

HIGHLIGHTS

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& HAPPENINGS



Please be aware we will now be releasing the Highlight & Happenings as well as The Call newsletters on the 5th of each month so that we are able to provide you with the most current financial information.

From Pastor Mike's Fountain Pen....

What is Prayer?

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. (Exod. 33:11 ESV)

I love this picture of Moses' relationship with God because it's a beautiful illustration of what it means to pray to God. While prayers that are offered in public on various occasions can be formal and scripted, personal prayer is simply a conversation with God. Once I finally realized that God already knows what is going on in my head and my heart, I no longer tried to impress him with my words or attempt to paint my actions or situations in a less-than-truthful light. One of the greatest privileges of being a Christian is that the Holy Spirit lives inside of us (1 Cor. 6:19). I find even more comfort in knowing that he supplies the words when I do not know what to say (Rom. 8:26). This means that I can be honest with God without fear, because I know he loves me and wants what is best for me. Given all of this, let me suggest some basic guidelines for prayer:

1. Make your prayer conversational; talk with God, not at him.
2. Don't be afraid to be bold in your prayer, believing that prayer makes a difference.
3. Allow room for the Holy Spirit to speak into your prayer.
4. Remember that God is in control and will answer in his time, according to his will, and in the way that will benefit you the most.
5. Train yourself to check in with God frequently throughout the day, even if it is only for a few minutes at a time.

Prayer changes things, but the best thing about it is that it changes me. Constant contact with God in and through prayer will make a difference in your faith, your outlook on life, and the way in which you live out your life. Make sure to feast on prayer as if you cannot live without it, because you truly need prayer for the nourishment of your soul.

Since this is such an important topic, we're going to spend six weeks exploring it through a sermon series beginning August 6, 2023. We'll be using the Lord's Prayer as the framework for our exploration. You'll have the chance to hear at least four, different takes as your pastors share their thoughts and experiences on the topic. Please plan to join us for this important series.

Men & Women's Ministry

Block Baseball tickets are not going to be purchased. You can contact your local ticket agent to purchase tickets to DBacks game on August 25 but CPC Goodyear will NOT have tickets for purchase as a group.

Men of IAM:

Plan to join us at 8 AM in the Auditorium on Saturday, August 12th. We'll start with a great breakfast. Chuck Seely will be our Chef. We'll be continuing our new Bible study on Forgiveness. This month the topic is "How God Forgives Us – Confessing Our Sin" based on 1 John 1:5 – 2:2. Bob Shelton will be the Facilitator this month.

Women's Ministry:

We'll be meeting in the Auditorium on Saturday, August 12th at Noon in the Auditorium. We'll have a special program this month. Pastor Mike will show us a great PowerPoint presentation of his 2016 trip to the Holy Land. You don't want to miss it! We'll start with a potluck – bring an item to share. And of course, a great time of fellowship.

REMINDER: We have an ongoing Connect Group for women. Contact Christine Nannery, 480-939-5304 or canannery@gmail.com for details.

Looking Ahead: Both GriefShare and DivorceCare will be starting new classes in September. Contact Carol Phillips, 623-340-9205, cphillips02@cox.net for more information.

Connecting With Others

You can join a Connect Group at any time. Our groups have discussion-based Bible study and a time of group prayer. They are a great way to meet new people and to make life-long friends. We have both in-person and on-line groups.

If you would like to join a Connect Group or to start a new one, I will personally help you do that. Please contact me at jcnannery@gmail.com.

Pastor John Nannery
Director of Connect Groups

Adult Formation

OUR VISION

“Adult Formation at Christ Presbyterian Church is committed to spiritual transformation in the lives of Covenant Partners and other individuals by providing a faith community, education, and resources that empower the individual to grow in faith, and deepen in theological and biblical reflection.”

HAPPENINGS

**Thanks to all that have been making our “summer shorts” Adult Sunday classes a success this year. Throughout August, we will continue to provide single 1-hour sessions on a variety of topics. Sessions are Sundays at 10:30 AM in Room 202 of the education wing. Contact Ron Cole for more details at ronald-cole@cox.net or (602) 953-0030.

