

# HIGHLIGHTS

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# & HAPPENINGS



The Church Office will be closed Monday September 4, 2023 in honor of holiday

# From Pastor Ron's Desk...



Did you know that there is a Labor Day Hall of Honor?

Yep, according to the U.S. Department of Labor many individuals and groups have been inducted “whose distinctive contributions to the field of labor have enhanced the quality of life” of many.

Some of the honored inductees include; George Meany (1989), 9/11 Rescue Workers (2002), Harley-Davidson (2004), Founder of Walgreens, Charles Walgreen (2006), Helen Keller (2010), African American female, Rev. Addie Wyatt (2012) Senator Edward Kennedy (2015), President Ronald Reagan (2018) and The Essential Workers of the Coronavirus (2022).

Labor Day, a day known for a holiday with parades, barbecues, and sales. Back in my day, it marked the end of summer vacations with school starting right after.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday. Labor Day is meant to be an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers, but alas like a lot of holidays the “window treatments” that go alongside the holiday overshadow its original intent.

America is experiencing a labor shortage. The reasons vary, but there are more jobs available than people willing to do them.



God values work. Work gives us purpose and meaning and provides what’s necessary to not only survive but thrive. Adam and Eve had work to do tending to the garden. Paul reminds us that if we don’t work, well we will go hungry or even starve (2 Thes. 3:10). In his letter to the church of Colossae, he shows the value God places on all work, not matter what color collar one wears.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.... Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. (Col. 3:17, 23-24)

So, as we consider another Labor Day weekend might we pray God’s blessing on all workers, but maybe especially those who do work we’d rather not do. And as the weeks follow, might we thank such workers and show gratitude in tangible ways, maybe with a snack or tip.

And might we be mindful, encouraging and pray for those who would really like to work but are yet unemployed.

Happy Labor Day!

*Pastor Ron*  
Pastor Ron Hawkins

# 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

We have finished our “Summer Shorts” sessions which were successful over the summer when attendance is irregular.

We are starting a new book study series in September, Lessons from the Upper Room.

“In Lessons from the Upper Room, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson draws us into these intimate hours from the night when Jesus was betrayed. This vivid picture of Christ’s ministry, from his washing the disciples’ feet to His High Priestly Prayer, shows us the heart of Jesus. Discover his deepest desires for his people and take delight in the suffering Savior who has overcome the world.” This is a great prelude to Advent and the anticipation of a savior.

Classes will be part video lecture by the author, part workbook exercises, part class discussion. Home reading assignments will be 1 chapter per week. Classes will be held Sundays at 10:30 in room 202 of the education wing.

Class requirements are the 241-page paperback edition and the companion 61-page study guide (each individual student or at least one set per couple). These materials will be provided at a church subsidized cost of \$15.00 per set.

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.

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

We will be posting all our class offerings soon in the vestibule on our new announcement board.

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](mailto:ronald-cole@cox.net) or (602) 953-0030.

# Men & Women's Ministry

## Men of IAM:

Plan to join us at 8 AM in the Auditorium on Saturday, September 9th. We'll start with a great breakfast. Bob Gates will be our Chef. We'll be continuing our Bible study on Forgiveness. This month the topic is "The Shout of a Forgiven Man" based on Psalm 32. Bob Nobis will be the Facilitator this month.

## Women's Ministry:

Calling all women of CPC! Our Women's Fellowship meets on the 2nd Saturday each month from 12-2pm to share our precious time with friends both old and new, a pot luck lunch & bible study led by one of our group members. This month's meeting – 9/9 we will continue our study of "Women of the Bible" with Barbara Wood leading the discussion of Mary & Martha. Next month's meeting will be on 10/14 with Debbie Kernutt leading the discussion of Sepphira.

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

# Care Ministry

## GriefShare:

GriefShare is a 13 week journey focusing on the grief we experience when a friend or loved one dies. If you or anyone you know is still suffering with grief after such a loss whether it was recent or years ago, please tell them about our group or come to our next session which begins on Tuesday, September 12 from 10-noon in room 204B of the education building. For more information on this ministry watch this: <https://vimeo.com/829853116> or call Sharon Offerdahl at 602-882-3144. You can register by calling Sharon or at [Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org).

## DivorceCare:

We are able to restart offering this class! The next class will in Room 204B from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, facilitated by Debbie Svoboda. It will run for 13 weeks starting Wednesday, September 13th. If there is sufficient interest, we will also offer DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K).

# Connecting With Others

We have many different types of Connect Groups. We have in-person and Zoom groups. We have ladies, Spanish-speaking, and multi-cultural groups. And we are always open to starting a new group if you have an interest in doing that.

