

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS



Loving God Serving His World Changing Lives

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Past, Present and Future.

Time is one of God's most intriguing creations. While God is timeless and eternal, he created a universe that is moving through time from past to future. And he created people who are very conscious of that movement.

We live in the present, but most of our thoughts are of a different time. We often dwell on the past, the good and the bad. We also have many thoughts about the future, filled with both hope and worry. God designed us that way.

What are your most powerful memories?
What are your biggest hopes for the future?

In the Bible, we are constantly told to remember the past. The purpose is often twofold. First, remember all the good God has done for you and all the blessings he has poured into your life. Second, remember the failures of the past, both ours and others, so we are encouraged not to repeat them.

Yet, even as we remember, we are not to dwell on the past or let it control us. Instead, God wants us to be free from the regrets, the guilt, the hurts, and the failures of the past, so they do not weigh us down in the present. It is so easy to get stuck.

God uses the future to get us unstuck. The Bible constantly reminds us of where God is taking us, providing hope for our future. He will heal our hurts, restore relationships, forgive sins, give us a purpose, grow the seeds we plant, bring joy, and deepen our love. Jesus Christ redeems the past.

If you find yourself getting stuck in the past, then focus on the promises of God. At the same time, if you get stuck worrying about the future, then remember God's faithfulness in the past. It's cool how God uses each to free us from the other.

But don't forget to live in the present!

Today, God is doing something in your life. What is it? Take a moment to think about it and ask God to show you.

Today, God is going to bring someone into your life - an opportunity to bless another. Who is it? Will you recognize it when it comes?

Today, God's Spirit wants to teach you something. Is your heart and mind open? Or are you stuck on autopilot and immune to how God wants to open you to something wonderful?

Today, Jesus Christ wants you to experience his peace. Are you ready? Do you trust him? What is blocking your spirit from having true contentment? Worry? Complaints? Hurts? Apathy? People? Circumstances? Take a moment to let go of those things and spend some time alone with Jesus. Remember his love and sacrifice for you. Remember his promise to be with you and to provide all you need if you follow him.

As we enter the fall, we begin a new program year at the church. I am very hopeful for our future. I also find myself remembering where we've come from. May God find us faithful in the present as we build on our past for an awesome future to the glory of God!

Love and Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jerry

Upcoming Classes



CPC 401 Share
Sharing your faith naturally
Sunday, September 27th
Sign up on your connect card
or contact the church office



CPC 101 Connect
Exploring Membership
October 11, 2026
12 PM, Lunch Provided
Write 101 on your Connect Card today!

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will be starting its fall season this September. Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm and begin on September 9th.

The Chancel Choir sings for Traditional 9 am services and meets Sunday mornings at 8:15 am to warm up and rehearse before service.

We would love to expand our choir, and we welcome new members to join our ministry. We are especially in need of more male singers in our Tenor and Bass sections. If you are interested in joining our choir, we encourage you to reach out to the choir director, Shanna Steinback, for more information at choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org.

It is helpful to have some singing experience in choir and to be able to read music. This is also an adult choir, so singers do need to be at least high school age or older to blend with adult voices and be vocally capable of singing the repertoire.

Thank you, Shanna

WOW (WOMEN OF THE WORD) Ladies Bible Study

Join us for our next WOW Women's Bible Study this Saturday, September 12th, at 10:00 AM in the CPC Auditorium. We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, there is a place for you and a friend.

This week, Carol Moeller will guide us through Lesson 9 (page 101; John 20:24-29), "Slaying the Giant of Doubt," from David Jeremiah's book Slaying the Giants, sharing practical strategies for overcoming doubt.

Free study books are available for anyone who needs one, and the 12 lessons will carry us through December. We will also provide coffee and water. Come connect, encourage one another, and learn biblical principles to apply to daily life as we grow closer to Jesus.

Hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Ingrid Cooper (facilitator) and Kay Kenney (leader)

Arctic Kids

Blessings to all from the Arctic Kids Ministry.

This Fall schedule is exciting as the Pastors' sermons and the Sunday School lessons will be synced. Since parents and children will hear the same message, it allows for great discussions as both share what they learned.

On communion Sundays, our children will return to having their normal Sunday School class. If you would like your child to come back to worship to be part of communion, please communicate that to the teacher beforehand.

Speaking of the teacher, we are excited to present Ms. Jessie as our lead Teacher every Sunday. We thank God, as she is a huge blessing to our children. We equally appreciate all the volunteer teacher assistants who have been doing great work - you are a huge blessing to our kids! Thank you for partnering in growing this future generation in the knowledge and love of Christ.

We are always looking for more people to serve our children. You don't have to teach, just love and serve.

Thank you, CPC family, for adopting a student to pray for throughout the year. Please pray also for their teachers at the various schools and the school support staff.

Thank you, parents, for bringing your children every week as we all join to train them in accordance with the Scripture. Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Have a fun-filled, blessed, and joyful Fall.

Arctic Kids Ministry

Jane Kibong-Yufenyuy, Elder

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Mike leads a Bible Study for Adults each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary alcove. Our current focus is the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to attend. Study notes are available for each lesson. Please contact Pastor Mike (309-712-6481) or the church office for more information.

