

## CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

*I Stand Amazed*  
Welcome  
Scripture Reading  
*Here I Am to Worship*  
Prayer  
*We Will Glorify*  
Communion \*  
Offering  
Announcements  
\* \* C.B.H. Dismissal  
*In Christ Alone*  
Sermon  
*Had It Not Been for the Lord*  
Closing Prayer  
*We Trust in the Name*

\* *In observance of the Lord's Supper, (Communion) each participant takes some of the bread and a small cup of unfermented grape juice as it is passed. All believers are invited to participate. This is how we remember Jesus each week. See 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.*

➔ *Gluten-free bread is available in the Communion Prep room.*

\* \* *Our Children's Bible Hour is available for children ages 3 years through 2nd Grade in the Education Bldg., Room 404. We ask that a parent or guardian check-in their child for CBH and check them out at the close of worship service.*

## LESSON NOTES

*UNSTUCK: Stuck in My Regrets*  
*John 8:34-36, Romans 8:20-23, 2 Corinthians 7:8-11*

## ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st):	70
Sunday Worship (2nd):	128
Sunday Bible Classes:	112
Contribution for 9/5	\$11,909
Weekly Average YTD:	\$10,027
Weekly Budget:	\$8,850

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## LOCATION & HOURS

Church Offices are open  
Tuesdays - Fridays, 9 AM - 4 PM

34975 N. North Valley Parkway  
Building 8, Suite 152  
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Worship Center - Bldg. 2

Education/Classrooms - Bldg. 4

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## GATHERING TIMES

### Sunday Morning

8:30 AM 1st Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Studies ♦  
10:45 AM 2nd Worship Service

### Small Groups

Our small groups meet at various times and locations throughout the valley. This is a great way to become involved in a short amount of time and get to know other people or families who are in the same phase of life as you, or even have the same interests as you. See the printed list or visit our website for details on our current groups.

### CHILD SAFETY

We strive to make Canyon Church a safe place for all ages, including children. Our security desk is staffed Sundays from **9:30 AM to 12:00 PM** in the Education Building, and we ask that a parent or guardian check-in and check-out their child (ages newborn to 5th Grade) for nursery, classes, and Children's Bible Hour.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Restrooms** are located in the north worship center lobby, and in the middle of the education building.
- **Water and refreshments** are available at the canteen, located in the north worship center lobby.
- **A cry room** is available for use in the rear of the worship center; accessed from the north lobby.
- A fully-staffed **nursery** for newborns to children up to 2 years old is available in the education building, room 403, during the 10:45 AM worship service.
- **Listening devices** for the hearing impaired can be obtained at the worship center sound booth.
- **Sheet music** for today's service is available in the worship center lobbies.



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## YOU WERE CREATED FOR COMMUNITY ~ by Senior Minister, Nathan Freeman

Our small group ministry at Canyon has officially started. We've been asked, on occasion, why small groups are so important for us here at Canyon. One reason is that we find that Christian individualism is a huge temptation for many in our culture. Some don't see the need for a Christian community. So, what is Christian individualism?



**Individualism** is a fundamentally worldly way of understanding what it means to be human. Stamped into the fabric of our modern society is the idea that the individual is the primary center of reality, the ultimate standard of value. We live in a culture where there are no longer any obligations to others. The locus of all authority is squarely fixed on the individual self. This approach devalues the role of "the many" in favor of "the one." Togetherness and community are radically diminished. It's all about "me," not "we."

From the book *Total Christianity*, it states, "The fellowship of the church is part of God's good news to men. It imparts to the gospel one of its most thrilling notes—that when Christ saves a man he not only saves him from his sin, he saves him from his solitude." Here at Canyon we want to offer this incredible resource called small groups. God uses small groups to break us out of our own world and into the lives of others.

**So, what do we do in our small groups?** We laugh with one another, cry with one another, love one another, serve one another, exhort one another, and forbear with one another. We share in one another's joy and pain. As Hebrews 10:24 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

We at Canyon would strongly encourage you to try out one or two of our small groups until you find the best fit for you. Our small groups meet throughout the entire week at various locations. We pray that there is one that will work within your weekly rhythm. We pray that we all take one step this fall towards Jesus' community, the Body of Christ.

