



SOUTHVIEW CHURCH 2025 MINISTRY REPORT

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WORSHIP AND EXPERIENCE

Brett Ashton - Senior Associate Pastor

This year my title was changed from Pastor of Worship and Arts to Pastor of Worship and Experience to reflect our new UP, IN, OUT, and OPS divisions. My role gives oversight to all areas of our weekend services, plus kids and youth. Spencer (Kids Ministry) and Devon (Student Ministry) will share more in their reports; here is a snapshot of what has taken place through Worship and Experience:

Services

31,320 different plays on our YouTube channel and gained **332** subscribers.

We have had **6694** downloads of our podcast in over **37** countries

3040 people attended Christmas Eve services

1522 people attended Good Friday services

2397 people attended on Easter Weekend

104 Different songs throughout the year

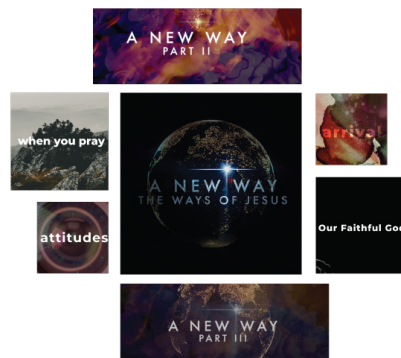


Guest Services

The new role of Weekend Coordinator was created to provide leadership and care for the many volunteers who help make our weekend services welcoming and seamless. I'm thrilled that Deonne McCausland stepped into this role last fall. She consistently supports our greeters, welcome centre team, ushers, coffee service volunteers, and Cardo Café team. Over the past several months,



Deonne has been a constant presence in Cardo before and after services. If you see her, be sure to thank her for helping make our services run so smoothly!



7 Sermon Series plus Advent, Easter, and Pentecost Weekends.

We also welcomed Ric Strangway and Damien Lee as guest speakers this past year.

Goal

Increase art culture and develop the artist community at Southview.

Prayer Request

Pray that we, as a church, have an increased awareness of the Holy Spirit's work and prompting.



Spencer Young - Pastor

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This year brought some exciting firsts and meaningful growth in our ministry. We launched "volunteer huddles," smaller training nights designed to equip our teams with practical tools like classroom management and ways to support kids with special needs. In October, we hosted our very first Trunk or Treat event, with 26 families decorating their vehicles and welcoming 500–600 kids for a fun, family-friendly evening. We also created a dedicated kindergarten classroom, which has eased the strain on our 4–5-year-old room and opened up more space for children to join us each weekend.

GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- Engage: We're excited to launch a revamped "Engage" leadership program for grades 5-7 students this October.
- Winter Carnival: In February we plan to launch a winter community-focused event for families, with a similar focus to the Trunk or Treat.



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Child Dedications
during the year

Prayer Requests

Supports

for Special Needs: Our team is working on equipping our leaders and classrooms to better serve our children who have special needs, with the goal of helping them thrive in our environment. Please pray that God would guide us as we do so, and call people who can intentionally serve alongside these children!

50

Average attendance of
Club 56 students across
the five events held



Devon Snelgrove - Pastor

STUDENT MINISTRY



Youth Ministry

This past year in Student Ministry has been full of growth and encouragement. We were blessed with 30 dedicated leaders serving across 12 small groups, faithfully investing in our students. A big thank you to all for faithfully pouring into the students.

Highlights include the launch of a student-led worship team, now seven students strong, who lead us in meaningful times of praise each week. We also began a Student Leader Committee, giving students a voice in shaping youth nights and events, which has led to exciting ideas for the future. To close the year, we held a two-week celebration—one night dedicated to worship, testimony, communion, and prayer for our graduates, and another night of fun and fellowship.



One of our goals for this year is to have students leading students. We desire to see students use and grow in their gifting both on Tuesday nights and on the weekends. Please pray for our students as they discern and continue to minister to their peers in their schools.

College & Career

The highlight of College & Career this year was the launch of a student leadership team. Their involvement has strengthened our weekly Bible study, welcomed new students, and created meaningful opportunities for peers to lead one another. Next year we plan to refine our studies, expand leadership development, and host monthly events to better connect young adults. Please keep us in prayer as we move forward.





CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Craig Somerville - Senior Associate Pastor

This year my role shifted from Pastor of Care Ministries to Pastor of Congregational Life, giving oversight to all our Congregational Ministries and staff. Justine (Women's Ministry) and Fernando (Small Groups & Men's Ministry) will share more in their reports; here is a snapshot of what has taken place through our Care Ministries:

Care Teams

Our **49** volunteers, serving on **4** rotating teams, provided **336** personal connections this year with those walking through life's challenges, offering prayer, encouragement, and a caring presence.

Seniors Coffee Connections

We held **7** gatherings with about **95** people at each. With the help of **13** volunteers, these events offered food, music, décor, tech, and meaningful conversations. These events create times of connection.

Support Groups

We hosted groups for caregivers, those grieving, people experiencing divorce, and mental health support through the Sanctuary Course. Each group provided safe spaces for prayer, encouragement, and community for dozens of participants.



