ahead I am excited about what could be. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed about the reality of our situation when we look at the struggles of the day. It can be hard to see the sun when the clouds cover the sky. The truth is though, the sun is always shining. Sometimes things just get in the way and keep us from basking in the warmth of its rays and the joy it brings to our hearts. The struggles of this pandemic, the distractions it has brought, the fears it has revealed held deep in our hearts are just that, small clouds. Little distractions trying to keep us from seeing the Son shining in all His glory. What we have seen this past year in Chase is that, above the clouds, God is still working. If God is still working, it's all going to be alright. So instead of living in a nightmare, I choose to dream. Dream of what God will do. One day He will return, and until He does He will build His Church. I believe He will build His church in Chase. This past year is proof of that. I choose to dream of seeing those new faces that came to Christmas Eve not just in church next week but in heaven for all eternity. I dream of hearing the laughter of the kids we see at Kids Zone and Youth sing out in the heavenly halls of the throne room of God as they live for all eternity with the Joy of Christ in their hearts. God is going to do it, so let us as a church lift our eyes and fill our heads with those images to give us hope and a new resolve and the strength to take on this next year and everything it holds.



In grace with love for all the saints,
Pastor Spencer

SALMON ARM CAMPUS



Kids

SCC Kids exists to demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel in a fun and engaging way. There have been a number of new families that have made Shuswap Community Church their home. This is very exciting news to say the least. Creating a safe environment for them to come, being a strong welcoming church; a place to belong, enhancing communication, resourcing and equipping and engaging whole families with the gospel are a few of the goals we have as a children's ministry. One exciting way that we have been encouraging families in the gospel is through scripture memory packs. We have 3 memory packs that the children can complete in order. They are designed in a way to encourage family engagement and discipleship and have specific order that will accompany a growing child, one who is growing in their faith and love for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a great leadership team who is committed to the gospel and committed to coming alongside families in teaching their children to know and love Jesus. What a blessing that is! As a church, we have been given many gifts and abilities given to us to serve one another for His glory.



We regularly post Lesson-Based Activity Sheets and Family discussion questions on our website so that parents can follow along and engage with their children with what they are learning each week and in turn grow together as a family! We also have an After School Kids Club that meets most Wednesdays during the school year. (22 in total) This is a great opportunity for outreach to young families in our community and to teach children about the importance of sharing the gospel with their friends. It is so important to be gospel fluent, to know what you believe and to be able to articulate it to a world that so desperately needs to know. It has been really exciting to see families really getting serious about family discipleship. This past year we have hosted a family discipleship weekend here at the church. It was received well and a good number of families attended. We are planning on hosting them intermittently throughout the year while focusing on different issues that are important to

family discipleship. This past summer we hosted Soccer Camp for two different weeks here in Salmon Arm so we could have smaller numbers at the camp. Both of the camps filled up fairly quickly! The smaller camps were a more cosy atmosphere for children to hear the gospel and may be something we will look at doing in the future. This past year towards the end of the school year in the spring we hosted some hangouts in the park with ice cream! This was a really great time to meet up with people we hadn't seen in a while or people we have never seen before. Making connections and inviting people to church is so important if we are to be a missional church that is living out our calling in Christ.

All glory to God!
Pastor Dave



Youth

Youth ministry at SCC made a few different shifts in 2021. In January we tried to figure out what it would look like to regather in person again after the restrictions that came into play before Christmas. As we waited, we decided to try an online option again where we launched SCC Youth Online in February.

This was a weekly video aired on YouTube which consisted of a game/interview with a student or leader, worship music, and teaching. We would air the video and then have a Zoom call once the video was finished where we would discuss the teaching and pray together. During this time we talked about who God is, what it means to be disciples and a part of the church, baptism & the Lord's supper, and evangelism.



SCC Youth stayed online until Spring Break. After Spring Break we again began to make a plan to regather outside with warmer weather on the horizon. In May we relaunched in-person outdoor gatherings for Sr. Youth on Tuesday nights and Jr. Youth on Thursday nights. It was so good to be back together as a group and to enjoy the warmer evenings outside as we played games and jumped back into Ephesians (which we had started in the fall originally). These nights carried on until the end of the school year.



In the summer months we were able to have a couple events for both Jr. and Sr. youth. We played tourists in our town and hit up the waterslides and went go-karting! Some students also attended and/or served at camp during the summer as well.



