



Northern Cross Community Church

Goose Bay, Labrador

April 2025

Spring arrived and the snow melted away a little at a time, although that doesn't mean it stops snowing (as seen in the photo above). But the harsh days of winter are behind us and that means we will see more pedestrian traffic around our facility. We celebrated Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday this month with two separate services. I traveled to St Andrews, New Brunswick for the Canadian National Baptist Convention's 2025 Atlantic Regional Retreat and caught up with many old friends and made some new ones in ministry. We will have a busy summer ahead of us with four more mission teams coming to serve with us and help reach the surrounding community with the Gospel.



Early in April

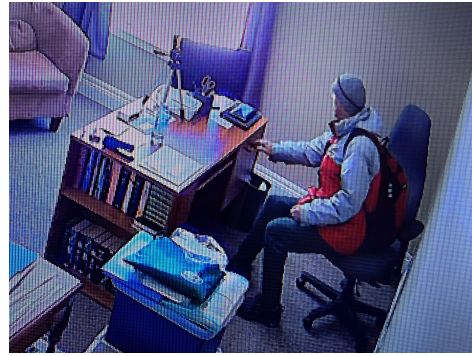


End of April

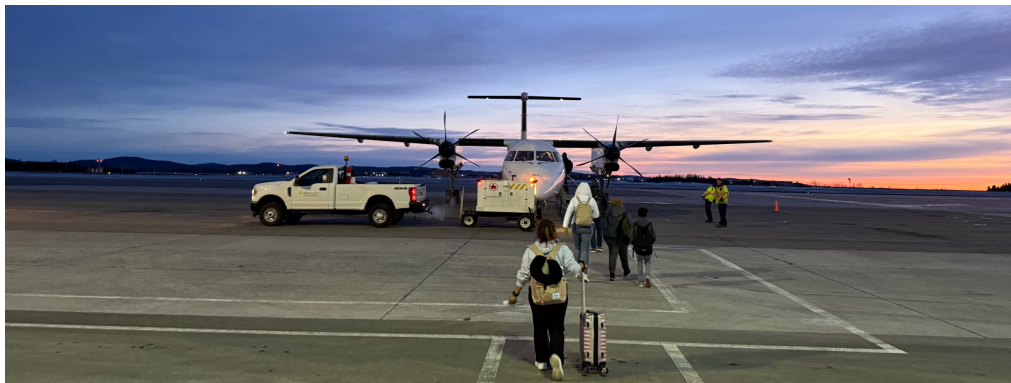
Spring in Labrador is a little different than regions south of us in that the snow begins to melt, but unless the frost under the soil is melted we end up with rather large mud puddles. Our church parking lot is not paved, but usually the large puddles only last a week or two at most. We put away the snow shovels and cleaned up the lawnmower!



We celebrated Good Friday with a special evening service that included the ordinance of the Lord's Table. On Sunday morning we celebrated Resurrection Day and we had good attendance even though several of our regular folks were traveling. It was especially encouraging for me because I was told by a visitor that the NCCC service was the most Biblical representation of these events of all the churches in town. One thing I practice is expositional preaching and I believe that is the most effective way to begin discipleship in the lives of attendees.



We had a local Inuk man attend a Sunday service and he asked us to pray for his family. After the service he seemed to depart rather quickly, but I later determined he had hidden in a utility room and waited until everyone had departed. He then went into my office and stole some small items, but nothing of significant value. Thank goodness we have the surveillance system that FBC Biloxi installed last year because we were able to identify the suspect with the help of local RCMP officers as a repeat offender and convicted child molester (he is trespassed from the Sheshatshiu reservation and most of the other churches).



I traveled to St Andrews (by the sea), New Brunswick to attend the Canadian National Baptist Convention's 2025 Atlantic Regional Retreat at the Algonquin Resort. This was a wonderful event for pastors and their spouses to have a time to refresh away from their communities with other ministers and leaders. Pastor Matt Lahey and his wife Ruth from Route 10 Community church met me in Halifax and we carpooled to the event. I saw many old friends and met several new ones, but the best part was hearing new ideas for ministry and outreach.



Bo and Rachel Neal



Brian Croft



Chad and Lynda McDonald



Steve Savage



Josh and Krista Dockstader



Ruth Lahey & Fauna Doyle



Pastor Brian Croft created practical shepherding and he delivered two outstanding talks for ministry leaders to contemplate in their daily routines to keep themselves from becoming burned out. It was a great conference and retreat and I recommend everyone involved in ministry to take time to refresh and regain focus. I am thankful for the amazing opportunity to attend this conference and learn from the experience.



The Algonquin Resort