Evening of Remembrance

Our third annual gathering brought 70 people together for music, testimony, Scripture, prayer, and candle lighting in memory of loved ones, followed by a meaningful time of fellowship.

Funerals Southview hosted **10** funerals this past year, ministering both to our church family and those from the community, offering a sacred space for grieving and hope.

Benevolent Ministry

Over 250 times this year we offered practical support such as grocery cards, rent assistance, counseling, meals, hampers, and more. Your generosity enables us to bless families in need and support local ministries doing kingdom work.

Goal

This year we plan to launch "Care Team #5," focused on connecting with seniors through check-ins, prayer, and support.

Prayer Request

Pray for our Congregational Life staff and volunteers as we lead and develop ministries that help us grow to maturity in Christ by the Spirit's power.



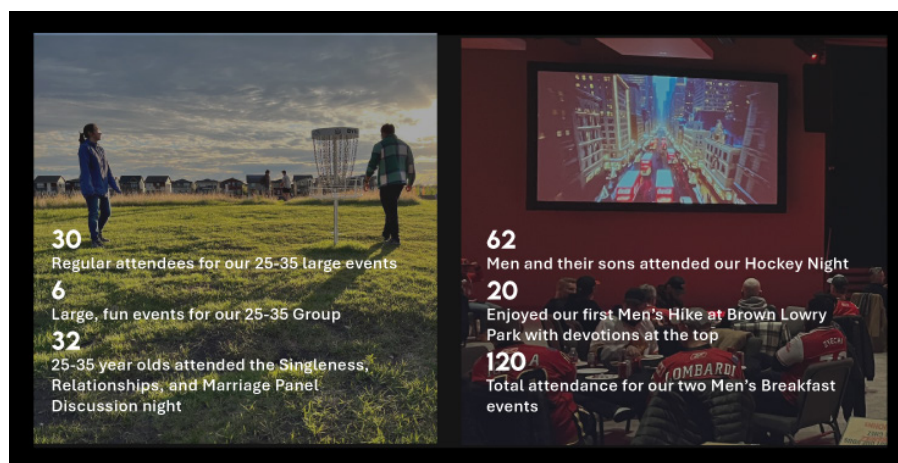
Fernando Ebanks - Pastor

SMALL GROUPS

Over the past year, my role has expanded to include Marriage Ministries alongside Small Groups, Men's Ministry, and the 25–35 Group. It has been a busy and rewarding season, and I want to thank the leaders who make these ministries thrive—John, Ben, Peter, and Todd (Small Groups); Alex, Craig, James, Biyi, and Steve (Men's Ministry); and Luke, Renate, Samara, Ryan, Saige, Patricia, and Kenzie (25–35 Group). Their dedication, passion, and support are what make these ministries so impactful.

GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- Small Groups - Add 20 new groups by May 2026
- Marriage Ministries - recruit 3 new Pre-Marriage Facilitators and ran a church-wide marriage equipping event.
- Men's Ministry - add 2 young men to our Leadership Team.



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Active Small Groups with a total of 292 congregants

12

6 Engaged couples currently taking pre-marriage with 6 already completed earlier in the year

Prayer Requests

Pray for people to be connected to small groups and new leaders to come forward.

Please pray God will guide us as a church in building and supporting a culture of strong, thriving marriages, as well as to empower and guide our facilitators.

Prayer for people to be drawn to our Men's and 25-35 groups.



Justine Lofgren - Pastor

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Study

This year, our Women's Ministry has continued to live out our vision of growing in Christ together—rooted in Scripture, pursuing His glory, and serving others in His name. Through our Bible studies, women gathered to learn, share, and be transformed by God's Word.

In the fall, **125** women joined *In View of God's Mercies: The Gift of the Gospel in Romans*. In the winter, **115** women studied *Abide: 1, 2 & 3 John*. And in the spring, **85** women explored the foundations of faith in *I Believe: A Study of the Apostles' Creed*.

Each study has been a rich time of teaching, discussion, and encouragement as we continue to grow together in Christ.

How We Served

On Wednesday, October 23 our **Bible Study** table groups spent the morning serving those in need across our city at The Mustard Seed, Calgary Dream Centre, Mamas for Mamas, Calgary Meals on Wheels, Mainsprings Pregnancy Care Centre, Centre for the City, and the Warming Shelter at Journey Church.

M&M Ministry Outreach served Thanksgiving and Easter lunches at Journey Church's Warming Shelter, delivered Christmas baking and gifts to Mamas for Mamas, restaged the sponsor suite and provided Valentine's and Mother's Day gifts at Radiance.

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Young Moms attended each of our two sessions this year. Truthfilled: The Practice of Preaching to Yourself Through Every Season & Walking With God in the Seasons of Motherhood

Growth & Connection

Women's Advent Dinner: A Weary World Rejoices

The first weekend of Advent, **110** women gathered for dinner and fellowship to intentionally prepare our hearts for the Christmas season and reflect on it's true meaning. Our focus this year was on the Advent theme of joy.

Women's Social Event: In February, **35** women gathered for an afternoon of games, food and fellowship, and fun.