Connect Groups are a great way to grow in your faith through Bible discussion and prayer as well as making some new friends who care about you and others.

If you would like to be in a Connect Group, please email me at [jcnannery@gmail.com](mailto:jcnannery@gmail.com)

Pastor John Nannery

Director of Connect Groups



# Prayer Ministry

After Worship Prayers – We are happy to report that Tina Larbi-Leeward has joined our Traditional After Worship Prayer Team. She, along with Marje Shirey, Wendy Neely, or Bob Shelton, is available after any Worship service to pray with anyone who has a need for immediate prayer. Be blessed by taking the opportunity to bring a concern to any of these Team members.

In addition, Janete Kibong and Sheila Mecwan have stepped forward to become our After Worship Prayer Team at the Contemporary Service. They, too, welcome your coming forward after worship to bring your burdens or praises that they may undergird you in a time of need.

If you have an interest to become a member of these AWP Prayer Teams, please inform Pastor Bob Shelton [ponderanew@cox.net](mailto:ponderanew@cox.net), so he can train you, accordingly.

New location for Prayer Room – If you haven't seen the new location for the Prayer Room, stop by and have a peak. Or stop in and use it for a time of prayer. It is just off the Foyer of the Sanctuary, in our shared space of Mother's Room and now Prayer Room. It is an extremely peaceful place to talk with the Lord. It is available any time that the Church is open.

Prayer Chain reminder – Please remember that you can send a Prayer Request or Prayer Update at any time to the Prayer Chain email address of [prayers@cpcgoodyear.org](mailto:prayers@cpcgoodyear.org). Prayers are received by Pastors Mike & Bob, who then forward them to all members of the Prayer Chain, which currently is about 97 participants who, generally, try to pray immediately upon receiving the request. If you are not on the prayer chain, have an email address, and want to participate, please inform Shawna of that desire, and she will put you on the Prayer Chain Team.

# Missions

We are headed to  
San Carlos Apache Reservation  
October 15 - 21, 2023

If you would like to be a part of this team  
please reach out to Pam Bakker at  
[pambakker@ymail.com](mailto:pambakker@ymail.com) or contact the  
church office

# *It's in the Music*

## Traditional Worship

September 3rd is our last Summer Choir Sunday, please join 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](mailto:choir_director@cpcgoodyear.org)

A graphic with a warm, golden-brown background featuring faint musical notes and a treble clef. The text is centered and reads:

**CHOIR MEET & GREET**  
**Sept. 6, 6:00pm**  
Whether already a member or interested in choir, come get acquainted with director, Shanna Steinback and each other. Rehearsal, 6:30pm.  
Contact: Shanna, church office or write Choir on Welcome Card

A graphic with a light blue background and a faint image of musical instruments (guitar, drums, keyboard) at the bottom. The text is in purple and black:

**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](mailto:charisma.luat@gmail.com)**

## Contemporary Worship

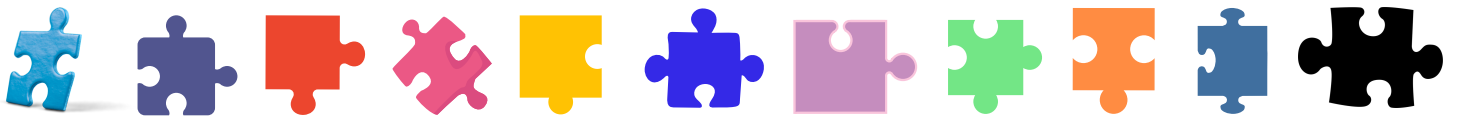
Do you have a heart for worship and would like to share your talent, whether it be singing or playing an instrument? Have you wondered what it's like to be a part of the Worship Team? If you do, I would love to hear from you!

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](mailto:charisma.luat@gmail.com) or come and talk with me after 2nd service!

# Arctic Kids, Future So Bright

Summer Sundays have been a blast. In August we encouraged the kids to get a great start to school, praying with them about all matters of school. August 27 we had promotion Sunday where we celebrated the kids "Future So Bright" new grade level with a waffle and bacon breakfast. So proud of our Arctic Kids!

As summer comes to a close, we are back school and our theme for the year will be: Arctic Kids 2023-2024



Children's Ministry is looking for a few new leaders. We would love to have a small list of people willing to serve on Sunday's in the PreK-K room, in the 1st - 3rd grade room or 4th - 5th grade room. Even if you are willing to serve just 1 Sunday a month, that would be amazing! We have a dedicated team that serves faithfully all year long but we would love to start adding to that team to help everyone be able to stay fresh and excited to walk into the classroom.