**Join Pastor Mike, who is a very accomplished Bible scholar and teacher, for on-campus adult studies Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 202 in the education wing. He is currently teaching a detailed exposition of 1 Corinthians. Contact the church office for more details.

** Campus classes are listed each week in the Digital Cuppa News Eblast.

Pastor Mike also maintains a YouTube channel called Reading the Bible with Meaning. The current study is The Book of Isaiah. Past studies posted include Revelation and Jeremiah. These classes can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@MikeShirey1988>. If you join Pastor Mike’s channel, you will get email notifications of new posting when they happen. Contact the church office for more details.

DID YOU KNOW

The Adult Formation Steering Committee is always looking for feedback on current offerings, ideas for future offerings, and teaching opportunities. If you have comments or suggestions, please use the welcome cards provided during services.

Do you feel the call to teach/facilitate a class? We are always looking for leaders able to fill in or take on opportunities that arise. Contact Ron Cole for more details at ronald-cole@cox.net or (602) 953-0030

It's in the Music

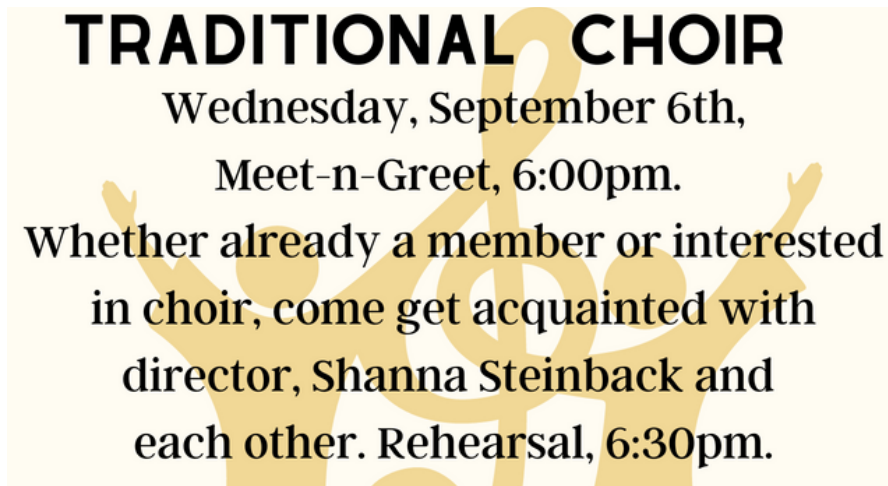
Traditional Worship

Summer Choir will continue to rehearse every Sunday at 8:15am, but will only be singing an anthem on August 6th, August 20th and September 3rd. If you are interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend a rehearsal at anytime, we would love to have you singing with us!

Regular choir will resume after Labor Day, with evening rehearsals beginning on September 6th from 6:30-8:00pm.

We would like to encourage more of our congregation to join the choir. So, on Wednesday, September 6th, we will have a meet-n-greet, starting at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to welcome back our regular members, meet interested new singers and be introduced to the choir director, Shanna Steinback, before the rehearsal begins at 6:30pm.

You are always welcome to reach out to the choir director at any time with questions. Please email Shanna at: choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org



TRADITIONAL CHOIR
Wednesday, September 6th,
Meet-n-Greet, 6:00pm.
Whether already a member or interested
in choir, come get acquainted with
director, Shanna Steinback and
each other. Rehearsal, 6:30pm.

Contemporary Worship

Do you have a heart for worship and would like to share your talent, whether it be singing or playing an instrument? Have you wondered what it's like to be a part of the Worship Team? If you do, I would love to hear from you!

No experience is necessary, but it is a bonus if you've ever been part of a choir or band. If God has been stirring your heart to want to be part of our team, please feel free to reach out to me via email charisma.luat@gmail.com or come and talk with me after 2nd service!



Contemporary Praise
**Do you have a heart for worship and
have a singing or instrumental
gift you'd like to share?
Please contact Charisma at
charisma.luat@gmail.com**

Arctic Kids, Summer Sunday Blast

Summer Sundays have been a blast. We finished July of with a water day for all the kids. We had a slip n slide, water balloons and super soakers. Thank you to all the adults who made this day happen. Thank you to the parents for allowing the kids to get their seat in the car a little damp!



