

# HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

Loving God Serving His World Changing Lives

## February 2026



Annual Congregation Meeting  
February 22, 2026  
10 AM in the Sanctuary

Reports will be available on Sunday,  
February 15, in Foyer and Breezeway



Ash Wednesday  
Service

Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
7PM in Sanctuary

## Pastor Mike's Memo

Pastoral care is an important part of our life as a community of faithful followers of Jesus. It is an integral part of the Deacon ministry here at CPC. Until recently, each member of the church was put in a Care Community under a Deacon. As we began to emerge from the 2020 lockdown, the Deacons focused on fellowship time and recruiting ushers and greeters. We have done a lot of good work in those areas and are now ready to focus on pastoral care.

As part of this rebuilding process, a few of the Deacons formed a pastoral care team to work with the pastors to provide help, support, and encouragement when needed. This team monitors the prayer group emails and sends cards to those who share their concerns with us. We are expanding this ministry to include visits and other forms of personal contact,

Once we have completed the training, we will introduce the members of the team to the congregation and encourage people to reach out to them for prayer and other needs. As always, you are encouraged and welcome to reach out to the pastors for your spiritual needs. We can also assist you in finding help for material needs.

Please pray for the Deacons as we work to develop and implement this ministry.

## Ministry Opportunity

We have several people in the church who are shut-in, unable to attend church regularly, or need prayer. Here is the current list: Carol Phillips (Scott), Tom and Bridget Gill, Dick and Mary Ann Huesby, The Poole and Steen families, and Marion Thomas. If you know of any other people who would appreciate visits or prayer, please let Pastor Mike know at [pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org](mailto:pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org).

## A Note from Session

You may have noticed a few changes around the outside of our church. Session has agreed to move forward on two major projects using reserve funding.

The first was the repair, sealcoating, and stripping of the parking lot. This project was well overdue, with the latest crack sealing 3 years ago and sealcoating 7 years ago. We will need to continue to do crack sealing every two years but the latest seal coating should last around 5 years.

The second project is the painting of the exterior of the church. The original construction (sanctuary & tower) has not been painted since the original construction 19 years ago! The auditorium and education building has the original paint that was applied 14 years ago. Per the painting contractors, commercial painting in Arizona last around 7 years. We needed to move forward with this project before there was extensive stucco and wood facer damage.

Thanks to generosity this year of all of our congregation, less than \$20,000 in reserves were needed to complete these two major projects.

The parking lot work and painting of the exterior along with our new playground area will really dress up the outside of our church.

Thanks again for all your support!

*Gene Howard*

## AP Search Committee

I am happy to report that we have a Search Committee committed to find us an Assistant Minister who would have responsibilities to work with the youth, families, and outreach, as well as general pastoral duties, as assigned. We have begun the first step in finding this person that God has for us, which is to develop a job description and a church description. We will keep you updated.

*Jerry Truce*  
Personnel Elder

## Financial Statement

### CPC Financial Overview

### Dec 2025 & Year End 2025

Summary	Dec-25	2025 YTD
Income	\$144,021.90	\$771,599.99
Expenses	-\$74,667.28	-\$719,792.96
NET	\$69,354.62	\$51,807.03

## Missions



### Mobile Food Bank - Volunteers Needed

CPC continues to participate in the monthly *Mobile Food Bank Distribution* at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St, Goodyear) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Volunteers are welcome anytime between 7:00AM and 10:00 AM - or come at 10:00AM if you'd like to help with cleanup!

### Upcoming Dates:

- February 28<sup>th</sup>
- March 28th



Thank you to everyone who signed up for our upcoming packing event. We look forward to seeing you on:

 February 21, 2026

 9:00-11:00 AM

 1100 West Grove Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85283

Your willingness to serve makes a meaningful impact!

### Update from the Shocklies:

We are excited to share that our Scotland missionaries, Caleb and Summer Shocklie will be on campus February 22th.

Please make plans to greet them and hear firsthand about their ministry and how you can continue to support their work.

### Sponsored Children

Please keep our sponsored children and their families in your prayers:

- Gensly, age 5, lives in Cosse, Haiti. He loves to draw and enjoys eating pie.
- Belyse, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, lives in Marengo, Burundi. She loves to sing.

Pray that they and their families will continue to receive the food, healthcare and education they need.

Every act of kindness - big or small - creates ripples of hope. Together, we are making a difference in our community and around the world. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

## Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous but is not associated with AA. CR also uses 8 Recovery Principles from derived from the Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-11) It is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ to heal us from our hurts, habits, and hang-ups and grow in our faith.

Celebrate Recovery is NOT solely for the chemically dependent. More than half the people who regularly attend CR are struggling with food, codependency, anger, and dysfunctional relationships, among other issues.

CR is a faith journey as much as it is a journey of recovery. Those who commit to working the steps and principles grow in their faith as they deal with the issues in their lives. While it can be a painful and difficult process, the growth that comes from working the program more than compensates for the struggle.

CR focuses on living in freedom from our problems instead of just stopping what we know we should not be doing as followers of Jesus. There is something for everyone regardless of the nature of the struggle.

**CR at CPC meets every Friday evening, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** We always start and end on time. Everyone is welcome to come and check it out. Each meeting begins with teaching or a testimony in large group followed by a small group time for men and women to share.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Mike at [pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org](mailto:pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org).

