

HIGHLIGHTS

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& HAPPENINGS



Please be aware the Church Offices will be closed Monday February 19, 2024

Thanks for...

Thank you for the prayers, encouragement and support you gave the Pastor Nominating Committee during the search process. We appreciate those who attended the Worship services and the Congregational Meeting. We know God was leading us to the Shepherd of His choice.

Claudia Honsberger, PNC chair



Getting to Know Pastor Jerry & Family

- BS from Stanford
- MDiv from Fuller Seminary
- Loves teaching and preaching about Jesus
- Enjoys biking 100 miles a week
- Loves teaching classes
- Enjoys the people getting to know Jesus
- Needed an office to hold all his books
- Wife, Ingrid, an accountant is from Germany and has a wonderful accent
- Daughter, Joy, decided to stay in California
- They quickly found a home and pray their CA homes sells quickly!

Missions



Volunteer opportunities

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities within our community? You can help at the St. Mary's mobile food giveaway. This occurs generally on the 4th Saturday of each month at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear). Volunteers should arrive at 7 am. We begin serving the public at 8 am. The next few event dates are February 24th, and March 23rd, and April 27th.

Local Feed My Starving Children packing event:

We have been invited by Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West to participate in their mobile Feed My Starving Children packing event on February 16-17 on their campus at 13724 W Meeker Blvd Sun City West, AZ. 85375. If interested in participating, please go to <https://www.fmsc.org/volunteer-listing/?mobilepack=2402-209ME>

Remember we are always looking for help setting up and breaking down the rooms when the Arizona Reservation Ministry Basketball teams come into town. We currently do not have the next date set, but would love to have hands ready to work when the time does come as often only get a five-day advance notice of their arrival.

Men's Ministry

February meeting: Start your day with us on Saturday. February 10th at 8 AM in the Auditorium. A great breakfast for only \$5 will be followed by Bible Study and a very short business meeting. The lesson will be the last from the book on forgiveness, led by Pastor Mike.

Looking Ahead: At our March meeting, we'll start a new book, David – Developing a Heart for God.

ODB: The Men of IAM provides copies of the daily devotional Our Daily Bread. There are copies in the Auditorium, Narthex, and Office. Help yourself!

Media Ministry

Would you like to serve in the media ministry, learn how to change the service slides, how the lights change the room, and how to make sure the microphones are at the ready?

We can teach you!

We are looking for people willing to learn and work at least 1 Sunday a month. Contact Austyn at Austyn@cpcgoodyear.org or come back to the sound booth after either service.

Have a cell phone iPhone 11 or newer you are not using? Our media team would love to add it to their equipment.

We are looking to expand our options for our online camera angles. If you would like to donate please email Austyn or call the church office.



GriefShare

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

What the group time looks like:

After the video, you and the other group members will spend time discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your lives. Talking with other people who understand what you're experiencing brings great comfort, normalizes the grief experience, and offers a supportive environment to work through your grief. Our participant guide serves as a road map on your grief journey. This book helps you process your emotions and experiences and cope with the loss. You'll apply what you've heard in the group and gain tools to deal with complicated grief.

A few of the topics discussed

Loneliness

Find your way through the overwhelming loneliness of grief.



Fear

Guidance to manage worry and anxiety in the face of crippling fears.

Anger

Learn healthy strategies to deal with your anger.



Regrets

"If only" are common in grief. Discover how to move beyond them.



Relationships

Tips on responding to well-meaning, but insensitive, comforters.



Hope

Move forward by remembering and honoring your loved one.



To join a group or for more information please contact
Becky 623..633.2432 or Sharon 602.882.3144
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Prayer Ministry

Characteristics of a Praying Church – continued from December

Continuing our Prayer Notes from December, on Characteristics of a Praying Church, here are four more characteristics to go with the four from our December edition:

5. Their lead Pastor has a prayer in his DNA. The Pastor does not just talk about prayer – he does prayer. The congregation truly believes that the Pastor(s) prays well. Like evangelistic churches, I (the author) have never seen a praying church that doesn't have a praying pastor.

6. They pray for non-believers by name. Anecdotally, I (the author) have learned that evangelistic churches are likely also praying churches – probably because they've learned that their expertise can't change hearts. They intercede for non-believers caught in darkness.

7. The Pastor preaches an Annual or Biennial Series on Prayer. Folks are more inclined to pray when their pastor preaches or teaches on the subject, and these pastors plan, accordingly. They let the Word of God show people how to approach the throne of God.

8. The Church trains new believers how to pray. It is never enough to tell people they need to pray; instead, leading them to pray requires teaching new believers to pray. These churches plan for annual equipping opportunities to teach prayer.

(From "8 Characteristics of a Praying Church" by Chuck Lawless, Professor & Senior Assoc. Dean, Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism & Church Growth at the S. Baptist Theological Seminary)

There you have it. Eight characteristics of a Praying Church. How, now, would you answer the question? Is CPC a Praying Church? If YES, Praise God! If not, what are we missing? What do we need to add or change, so that we can confidently say, "Yes, CPC is a Praying Church!"

