

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS



June 2025



Loving God Serving His World Changing Lives

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Dear CPC Family,

Happy 25th Anniversary!

One of the first bits of advice you learn as a husband is:

"never forget your anniversary!"

I am happy to say that in 30 years, I've never forgotten ... and each year Ingrid has renewed my contract.

I'll bet most of you don't even know which anniversary you've forgotten this month. But I think it's an important one in the life of our church.

In June 2000, two struggling churches - Christ Presbyterian Church and West Valley Presbyterian Church - merged to form the present incarnation of our beloved church. It also heralded the shift to move CPC from its original home in Maryvale out to the West Valley, where we are today.

God blessed the "new" church, and in 2001, Rev. Bob Simmons was called to shepherd the revitalization of the new CPC. In 2004, our present plot of land on Sarival was purchased. 2007 saw the first building - the Sanctuary - dedicated during Christmas time. In 2012, the education wing was completed and in 2015, CPC left the old PCUSA to join an exciting new, growing denomination called ECO.

Pastor Bob retired (sort of) in 2018, and CPC entered a period of challenge with the new pastor, Tony Stiff, and with COVID.

Yet God was still faithful in the midst of our brokenness and the chaos of the world around us.

Interim Pastor Ron Hawkins brought peace and healing to CPC after the tumultuous times and then in Feb 2024, the new young pastor arrived in Goodyear (yes, I mean me). Of course, we can't forget that God had brought Pastor Mike Shirey to CPC to be here through all these pastoral transitions of the last 7 years.

Obviously, there are a lot more things that have impacted our church in 25 years, and a lot more people who have made a huge difference, but we don't have space for all of them.

We should be grateful for this milestone and all it represents. No matter what changes we've gone through in a quarter century, God's faithfulness, the truth of God's Word, Christ's redeeming love and the power of the Holy Spirit remain unchanged. And our mission to be Christ's ambassadors in the West Valley is as strong now as ever.

As your pastor, I am Grateful for our past,
Privileged to be your pastor today,
Excited about God's future for CPC.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jerry

From Session

Meet Our New Elders

My name is Randy Morrow, one of the three newly elected elders, the other two being Shirley Lambert and Kyler Kenney. Although I am new to this Session, I am not new as an elder. I served as an elder from 2014-2017 in the ministry of personnel here at CPC.

I am excited to be working with these men and women serving as elders. There is a tremendous amount of knowledge among this group, and I look forward to learning from them.

As Pastor Jerry and Pastor Mike continue to lead our congregation in our mission statement , Loving God, Serving His World, Changing Lives, won't you join us by being the hands and feet of Jesus to spread the good news.

Randy Morrow

Finance

CPC Financial Overview April 2025

Summary	April '25	2025 YTD
Income	\$44,243.70	\$250,958.87
Expenses	-\$59,965.01	-\$231,963.34
NET	-\$15,721.31	\$18,995.53

Missions

Arizona Reservations Ministries' Youth Basketball teams will be participating in a tournament June 20th to June 22nd. If you would like to help set up the rooms or provide a meal, please reach out to Pam Bakker at Pambakker@ymail.com or 602-689-1122. The room set up will take place June at 2 pm upstairs in the education building.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday July 19, 2025 from 9am to 11am** at 1100 West Grove Parkway, Tempe, AZ. 85283. We have reserved 15 spots. If interested in signing up, please reach out to Pam Bakker at Pambakker@ymail.com no later than July 3, 2025. Feed my Starving Children strives to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world by packing meals. <https://www.fmssc.org> In 2024 FMSC sent food to 58 different countries.



Now that summer is here, the mobile food bank distribution in partnership with Saint Mary's Food Bank and All Faith Community Services on the fourth Saturday of each month will begin at 6am. Come help give away food to the Goodyear community. Volunteers are needed anytime between 6am and 9am. (Skyway Church 14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear)

Join Us:

Saturday, June 28th

Saturday, July 26th

Saturday, August 23rd

Adult Formation

Pastor Mike teaches a verse-by-verse Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in room 202 in the Education Wing. We are currently studying Genesis and there's still time to jump onboard. Pastor Mike provides detailed outlines every week and will be posting video versions of the classes on his YouTube channel "Reading the Bible with Meaning." You're welcome to attend anytime. There's no need to register but please contact Pastor Mike or the church office to make sure that we're meeting the week that you would like to attend.