Once fall hit, we were able to regather with more of a sense of normalcy than we had for quite a while. It was a rich season where we were able to be together and grow together unhindered all the way until now where we continue to gather on a weekly basis. We covered some good things in our teaching times as well as we spent most of the fall asking and answering big questions in regards to Christianity. In the New Year we have since begun a new series walking through the Gospel of John.



One big highlight was our All-Nighter event which happened on the last day of school before Christmas break. 90 students from both our Salmon Arm and Sicamous were in attendance for a great night of fun. Not only was it a lot of fun, but there were good conversations had with students that night. One student even walked away from the event saying that he had fun but his highlight was that he finally understood what it means that Jesus is our perfect sacrifice! He had some good discussion time and God had been at work on his heart. He was so excited!

Stories like that are what keep us doing what we do - seeking to declare and demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel with the students entrusted to our care and those yet to join us.

One of my prayers for my own children is that they would know God, love Him, follow Him and worship Him with their lives. That is my prayer for us as a youth ministry as we embark on this New Year together and as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus. Pray that we would be receptive to what God has to say to us. Thanks for putting your trust in our ministry as we serve students!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Pastor Kevin



Worship

In 2021, worship looked like a lot of things.

It looked like meeting together at the theatre, with plenty of sanitizer and spacing and joining with our brothers and sisters singing with us from the big screen.

It looked like text groups that sent prayer requests and worshipped God by serving each other through meals brought and care sent.

It looked like a family sitting around their TV's and laptops, sometimes singing, sometimes listening (sometimes trying to get the kids to stop fighting).

It looked like puppet shows and family sing-a-longs – finding ways to worship with the youngest part of our church.

It looked like an Easter service that was spread out in homes across the Shuswap, with “bubbles” meeting here and there.

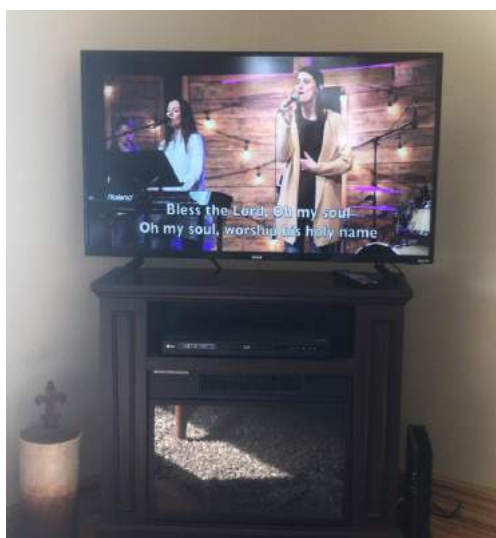
It looked like friends praying together over the phone, thanking God for carrying us through yet another unexpected turn.

It looked like small groups meeting in different spots across the valley –parking lots and fire pits... still not quite what we are used to but still together. Our church family with masks on their mouths, but tears in their eyes at finally just seeing each other again.

Then finally, the church doors opened again and our worship looked a little more like it used to! It looked like people with their hands raised and their voices loud, absolutely treasuring the act of worshipping God as a church family.

And all this only took up to June! Summer found us learning to worship together in the building again and needing to adjust to all the changes that had come to our church family while we had been spread out.

I started in the job of Worship Director at SCC Salmon Arm in July, just in time for the return of in-person, in-building church gatherings. It has still seemed like there have been plenty of adjustments and transitions to work with, but really it is nothing compared to what the first six months of 2021 held. I would like to acknowledge and thank Sam Sartorius for the incredible amount of work he did behind the scenes (and on camera!) leading our worship ministry through all those pandemic adjustments. Thank you Sam for every late night editing and filming to keep our services accessible through all the changes.



The second half of the year has seen some different adjustments. We have shifted to a Worship Leadership Team model, and God has brought us an incredible group of committed people. The new SCC Worship leadership team consists of Levi Peterson, Jen Honecker, Brayden Harder, Troy deVries (sound) and myself. This group meets monthly to study theology of worship and strategize on the best way forward. Each person on that crew also leads their own team of musicians on a Sunday morning at least once a month. This model has been working extremely well so far, thank you Lord! We currently have 34 people serving on our worship and tech teams, and each one plays an important role. This ministry really is our church leading our church to worship our God together.

We had a fantastic Christmas Eve with 4 services. It was such a highlight to be able to celebrate live and in person.

My prayer is that all the changes of 2021 will teach us lessons with impact for years to come as we have been forced to acknowledge that worship is so much more than a Sunday morning routine. So much has happened this year! It's no wonder we are tired! But also, so aware of how small we are and how big God is, and that just makes me want to worship! God has always been and will always be worthy of our praise.