Pastor Bob Shelton, Prayer Ministry Co-Leader

Nominations Open

Nominating Deacons and Elders - The church Officer Nominating Committee is at work filling the slate of new officers. Now is the time for you to respond to the nudge of the Holy Spirit. If you sense that God is calling you into leadership, or you know someone you would like to nominate as a Deacon or Elder, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee below or the church office. The deadline is Sunday, Feb 18th.

Bill Armstrong, Elder

At Large Members

John Collier, Elder

Sydney Avey

Bob Gates, Deacon

Kathi Eckert

Janete Kibong-Yufenyuy, Deacon

Wendy Neely

Arctic Kids



Happy February CPC Family,

The Arctic Kids Team is gearing up for the Easter Season all the while getting started on the beginning stages of VBS. Below are some details about both events as well as some needs.

We are getting ready for the Pails and Tales Family Easter Event. This year will look a little different than the last few years. We will have 4 stations set up in the Education Bldg and each station will be a different part of the amazing journey of learning Jesus IS Alive! Each station is designed for the entire family participation. and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. We need people to serve as greeters, station leaders, helpers, and registration. Also please see the Donation Board in the Sanctuary Foyer & Auditorium Breezeway for a list of items needed for the event.

Summer Break will be here faster than you can say Summer Sunday Blast. Vacation Bible School is in the beginning stages of planning. This year's theme is Sky: Everything is Possible with God! June 17 - 20, 2024 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

We are looking for (every night is not required, give what you can)

Group Leaders: no teaching required, just guiding the children from room to room and sharing God's love through action and smiles.

- Station Leaders: Bible Story Leader, Snacks, Registration, Games and Crafts
- Decoration Team: Pre-make stage and room decorations over the next couple of months
- Set Up Team: Help build the stage and classrooms with decorations

I would like to share a heartfelt need, we are praying for an Elementary Teacher(s) for the 10:30 AM Service. If we could have 2 or 3 people step up to serve that equals 1 Sunday a month given to teaching 2nd - 5th graders. Lessons are given 1 month ahead of time, with craft and game options. Teachers would be in class with kids for 30/40 minutes depending on the length of worship service. 1st Sunday of each month no teachers are needed as we have Family Worship. If any questions please contact Shawna at shawna@cpcgoodyear.org or come see her in the Education Building 8 AM - 11:30 AM any Sunday.

Thank you for your prayers, help, and donations in advance,
Shawna Farrish and the Arctic Kids Team

Pails and Tales Family Easter Event

Starting Sunday February 4 we will a donation board in the Sanctuary Foyer.

Pick a card of an item needed, purchase the item and then drop it back off to the church by Sunday March 3.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Pails & Tales Family Easter Event Saturday, March 30 2024 We Need People to Serve!

9:15AM Report Time - 11:30AM End Time
We need station workers: 30 mins or 1 hour
2 persons per station 6 stations total
Each station is designed for a family activity.

No heavy lifting, no bending, your main job would be to smile & share the love of Jesus. Contact Shawna

Vacation Bible Study 2024



June 17-20, 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Incito Private Christian Preschool



Update:

We, Dr. April Black, and I presented at the MOPS meeting on January 10 and shared our hearts, philosophy, and enrollment flyers. The group was welcoming and very kind to offer us the time to share.

Incito Private Christian Preschool (IPCP) had two Parent Forums that will support enrollment. These Parent Forums were on January 24 and 31 from 5-6 pm. We presented our mission statement for the school, staff hosting tours, and will have activities for learners. Our staff will be canvassing by going door to door and visiting businesses to further promote the preschool. This canvassing will take place in the early days of February. We have also paid for social media advertising and currently have ads running to promote the preschool.

Thank you to all who have generously donated to our preschool learners! We are still looking for a donation for the sleep cots/mats. If you know of anyone who would like to support with donations you can have them contact amanda@incitoschools.org directly. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Amanda Jelleson
Incito Private Christian Schools



Save the Dates



Men's & Women's Saturday Bible Study
Saturday February 10, 2024

Men meeting at 8AM with \$5 Breakfast
Lesson on Forgiveness from Pastor Mike

Women meeting at Noon Pot-Luck Lunch
with study led by member

Decorated with hearts and a checkered pattern.

American Red Cross
Blood Drive

CPC Goodyear Auditorium
2.24.24 8:30pm - 1:30pm

To help tear down & set up for Sunday
please be in Auditorium by 1:15pm

Decorated with red hearts on a wood grain background.

One Faith Blended Service
Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday February 25

Service 10AM in Sanctuary
Meeting 11AM in Sanctuary

Dark blue background with a textured pattern.

Pails & Tales
Family Easter Event

Saturday 3.30.24 10AM - 12Noon
Check-In at the Auditorium

Visit each of the 4 stations, discover
how we know, Jesus is ALIVE! Family
photos, snacks, story time and egg hunt.
Register today

Colorful background with abstract patterns.

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