Building Disciples: Connect Groups

Our new season of Connect Groups begins on September 13, 2026, with six weeks of

“Family Lessons”.

The sermons will be as follows:

- Evangelism
- Baptism
- Temptation
- Forgiveness
- Healing
- Faith

Our facilitators of connect groups have the option of using their own materials or the sermon-based series.

Our Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 25, 2026, will have our facilitators sharing their study materials, the day and time of the week they meet, and answering any questions members might have.

If you are interested in joining a connect group, please contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@cpcgoodyear.org.

Men of IAM

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, so plan to join us at 8:30 AM in the auditorium on:

- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th

In September, we will continue our study of the Holy Spirit. The topic will be “Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit” and will be facilitated by Russ Schultz.

The October lesson will be “Enjoying the Presence of the Holy Spirit”. John Merrill will be our leader.

In November, we will start a new series of lessons using the book *Parables – The Greatest Stories Ever Told*. The first lesson will be “Parable of the Sower” based on Matthew 13:1 – 23. Roy Poole will be our lesson leader.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mark your calendars! Pastor Jerry will lead our December Bible Study. Plan to join us on December 12th.

For further information, contact our President, Russ Schultz, at 623-223-4487 or russellschultz113@gmail.com.

Next Steps Ministry

CLASSES

We’ve been busy with activities and classes at CPC this summer, but are looking forward to cooler weather and increased activity as school starts again and our vacationers return. CPC 101 will be offered again in October to those interested in finding out what kind of church Christ Presbyterian is, what we believe, what our vision is, and what becoming a covenant partner of CPC means for their faith life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME TO THE FAIR!

The fall season also reminds us of harvesting the plenty that we have been given by God and sharing that plenty to meet the needs of others. Not many of us are farmers, but we all have been entrusted with talents and gifts from God that He expects us to use to bless those around us. Together, these talents and gifts can be “harvested” to build up the common good and God’s Kingdom.

How can you become a part of this holy effort? We’re so glad you asked! Mark your calendars and come to our 2026 Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 25th. We have an amazing group of Ministries at CPC, all supported by volunteers, and they need your help! This year’s theme is “Many Hands, One Heart” — a theme that emphasizes that ALL of our skills and talents are needed to support not just each other, but God’s community around us. Every hand is needed to accomplish this. Visit each Ministry table to find out what they do and how your hands could help. The opportunities range from small needs to big ones and from one-time efforts to continuing ones. Look for more details about the Ministry Fair in the coming weeks. For now, mark your calendars for October 25th and start prayerfully exploring ways God might be calling you to share the gifts He has given you.

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

See You at the Fair!

Missions



It is that time of year again. CPC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be available beginning Sunday, October 11th and should be returned by Sunday, November 8th. You can also pack a box online for \$30.00. Visit <https://sampur.se/4xmkJl9> for the CPC Build-a-Box online site. Or scan the QR code below. These boxes go to undisclosed locations.



If you would like to know where your box is sent, you can pay the \$10 shipping fee online and track your box. If not paying online, please make your check payable to CPC for \$10.00 and put OCC in the memo line. Checks for OCC should be put in the offering baskets and not inside your box! Help us reach our goal of 200 shoe boxes.

Do Not Include

Soap; Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Update from our Scotland Missionaries – Caleb and Summer Shocklie:

Caleb will work as an outreach worker 1-2 days a week at Abbeyhill Baptist Church, and Summer will spend one day a week helping facilitate a [Mainly Music](#) group for parents and kids in the area and exploring other ways to serve as pastoral support.

They also were able to raise the needed funds to renew their Visas for another two years.

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Program

Volunteer opportunities at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear)

Packing Sessions:

- Friday, November 20th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Saturday, November 21st, volunteers are needed from 7 am to 10:30 am.
- Questions? Contact Pam Bakker at pambakker@ymail.com or 602-689-1122



Thank you to those who helped pack meals on August 15th. This packing event packed enough food to feed 38,528 meals. This is enough to feed 108 children for one year.

Mobile Food Bank – Volunteers Needed

CPC continues to participate in the monthly **Mobile Food Bank Distribution** to help serve families right here in our community. You now have two opportunities each month to volunteer.

Skyway Church

14900 W. Van Buren Street, Goodyear

 **7:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

Upcoming Saturday Volunteer Dates:

- September 26
- October 24
- November 21
- December 19

All Faith Food Bank

214 S. 5th Street, Buckeye

 **7:00 AM or 10:00 AM**

Upcoming Saturday Volunteer Dates:

- September 19
- October 17
- November 21
- December 19

Thank you for your valuable
contribution.

*Thank you for sharing this
generous gift with us. Your
donation provides nutritious
food and hope for our
neighbors*

We appreciate you!

ALL FAITH
COMMUNITY SERVICES

How You Can Support

- **Donate** non-perishable food items or gently used clothing
(Place donations in the Pick Your Passion bin outside Pastor Mike's office.)
- **Pray** for the individuals and families receiving these meals.

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