## ARC Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at CPC is on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Why donate blood?

Science has not yet been able to replicate human blood. Blood and blood products are vital for survival. Every three seconds someone needs a blood transfusion. The only way they can receive a transfusion is from blood donors.

Marje Shirey is our current "Blood Program Leader". Her contact information is: 309-712-6482 or [mrs.shirey62@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.shirey62@gmail.com). She is always looking for people who would like to serve on a Blood Drive Team.

## Men of IAM

**New format:** We are doing Bible Study and fellowship, but no breakfast or business meeting.

Plan to join us in the Auditorium on Saturday, February 14th from 8:30AM to 9:30AM

We will continue with the lessons from the Study Guide Growing Older and Wiser.

## Women of the Word

Plan to join us in the Auditorium on Saturday, February 14th from 10AM to 11AM

## Secret Sister

 Secret Sister Reveal! 

Saturday, February 14

Immediately following Women's Bible Study about 11 AM

The secret is finally out! Join us right after Women's Bible Study to meet your Secret Sister—the one you've prayed for, encouraged, and showered with love and little gifts throughout the year. 

Come ready for smiles, hugs, and a sweet moment of connection as we celebrate the friendships God has been growing behind the scenes. We can't wait to reveal the mystery!

## Choir Note

### Seasonal Singers

If you are interested in joining the choir for singing during the Lent/Easter season, please reach out to the choir director, Shanna Steinback at [choir\\_director@cpcgoodyear.org](mailto:choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org)

### Requirements:

- Participation is from 2/25-4/5
- Regularly attend rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm (if singing on Sundays until Easter, please stay until 8pm)
- Must be at least 18 years of age with some choral experience (able to read music is not required, but definitely helps if you are familiar with choral scores and how to read them)

Please reach out with any interest or questions!

*Shanna Steinback*

# Arctic Kids Ministry

## January Recap

### Learning to Trust Jesus

January was an exciting month in Arctic Kids! Our kids spent time learning how Jesus cares for us and invites us to trust Him in every situation. Through hands-on activities, Bible stories, games, and discussion, we saw kids growing in confidence, faith, and curiosity about God's Word. Thank you, families, for continuing the conversations at home—we love partnering with you!

## February Lessons

### The Miracles of Jesus

In February, Arctic Kids will explore the Miracles of Jesus! Kids will discover how Jesus healed the sick, calmed storms, fed crowds, and showed His power and compassion in amazing ways.

Each week, children will learn that:

Jesus is powerful

Jesus cares deeply for people

Jesus still works in our lives today

Expect lots of wonder, hands-on fun, and moments that point kids back to trusting Jesus.

## Looking Ahead - We Need Your Help!

As we prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter, we're asking for extra helping hands to make these special Sundays memorable for our kids. These are fun-event roles only—no teaching required!

### *Two Special Opportunities:*

*Palm Sunday 3.29* - Hosanna Dash (Color Run)

*Easter Sunday 4.05* - Arctic Kids Scavenger Hunt

### We need help with:

- Event prep
- Set-up
- Smiling faces and extra hands during the events

If you'd like to help, please contact:

Shawna Farrish 209-986-6486

Your willingness to serve helps create joyful, meaningful experiences where kids can celebrate Jesus in unforgettable ways.

In His Service,

*Shawna Farrish*

## Happenings

### February Save the Dates

- 2.14 Men's & Women's Bible Study
- 2.14 Secret Sister Reveal
- 2.15 CPC 101 Connect
- 2.18 Ash Wednesday Service
- 2.21 Feed My Starving Children
- 2.22 Annual Congregation Meeting
- 2.28 Brandt Celebration of Life

### Family Worship Sunday!

**Sunday 2.1.26**

Traditional & Contemporary Services  
1st- 5th Graders – Join your families in worship!

6 Weeks – Pre-K Grade: Drop off in the Education Wing before service starts.



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Every Friday 6:30 PM in Room  
202 in Ed. Bldg

### Secret Sister Reveal

Immediately following the Women's bible study on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 11AM in the Auditorium

### CPC 101 Connect Exploring Membership

**February 15, 2026**

12PM in Education Bldg. Rm 202,  
Lunch Provided

### Office Closed

*Monday, February 16.*

### March Save the Dates

- 3.08 CPC 201 Grow
- 3.14 Men's a & Women's Bible Study
- 3.21 ARC Blood Drive
- 3.29 Palm Sunday
- 3.29 Arctic Kids Hosanna Dash

### CPC 201 Grow

Tools for Growing in Christ

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

12PM in Education Bldg. Rm 202

Lunch Provided sign up today by  
writing "CPC 201"  
on your Connect Card!

### April Save the Dates

- 4.2 Maundy Thursday
- 4.3 Good Friday
- 4.5 Easter 6AM, 9AM & 10:30AM
- 4.11 Men's & Women's Bible Study
- 4.19 CPC 301

# Christ Presbyterian Church Goodyear

## **Our Vision**

In joyful gratitude to God, we are reaching out with the love of Jesus to create a community where everyone belongs. By the power of the Spirit, we are building lifelong disciples, equipping faithful servants and growing healthy families to impact the world.

## **Our Mission**

Loving God, Serving His World, Changing Lives  
Staff

*Senior Pastor: Jerry Cooper*  
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