Celebrate Recovery

Do you have a hurt, a habit, or a hang-up that you can't seem to shake? Celebrate Recovery may be the answer to your struggle. Celebrate Recovery is NOT solely for the chemically dependent and has great lessons to overcome many temptations. It is a faith journey as much as it is a journey of recovery. We're planning to start a group here at CPC in October. If you would like to be part of the group that helps start this ministry, or for more information, please contact Pastor Mike at pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org.

Ministry Opportunities

We have several people in the church who are shut-in or otherwise unable to attend church regularly. Some of these folks would appreciate calls, texts, or cards. Here is the current list: Carol Phillips (Scott), Duane Johnson (Donna), Celest Jain, Bud Barber (Sue), Tom and Bridget Gill. If you know of any other people who would appreciate visits or prayer, please let Pastor Mike know at pastorshirey@cpcgoodyear.org.

Men of IAM

We will NOT be meeting in June.

Mark your calendars! We will be meeting on Saturday, July 12th at 8 AM. Plan to join us for Bible Study, breakfast, and fellowship.

Women of the Word

WOW - Women of the Word - This month we are meeting on Saturday, June 14 at 10AM. Our topic this month is the mother of all the Bad Girls of the Bible. Please join us for a time of fellowship, coffee and time has women in the Word.

Arctic Kids Ministry

Hello, Arctic Kids Families!

As we wrap up an incredible school year, we're ready to launch into a summer filled with fun, faith, and family connection! Here's what's coming up for Arctic Kids this June:

☀️ **Summer Sunday Blast: Kingdom Caper Begins!**

Get ready for an unforgettable summer adventure with Kingdom Caper: Cracking the Character Code! Each Sunday, kids will dive into Bible stories, explore Fruit of the Spirit traits, and become "Inspectors in Training" as we learn what it means to follow Jesus with character and courage. You can join in the Caper fun by participating in Spirit Sundays along with the Arctic Kids, Themed Dress Days. Check out the ad for dates and themes!

🙌 **NEW: Family Worship Sundays (Starting June!)**

We're excited to announce that Family Worship Sundays begin this June!

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sundays), all incoming 2nd graders through 8th graders will join their families in the Worship Center for the entire service.

Children ages 6 weeks through incoming 1st grade will continue to enjoy Arctic Kids in Rooms 103 & 104 of the Education Building. Please drop off younger children before the service begins.

🏠 **Calling All Arctic Kids (2nd Grade & Up) + Youth!**

We're inviting our older Arctic Kids and youth to serve on Family Worship Sundays as:

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Readers for the Call to Worship

No experience needed! We'll teach them how and pair them with a trusted adult to guide and encourage them.

Interested? Reach out to Shawna at 209-986-6486.

🏌️ **Father's Day Fun: Mini Golf on the Patio!**

Celebrate Father's Day with some friendly competition! Join us on Sunday, June 15 for Arctic Kids' Father's Day Mini Golf on the CPC patio.

🕒 The course will be open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM—drop in before or after service!

Bring your favorite putter and enjoy a few holes of fun with your family!

🧸 **A Huge Thank You to Our Nursery Volunteers!**

We're so grateful for the wonderful folks who've stepped up to care for our littlest ones in the nursery. Your love and service mean the world!

We're still looking for a few more helping hands in the 2-4-year-old room, just one Sunday a month. If you'd like to join the team, we'd love to connect with you!

Thank you for being part of the Arctic Kids family. We're excited for all God has in store this summer!

Family Worship Sunday!

June 1, 2025

**Traditional & Contemporary Services
2nd–8th Graders — Join your families
in worship!**

**6 Weeks–1st Grade — Drop off in the
Education Wing before service starts.**

SSB Kingdom Caper SPIRIT **SUNDAYS**

🌺 June 1 – Hawaiian shirts

🔥 June 8 – Pentecost wearing RED

🕵️ June 15 – Detective Day

👑 June 22 – Royal Day

🧦 June 29 – Mismatch Mayhem

Family Worship Sundays Youth & Kids Can Serve!

**We want you to help with:
Greeters, Ushers, Worship
Assistants**

**First Sunday of Each Month
Training Provided**

Write Usher on your Connect Card today!





CPC 101
Exploring Membership
JUNE 8, 2025
12PM in Education Bldg. Rm 202
Lunch Provided and sign up today by
writing CPC 101
on your Connect Card!

ASK The
PASTORS

Tuesday, June, 17 at
6:30PM -7:30PM ~ Sanctuary

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