

"On Mission Together"

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director's Calendar

December

- 10 – Parkland Community Church (Yorkton)
- 17 – Riverbend Fellowship (Borden)
- 17 – Hibret Christians Saskatoon Church
- 26-29 – Post Christmas Break

January 2024

- 7 – Northwest Community Church (Meadow Lake)
- 14 – Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
- 21 – Faith River Fellowship (Saskatoon)
- 21 – Carmel Pentecostal Church (Saskatoon)
- 28 – Gateway Community Church (Canora)

Please pray for traveling mercies.

CCMBC Executive Board Appoints National Director



By unanimous decision of the CCMBC Executive Board, Cam Stuart has been appointed National Director for the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Cam is the Lead Pastor of Arnold Church in British Columbia and has been on the CCMBC Executive Board for several years, serving as Assistant Moderator and Interim Moderator since January of 2023.

Search team chair Michael Dick says, "Cam's three decades of pastoral leadership in our Conference, his knowledge of our national vision and ministries, as well as his doctoral research, which focused on developing healthy disciple-making church cultures and strategies for our local churches, make him an ideal candidate to lead our Conference effectively in the years to come."

Cam will complete his pastoral ministry at Arnold Church early in the New Year. He will assume the National Director role after a personal sabbatical on April 15, 2024.

Welcome to SKMB



Matt Blackaby has recently been hired as the Pastor of Worship and Community at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon, SK. He and his wife Elizabeth have spent the last six years living in Caronport where Matt served as the Director of Marketing for Briercrest College and Seminary. During this time, Matt worked on his Master of Divinity at Briercrest Seminary (2024 Cand.) and Elizabeth completed her Master of Arts

Theological Studies: Old Testament. Previously, Matt completed a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communications with a Biblical Studies minor. As part of his undergraduate degree, Matt interned with the

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada under Rick Hiemstra and had the privilege of contributing to the national study titled "Renegotiating Faith: The Delay in Young Adult Identity Formation and What it Means for the Church in Canada. Both Elly and Matt share a passion for ministry in the local church with a special interest in faith and identity formation for young adults. They enjoy hosting Bible studies in their home, co-leading worship together in various contexts, and playing sports of all kinds when the weather allows.

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2023 Leadership Conference



My experience at the leadership conference in Saskatoon this last month was an enjoyable one. Aside from the meeting of new people and seeing a few familiar faces from my Bible college grad class, there was the teaching from Darryl Dash, a pastor from the Toronto area, which was based on Paul's advice to Timothy in 2 Timothy.

Friday evening saw Darryl teach on the topic of resting in the sufficiency of Christ in our leadership roles in the hopes of allowing us to sleep well that night. He stressed the fact that while we were to do the work, ultimately any results in our ministry were in the hands of an almighty and all-knowing God who cares for us and that should be a great comfort to us. This was extremely encouraging to me as someone who is new to the ministry.

In Saturday morning's first session Darryl taught on the necessity of having proper motivation for ministry. He asserted that having the proper motivation helps a leader push through the difficult times because it is hard to go the distance without having the big picture in mind. He taught that remembering our salvation and the gospel were key to being able to carry on through the difficulties of life, especially those that come with ministry and leadership. This is a timeless reminder. One that is always pertinent to any situation because we can so easily lose sight of the gospel in our own lives. As one of my professors loved to say, "We need to preach the Gospel to ourselves everyday."

The second session on Saturday morning brought the teaching that there were three aspects of ministry that we needed to pay close attention to. The first was the type of teaching, second was personal character, and third was relationship. He emphasised that reminding people is a valuable component of preaching and teaching and that we have a duty to warn people of distraction. We need to have a blameless character, one that is above reproach, if those who hear us are to take our words seriously. He stressed "blameless not sinless" which I think is a

proper biblical view considering many of the patriarchs were considered blameless, but definitely not sinless. He also pointed out that we need to love others well, showing grace and mercy when needed.

Overall, I was greatly built up and challenged by Darryl's teaching and the rest of the forum as well. I look forward to attending more in the future.

Scott Stephenson
Pastor, Glenbush MB Church

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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 **THRIVE**
DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM
You Are Invited
To

Thrive Christmas Extravaganza!

This year we are taking the Extravaganza ON THE ROAD!

- Wednesday, December 6th in **Lanigan** at Christian Fellowship Church
- Thursday, December 7th in **Swift Current** at Bridgeway Community Church

The Extravaganza is at NO-COST. Now this is a fundraiser, so we will give you opportunity to donate to us, but you do not pay for a ticket up front.

If you are able to come - send us an email and let us know how many are coming. admin@thrivesk.com

If you are not able to come, but want to donate, or If you want to sponsor some of our expenses (fuel, equipment rental, food...)- you can etransfer to: admin@thrivesk.com

Once again - thank you all so much for your support and we hope to see you AND YOUR FAMILIES at one of our events!

Blessings,
Curtis Zoerb

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