For His name's sake,
Leah Campbell
Worship Director, Salmon Arm Campus





SICAMOUS CAMPUS

2021 was a good year. 2021 was a tough year—but in the tough times God showed up. We were grateful for God's people voting to buy the Hub—and for the first time in fourteen years we had some

dirt to build on in this little town. I was wowed by the faith of God's people to vote 100% in favour of purchasing the property in the middle of a pandemic. The first big fundraising push we called Bob's Burgers saw a lot of people come out from the church and from the town and we raised \$15,000 that weekend to start things off. And by the end of the year over \$100,000 would come in for the Hub project. Money continues to pour in. Our goal is to pay the Hub off in three years and begin building a new one in four, a multipurpose facility which can host youth, children, community events, church services and a good coffee shop for the community.



We were thrilled to enter the Spring and have our Drive-In Easter Service. The enthusiasm on that cold, sleet-driven Sunday was great as we proclaimed the Good News and the Church gathered in their car. Two weeks later we began having outdoor services at the Hub on the lawn. The Lord held off the rain for four and half months of Sundays as we gathered there to worship. Many new people checked out church and the

message and the music would make people stop and listen when they were in the Askews Parking lot going to and from the store and when folks were walking by. Something I said from the pulpit even generated some cussing from a passerby as he verbally reacted to something I said in my message.

Our youth ministry led by Michelle Tenveen and Aidan Twa grew in the springtime as the youth gathered for Bible study and dinner at the Hub on a weekly basis. Later that spring people began to approach me to be baptised and on a beautiful Sunday in June we baptised five people. It was a wonderful day and a glorious start to summer. We also had a baptism in the fall and it was a joy to see Lavonne's mentor from Saskatchewan come and speak to her at her baptism.



Then the summer. We started Soccer Camp in Sicamous on Monday night and then on Tuesday the fire started. We had to put off Soccer Camp til the end of August. Sundays outside were tough because the air quality was so bad. But still God's people gathered for Church. We got through the summer—not one structure was lost in Sicamous and more importantly not one life. Our firefighters, including firefighters from our church like Geoff Kroeker and Steve Janz from SCC worked tirelessly and God used them to save Sicamous from catastrophe. This was the first summer I had ever been in Shuswap that I wished it was fall. By the end of the summer we were back to clear skies—we managed to have church outside at The Hub until the middle of September. I had the privilege of speaking at our SCC Soccer Camp in Enderby and for the week of DayCamp with the little guys at Sunnybrae.

We now meet for church at the Seniors Centre on Shuswap Avenue where we averaged 96 people in the month of November. The Seniors Centre is happy to host us until we are able to go back outside for church. There is a chance we can go back to the school for church in the fall. That would be a good thing because we cannot grow at the Seniors Centre because there is no space to grow. The Lord continues to bring new people to church. We started running Alpha in the fall and the group that



has formed out of Alpha is now going to be doing Discovery Bible Study at the Seniors Centre on Tuesday night. The Hub is a busy place with Youth meetings on Tuesday and Thursdays. Michelle Tenveen has gone on Maternity Leave after a successful ministry with our youth over the past year. Michelle is also an apt Bible teacher and her gift has blessed us as well. Kimberlee Freckleton has come off of her maternity leave and has resumed her role leading our youth along with Aidan Twa, our assistant pastor. They are both an invaluable help to me in carrying out the ministry and all that it entails.

There is no shortage of need in our community. Sicamous is amongst the poorest towns in BC with one of the highest divorce rates. Drug and alcohol use has gotten much worse over the pandemic. A young man talked to me recently and said that he became an alcoholic and has realised that it is destroying his life. He says he wishes he was young again so he could still go to youth at the Hub. I told him that he was welcome at my house and we can form a young adults 'youth group' and he perked up at the notion. This encounter made me realise that the big need in our community is community and I spend my days trying to connect with people and trying to connect them with other people. There are shut-ins that we have to stay connected with as well and we are trying to make sure that no one gets missed.

I also continue to do Hope at 7 on Facebook Live five days a week, trying to build up the body that way by going through the Bible. Our online Sunday Services are also still watched by quite a few people, some of which have to stay home until this pandemic is over because they are vulnerable.

I enjoy my weekly interaction with the pastor/elders of our churches and value their friendship and support. God be praised for how united we are in purpose and in Him. This pandemic has taught me that Jesus has to be our magnificent obsession, and when we focus on Him and the Mission HE gave us, the church runs on all cylinders and takes new ground.