Looking toward August, we will have our promotion Sunday. This is where your child will be “promoted” up to their new grade within the Sunday School program. August 27, 2023 both services we welcome the kids to “Future So Bright” day. We will be provided with a Pancake Breakfast (bacon and syrup included) for the kids in their classrooms to celebrate the new school year.

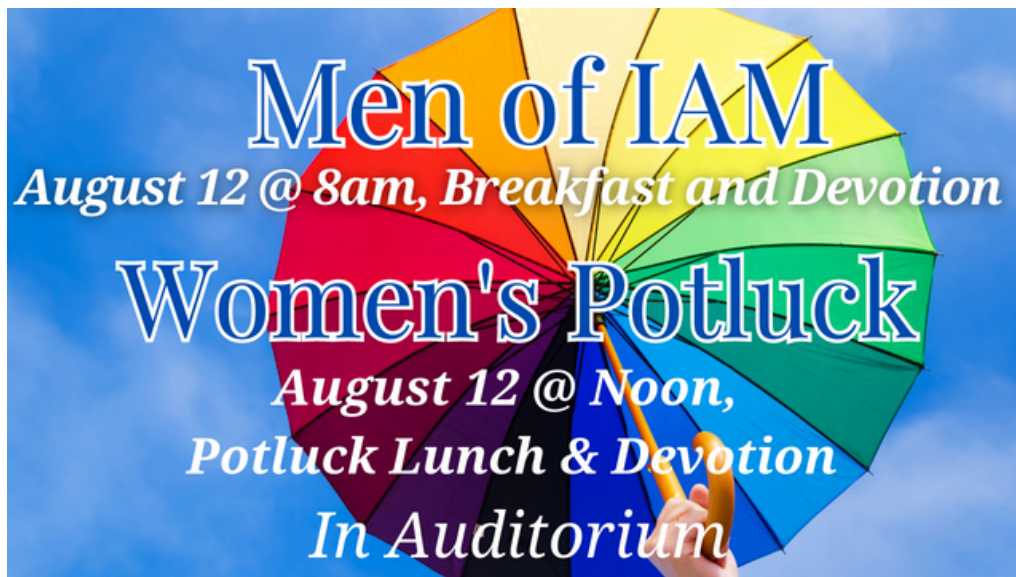
ARCTIC KIDS PROMOTION
SUNDAY AUGUST 27
BOTH SERVICES
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Financials

Summary Financial Report for July 2023

July Monthly & 2023 YTD Summary	Jul-23	YTD (1/1 - 7/31)	Notes
Beginning Cash Balance	\$478,298	\$244,881	Beginning of fiscal period
Income			
Normal Designated Fund Income	\$4,295	\$15,963	
Normal Operating Fund Income	\$45,565	\$364,760	
Sub-total Normal Income	\$49,860	\$380,723	
Extraordinary Cash from Cell Tower.	\$0	\$239,828	
Total of All Income (Includes Extraordinary).	\$49,860	\$620,551	+ Extraordinary Cash from Period
Expenses			
Designated Fund Expenses	\$598	\$14,309	
Operating Fund Expenses	\$49,788	\$348,783	
Mortgage Liability Reduction	\$4,183	\$28,751	
Total Expenses	\$54,569	\$391,843	
Total Normal Net Cash Increase Cash	(Decrease) (\$4,709)	(\$11,120)	NOT included Extraordinary
Total All Net Cash Increase	(Decrease) \$0	\$228,708	Includes Extraordinary Cash
Ending Cash Balance	\$473,589	\$473,589	End of Fiscal Period Balance



Men of IAM
August 12 @ 8am, Breakfast and Devotion

Women's Potluck
*August 12 @ Noon,
Potluck Lunch & Devotion
In Auditorium*



Serving in Prayer
CPC's Post-Service Prayer Ministry
is growing. Interested?
Contact Pastor Bob Shelton at
ponderanew@cox.net or
the church office



Mastering Your Money

AUGUST 26 @ 4:00PM - 6PM

Financial principles
& tips for all ages

Free for all

Childcare available with
reservation ages 6 weeks - 5th grade

Reserve your spot today by calling the church office

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