Some details, the lessons are all preplanned, sent to your email at least 1 month ahead of lesson date and ready to teach, all you have to do is lead. PreK-K is 1 full hour on Sundays, Elementary is 30 -40 mins depending on the length of Worship Service. If you would like to chat about serving with us in the Children's Ministry please email or call me at 209-986-6486. Please feel free to stop by and visit with us on Sundays, seeing what Arctic Kids is all about!

## Looking Forward

ARCTIC KIDS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

# FALL

# INTO THE

# BIBLE

THE KIDS WILL RACE TO LEARN THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

STARTS SUNDAY  
**SEPT. 3** SEPT. OLD TESTAMENT

ENDS SUNDAY  
**OCT. 29** OCT. NEW TESTAMENT

PIZZA PARTY OCT. 29 THE CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS OF LEARNING ALL THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 5PM

# MONSTER MASH



Save the Date & Sign your car up today!  
Contact the Church office to sign up.



MONSTER MASH

## TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

HAPPENING SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Interested in serving: Team Meeting Sunday Sept 17  
For anyone interested in decorating a car or helping serve food  
Immediately following 1st Service in Sanctuary at the chairs next to bells table  
OR  
Immediately following the 2nd Service in the Childrens Church Education Building Room 105



# A Note

*Dearest Friends,*

*I'll never forget May 17th, the day Leukemia was discovered to be the culprit of little Charlie's failing health. I am no longer the woman I once was, these things change you. I've chosen to allow myself to blossom into a better version of myself rather than take the route of bitterness.*

*Charlie is doing well in his treatment plan. Yes, we have had a couple ER visits thus far and I am expecting quite a few more with his treatment increasing drastically this winter. I am homeschooling him this school year, luckily he has been given the go ahead to start kindergarten the following school year. Within five years he is expected to make a full recovery. I can't thank all of you enough for your continued prayers, show of support at Sunday service, donations and being a congregation that truly cares for your fellow members.*

*Your presence has made a difference in mine and my boys lives.*

*Katy Denny xo*

## *Incito Preschool at CPC*

As we heard from Dr. April Black on Sunday August 27, the classrooms doors are closer than ever to being open. Dr. Black and Amanda Jelleson, the directors of the preschool, have passed along a wish list of items that would help make the learners day in preschool a little easier and add to the adventure of learning.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BG3WNGR78A?REF\\_=list\\_d\\_wl\\_lfu\\_nav\\_3](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BG3WNGR78A?REF_=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_3)

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Amanda Jelleson at 480-216-6110.





# Money Matters

## August 2023 Financial Summary

August Monthly & 2023 YTD Summary	Aug-23	YTD (1/1 - 8/31)	Notes
Beginning Cash Balance	\$473,044	\$244,881	Beginning of fiscal period
Income			
Normal Designated Fund Income	\$10,195	\$26,158	
Normal Operating Fund Income	\$42,061	\$406,821	
Sub-total Normal Income	\$52,256	\$432,979	
Extraordinary Cash from Cell Tower	\$0	\$239,828	
Total of All Income (Includes Extraordinary).	\$52,256	\$672,807	Normal + Extraordinary Cash
Expenses			
Designated Fund Expenses	\$4,355	\$18,664	
Operating Fund Expenses	\$45,773	\$395,101	
Mortgage Liability Reduction	\$4,047	\$32,797	
Total Expenses	\$54,175	\$446,563	
Total Normal Net Cash Increase (Decrease) <b>-\$1,918</b>		<b>(\$13,584)</b>	Does NOT include Extraordinary Cash
Total All Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$226,245	Includes Extraordinary Cash
Ending Cash Balance	\$471,126	\$471,126	End of Fiscal Period Balance



Are you interested in checking out  
"official membership" at CPC Goodyear?  
Contact church office, Pastor Ron or  
note on Welcome Card.

**New Adult Class on Sundays**  
***Lessons from the Upper Room***  
**Dr. Sinclair Ferguson**

**A vivid picture of Christ's ministry**  
**Starts Sunday Sept. 3 Room 202**  
**Led by Ron Cole Cost \$15.00**



**ARCTIC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023-2024**

**OUR ELEMENTARY TEAM OF LEADERS ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO  
HELP OUR KIDS DISCOVER JUST HOW GOD HAS DESIGNED THEIR PUZZLE  
PIECE FOR HIS PLAN. NOT EVERY SUNDAY REQUIRED. LESSONS ALREADY  
PLANNED AND A GREAT SUPPORT TEAM!**

**IF YOU ARE INTEREST PLEASE REACH OUT TO  
SHAWNA 209-986-6486 OR COME VISIT US IN THE  
EDUCATION BLDG. ON SUNDAYS**

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