Thank you for your prayers.
We need all the prayer we can get.
To God be the glory.

Bob Evans



SORRENTO CAMPUS

2021 was a year much like 2020, but at the same time very different. In Sorrento we by God's grace have navigated the entire Covid time

without a great deal of turmoil. Other than the constant changing in PHO guidelines from BC, life has been fairly consistent and stable. It is something to celebrate that we have continued to gather and worship together and have a real excitement for the ministry both in our congregation and community in 2022. I think in the last year we have had services, in the Sorrento Memorial hall, online, outside and combinations of all the options at once. Not once in 2021 did we cancel church for any reason other than PHO not allowing us to meet, and that is a

testament to our people and their love of gathering to sit under the Word and worship. God despite the difficulties in this world has been very kind to preserve and deliver us as a church to this point!



Over the course of the last year we have seen a few families and individuals decide that they would fellowship in other places, but at the same time God has graciously brought in other people to our church family. As 2021 came to a close, an average Sunday was looking like anywhere from 40 to 70 attending our service, with an average of 56 a Sunday morning. That number has been fairly consistent for the duration of the Covid neither trending up or down much at all.

While attendance has been stable, we have encountered many programming issues that are seemingly common in church everywhere. Many of the programs that we had running are now in a sort of rebuilding mode. With the combination of people wanting to be careful of exposures

to sickness, restrictions on gatherings, and a changing congregation we are seeing inconsistencies in ministries. Another area that has been difficult over the last year has been giving. As some folks left

and new folks came, we saw a dip in monthly giving, but as the year closed out we saw giving beginning to increase again. Jesus is faithful, and seems to be doing something new at SCC Sorrento.

Our life groups, children's ministry, Precept, youth ministries, and others are in a place where substantial rebuilding is needed. Much of this is to do with the reality that community and togetherness is now something that we have been trained to be wary of. As we enter into 2022 much of the work of rebuilding ministry at SCC Sorrento will look like building community, and a culture of family back into the things that we do at SCC Sorrento. Also every area of ministry needs to be stabilised, and strengthened, and I am excited for the heart of care and ministry that is in the people of SCC Sorrento. Every time I turn around I find someone who is ready to emerge from their Covid lifestyle and invest into ministry in some form.



It is this heart of ministry and care that truly gives me hope for the future, and I am excited to be tasked with guiding and leading our attempts to be faithful gospel ministers caring not only for each other in the church, but caring for others in the community as well. Please join me in praying for the ongoing ministry of SCC Sorrento, and the clear proclamation of the gospel we so desperately need to hear and see!

Pastor Steve McLean



REDEMPTION COUNSELLING

As you can see from the charts below, Redemption Counselling is continuing a consistent growth pattern in spite of the uncertainties inherent to living in a pandemic. In 2021, not only did we exceed the number of appointments we had in 2020, we also exceeded our growth projections for 2021, and we prayerfully expect to continue this slow but steady growth pattern throughout 2022 and beyond.

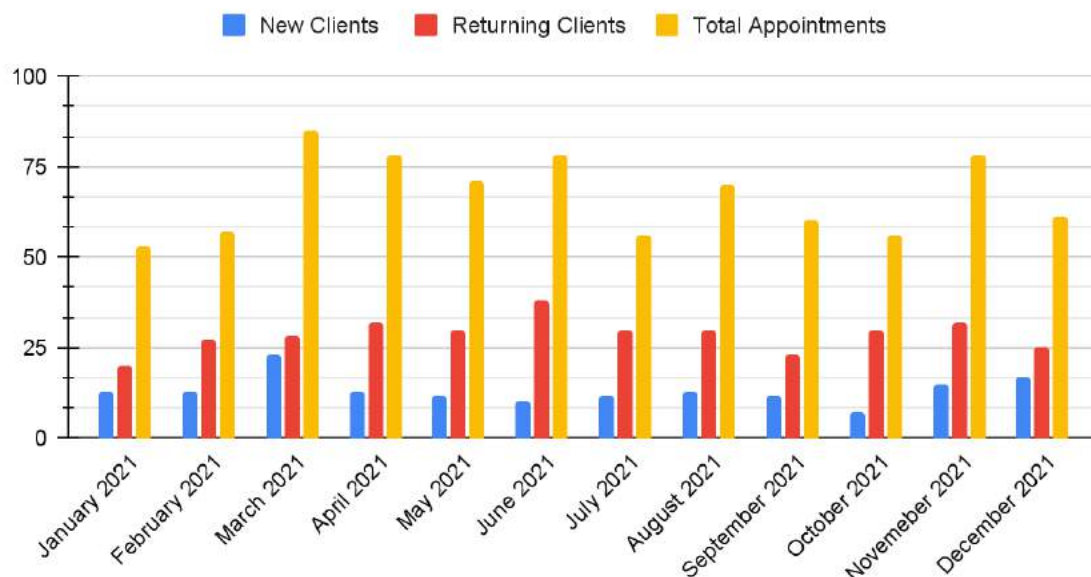
As has been the case since our inception, many of our clients come from outside our congregation. We even have a significant number of clients outside our community, some even as far as Saskatchewan. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, we have continued to be blessed with the opportunity to counsel with nonbelievers, being able to share the gospel with the unchurched and those who have little or no exposure to the gospel prior to their coming to us. We rejoice that some have even begun a new relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ!

