

HIGHLIGHTS

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From Pastor Ron's Desk...

Hello CPC,

November brings with it cooler temps, Thanksgiving plans, early Christmas shopping and the welcomed return of “snowbirds”.

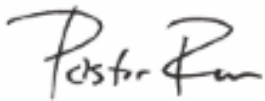
As we “turn the page” of our calendars, we will dive into God’s word together on Sundays considering the topic “Advancing the Kingdom”.

Pastors Mike, John, and I will ponder with you how we have, are and can advance God’s Kingdom reign and rule in how we deploy our God-given time, talent, and treasure. Hope you’ll join us shoulder to shoulder or if that’s not possible, online.

We’ll close out this series on Sunday, November 19th with a One Faith Community, One Service at 10am, followed by a luncheon and brief presentation. The service will blend our two styles of worship; our newest Covenant Partners will be welcomed. Worship is in the sanctuary; lunch immediately following in the auditorium.

Hope to see you!

May God’s grace and mercy be evident in your life,



Rev. Dr. Ron Hawkins

Transition Pastor



Missions

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Program

Come help us pack Thanksgiving food boxes on Thursday November 16th from 5:30-7:30 at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear) in the maintenance building at the northwest side of the property.

Or you can come help us hand out the community food boxes on Saturday November 18th from 7am-10:30am at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear)

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 the 4th Saturday of each month at Skyway Church (14900 W Van Buren St Goodyear).

The dates and times for the remainder of the year:

November 18th – 7am to 10:30am – This will also be our Thanksgiving food box outreach.

December 16th – 7am to 10:30am

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes can be picked up from the alcove area or in the auditorium. All boxes must be returned by November 12th.

Did you know that we have a Shoebox giving page online? \$25 will pay for the items you can select to go in your box as well as shipping. Please visit <https://sampur.se/3PCTFcO> or scan this code if you would like to pack a box online.

Ever wonder what country your shoe box was sent to? Well, if you pay your shipping online track your box and find out which country it was shipped to. If not paying online, please make your check for \$10.00 payable to CPC with OCC in the memo line. We have a goal of 300 shoe boxes. Please help us accomplish this goal. Please note NO TOOTHPASTE, CANDY, FOOD OR LIQUIDS OF ANY KIND.



Men & Women's Ministry

Men of IAM:

Plan to join us at 8 AM in the Auditorium on Saturday, November 11th. We'll start with a great breakfast. Chuck Seely will be our Chef. We'll be continuing our Bible study on Forgiveness. This month the topic is "When We Are Wounded" based on Matthew 18:15-20. Chuck Seely will also be the Facilitator this month.

Women's Ministry:

Women of CPC please join us for a great opportunity to meet other women, have a great pot-luck lunch and walk with us on our journey through "Women of the New Testament". This month our woman is Lydia to be presented by Line Sauer. Our regular monthly meeting is on the 2nd Saturday of each month from noon – 2 pm making this meeting 11/11. We have a special Christmas event scheduled in December in addition to a "Special Guest speaker" so put it on your calendar to join us 12/9. We look forward to seeing you on those days!



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

Care Ministries

GriefShare

Grief is like peeling an onion. Every time you think you're "over it" something happens to remind you just how much you miss the one who has passed from this life to the next. There is no time limit on grief. No matter when you join a group you will be welcomed. If your onion is still bigger than you like or want to walk with someone who is new to their grief, please join us. Our next session is scheduled to start on 11/22 – from 10am-noon in room 204b in the education wing. GriefShare is a 13 week program consisting of discussion, video and workbook. For more information or to register please go to GriefShare.org – find a group or call or email Becky Anderson at 623-633-2432, ndrsn52@gmail.com

DivorceCare

If you are going through or have been through a divorce or separation, please join this amazing program to help you heal. This is a 13 week program was developed by Church Initiative with a Biblical perspective on moving through this tough time getting your life reorganized! We are meeting on Wednesdays 6 – 8 pm. For more info or to register go to DivorceCare.org or call or email Becky Anderson at 623-633-2432, ndrsn52@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry

PRAYER UPDATES

We are so thankful for those who send Prayer Requests to the Prayer Chain, so that Prayer Chain Members can pray for the needs of this Body of Christ, and that we can Praise God as we see His Sovereign Hand at work. However, this is to request that when one sends a Prayer Request that you would remind yourself to follow up with periodic Updates. The effectiveness of Prayer can often be related to whether the praying members are praying for the current need. Remember – “NO CHANGE” is also a prayer update, and helps the praying person to know that they are praying for the right need. Here is a simple suggestion: When you send a Prayer Request to the Prayer Chain, put a reminder – “PRAYER UPDATE” – on the fridge or wherever its placement will be effective for you. Thanks!

PRAYER ROOM INVITATION

Hopefully, you know that the Prayer Room has been relocated to what formerly was just the Cry Room. It is located off of the Foyer only a few steps away. Although the Prayer Room has been re-located in a number of places throughout its history, one of the objections by the Church leadership has been that it is not used. Because of its convenient location for the Traditional Service, we hope that we will see it being used more frequently, and we certainly hope that you will find a need for its personal use for yourself.

I have been using it every Sunday, prior to the Traditional Service, to pray for the Service to follow. And I would like to invite any members of the Prayer Chain Team to join me. I usually get there around 8:40- 8:45 to pray for about ten minutes, specifically for the Service to follow. If that works for you, please plan to be there this Sunday or any Sunday. Remember, too, if you have a personal need for a place to pray, consider using the Prayer Room, before or after Worship or anytime the Church Office is open. The Prayer Room is also available for the Second Service worshipers, prior to their Service.

Arctic Kids



Some changes upcoming for the Arctic Kids to be aware of. All Elementary kids for the foreseeable future be joining their families in Sunday Services on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday. Preschool will still be in session but Grades 1st - 5th will not meet and will attend services with their parents.

Children's Ministry praying for:

Sunday Children's Director:

We are looking for someone who has a heart for teaching children, developing a relationship with them all the while guiding them to understand God's love and how Jesus died for them. Help support teachers each Sunday, sub in for teachers as needed. Make sure all materials for teaching crafts and games are available as needed.

New Teacher(s):

We would love to have a 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:

You do NOT have to teach every Sunday

Lessons are all preplanned for the next year, they build on each other. Simply Loved by Group

Lessons to your email at least 1 month ahead of lesson date and ready to teach.

PreK-K is 1 full hour on Sundays,

Elementary is 30 - 40 mins depending on the length of Worship Service.

1st Sunday of Every Month no Elementary Class. Everyone is in worship as families

If you would like to chat about serving with us in the Children's Ministry or know of anyone who would be interested please email or call me at 209-986-6486.

Need to Know & Save the Date

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.

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive**
CPC Goodyear Auditorium
11.25.23
8:30pm - 1:30pm
Sign up online today!

**December 3, 2023
Christmas Celebration**

Choir, Bells, and Praise Band performances

Doors Open at 4:00pm Christmas Social with
Hors d'oeuvres served and desserts for purchase
(all proceeds will go toward CPC Youth Ministry)

Christmas Services

Blue Christmas

12.21 at 7PM

Honors people that have lost
loved ones and
are experiencing grief

Christmas Eve Services

12.24 10:00am Blended

5:00pm Contemporary

7:00pm Traditional

*Thank
You!*

For All Your Support of
Trunk or Treat from Shawna

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