M&M MINISTRY
Mother's Day Flowers



BIBLE STUDY - MAMAS FOR MAMAS



M&M MINISTRY - EASTER



ADVENT DINNER



COMMUNITY & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

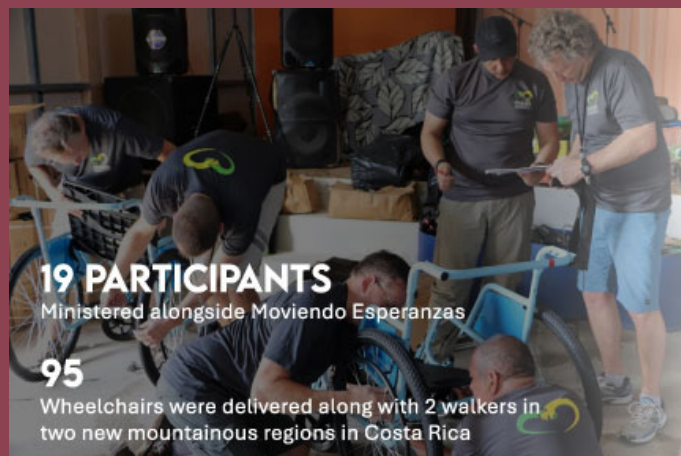
Jodie Tosh - Senior Associate Pastor

I am grateful to have joined the Southview staff in May as the new “OUT” Pastor, focusing on our local and international missions. In these first months, I’ve been learning about the many areas this ministry touches and have been encouraged by the wonderful ways Southview is already serving in missions and community support. I look forward to the year ahead as I continue to grow in this role, partner with others, and build on the strong foundation already in place.

Missions - Global

This year our staff visited our International Workers at both Global Gathering and the Southeast Asia Regional Conference, as well as visiting **2** of our Seamless Link families in their countries of service. It is a blessing to be able to care for our workers in person and gain a greater understanding of their lives and ministries overseas.

The beginning of May saw our **10th** annual mission trip to Costa Rica.



Missions Leadership Team

We want to thank the members of our MLT – Michaela, Kyle, Mike, Amanda, and Andrew – who faithfully bring awareness to missions and provide guidance to our local and global outreach initiatives.

Missions - Local

Over the years, we have been providing tradespeople, supplies, labour, and financial support to Camp Chamisall. In June, a dedicated work team installed a new generator and completed upgrades in preparation for summer camps. Funding for the generator was raised by the team through the Retro Rewind event which attracted over **100** attendees.

Tutoring

Our tutoring program focuses on building relationships in the community by showing Christ’s love through action rather than direct teaching. This year, **123** children participated, many for several months. Over **32** weeks, **21** youth and adults volunteered, providing **96** hours of educational support. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers, and especially to Anita, Lorraine, and Daniel for their excellent leadership.

Goal

We plan on increasing awareness and volunteer engagement in the OUT division.

Prayer Request

A prayer for this ministry as we seek to serve our city and the world with compassion and truth, as well as build and strengthen our partnerships for the gospel to be lived out in action.

SOUTHVIEW STAFF - SEPT 2025

Ryan Graham - Senior Pastor

UP DIVISION - WORSHIP AND EXPERIENCE

- Brett Ashton - Sr Associate Pastor of Worship and Experience
- Spencer Young - Children's Ministry Pastor
- Devon Snelgrove - Senior High Pastor
- Katelyn Condon - Junior High Pastor
- Brittany Barndollar - Grade School (Gr 1 to 4) Coordinator
- Chara Umbach - Preschool (Nursery to K) Coordinator
- Deonne McCausland - Weekend Coordinator
- Ali Hampshire Bilcox - Digital Media
- Sharon Trotman - Administrative Assistant

IN DIVISION - CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- Craig Somerville - Sr Associate Pastor of Congregational Life
- Fernando Ebanks - Pastor of Small Groups (Men's, Marriage Ministry, 25-35 Group)
- Justine Lofgren - Pastor of Women's Ministry
- Nadine Hunt - Parish Nurse
- Hannah Hunt - Care Coordinator
- Liz Tiessen - Funeral and Wedding Coordinator
- Jenni Pritchard - Reception and Administrative Assistant (Men's/Women's Ministry)

OUT DIVISION - COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Jodie Tosh - Sr Associate Pastor of Community and Global Engagement

OPS DIVISION - OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

- Andrew Shareski - Director of Operations
- Michele Black - Executive Assistant/Office Manager
- Mary Ellerby - Human Resources
- Mark Michaud - Manager of Facilities and IT
- Linda Cooper - Accounting Manager
- Gemma Mahdal - Lead Custodian
- Efren Lopena - Custodian
- Adan Smith - Custodian
- Samuel Janz - Custodian
- Kim Thomson - Bookings and Administrative Assistant
- On Call & Weekend Chair Set-up: Elijah Fast, Ezra Fast, Marek Tomas, Ioan Lopatinsky-Torres, John Behnam, Nora Umbach, Bethel Wondwossen, Mikayla Umbach

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