In addition to continuing to grow our client base for individual, children's, couples, and family counselling, we were also able to, despite many obstacles due to Covid restrictions, graduate our first class of "Equipped to Counsel" Lay-Counsellor training. We hope to begin another cohort in September of 2022 and this year we will be opening up a limited number of spaces to other churches in the community; there has already been significant interest from the community. We are also happy to report that we have completed our first 10-wk cycle of Redemption Groups in several years. We hope to continue to have 1-2 Redemption Group cycles each year at our Salmon Arm campus. Additionally, we hope to offer Redemption Groups at our other campuses as needed. Redemption Groups are already taking place at our Sicamous Campus.

We currently have one full time counsellor: Pastor Richard Magill, and three contract (as needed counsellors): Kirstin Hall, Ben Hall, and Sylvia Siemens. We also have two 2nd year interns, Mikayla May and Rachel Coers. We are prayerfully and patiently on the lookout for an additional female contract counsellor. Given the fact that a significant percentage of our clientele growth is occurring in children under the age of 14, It would be especially helpful if they were competent in counselling children.

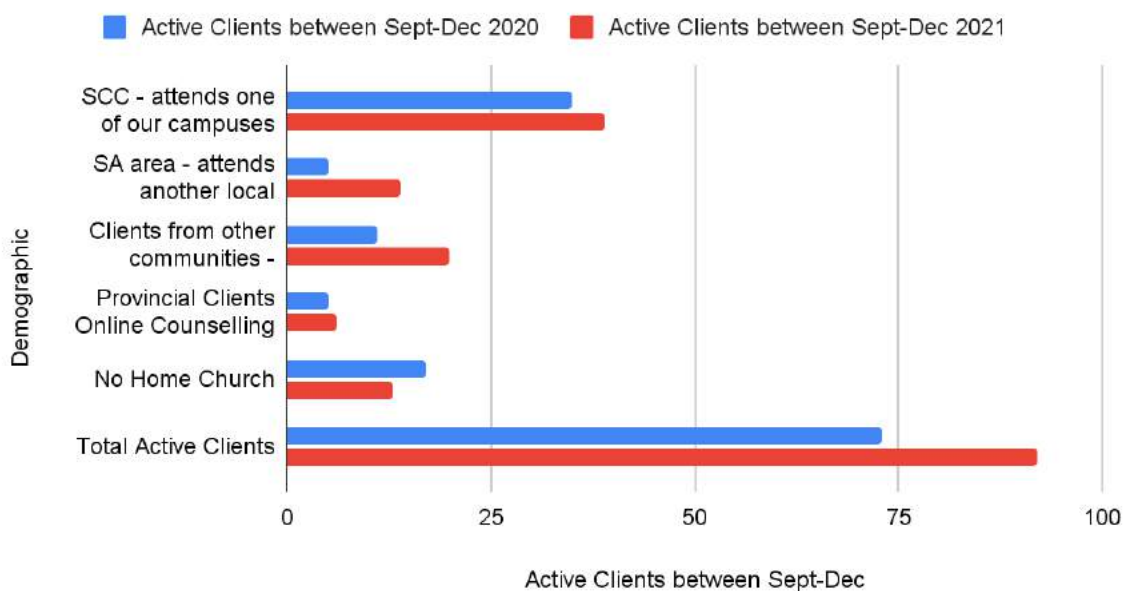
Redemption Counselling

2021 Monthly Statistics



2021 Monthly Average: New Clients - 14 Returning Clients - 29 Avg Monthly Appts - 70

Active Clients between Sept-Dec vs. Demographic



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