If you have questions, or just aren't sure about which group would be right for you, **please add your name to the interest list** on the member table in the back of the auditorium and/or contact our Worship & Connections Minister, Wyane Atkinson, directly at [wyane@canyonchurch.org](mailto:wyane@canyonchurch.org) or 623-328-5292.

THE POWER OF  
**ONE**

*Our mission is to lead people to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ...*  
**Loving God • Connecting People**  
**• Unleashing Compassion •**



## UNLEASHING COMPASSION - MISSION TEAM HOUSTON







Canyon Church is sending a mission team to Houston, TX on Sept. 16-23 to assist in the recovery after Hurricane Harvey. We're partnering with the Bammel Church of Christ, who will provide housing and guidance for our team. Our group will be helping to move water damaged items out of homes, strip carpet, cut down damaged dry wall, etc. Senior Minister, Nathan Freeman, will be joining Canyon's team in this effort. We are currently accepting monetary donations to help the team cover their travel expenses, as well as purchase supplies needed by the Bammel church for their clean-up efforts.

You can **donate today** with a check made out to "Canyon Church of Christ," (separate from your regular giving check). Just write "Missions" on the memo line, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to any elder. You may also donate electronically through our fundraising page online at [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org). Just click on the Mission Texas banner image.

### FALL INTO OUR NEW CLASSES

It's not too late to try out one of our new Sunday morning Bible classes, offered at 9:45 AM. Our adult classes will be studying on various selections of Scripture and materials related to Forgiveness. These classes will help us find peace with the past, forgive ourselves, forgive others, understand and accept God's forgiveness, heal past hurts, and more.

Classes are also offered for all ages of children. As part of our mission to **Love God** and **Connect People**, we encourage you to try out a class today!

-  Adults - Stories of Forgiveness from the Bible - Auditorium
-  Adults - The Art of Forgiveness - Room 406
-  Adult Men - The Freedom Factor - Worship Center Conf. Room
-  Adult Women - Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past - Room 405
-  Jr. High/High School - Living Wholeheartedly for Jesus - Youth Rm
-  Classes also offered for all ages of children in the Education Building.

### NEW MID-WEEK LADIES' CLASS

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop and cease from all the activities and busyness and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, our mid-week ladies' Bible class will help change your life. This five-week class starts Sept. 27. Contact teacher Rachel Freeman at [rfree@bellsouth.net](mailto:rfree@bellsouth.net) for details or to sign-up.



### COMING EVENTS

- TODAY** - Small Groups re-start! Check with group leader for details.
  - Sept. 12** - Trailblazers Luncheon, 11 AM, see details within.
  - Sept. 16-23** - Canyon's Mission Trip to Houston, TX, see within.
  - Sept. 19** - Ladies Book Club Mtg., 1:30 PM.
  - Sept. 20** - Financial Peace class begins, 7 PM, details within.
  - Oct. 1** - Discover Canyon, 12:00 Noon, lunch and childcare provided, see details within. RSVP to [staff@canyonchurch.org](mailto:staff@canyonchurch.org).
  - Oct. 1** - Kids & Parents BBQ & Pool Party, 4:30 - 7:00 PM, contact Carissa Houston for more details or to RSVP.
- Visit our Calendar at [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org) for all upcoming events.**

### BENEVOLENCE GOAL EXCEEDED!

We are pleased to report that to date we have exceeded our \$10,000 goal and have collected **\$11,036** in our benevolence fundraiser. Praise God! This will help us retrofit David and Aracely Latina's van to accommodate David's wheelchair. May we continue to **unleash compassion** and donate to our benevolence fund, as any additional funds will go towards their medical expenses and further benevolence needs in our community.



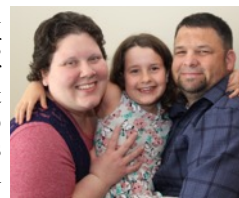
### DISCOVER MORE ABOUT CANYON CHURCH

The elders would like to invite our guests to join us on Oct. 1 at 12 noon to discover all about the history and vision of Canyon Church. Members who have yet to attend Discover Canyon are also invited. This will be a relaxed time to share some information about who we are and where we're going, and get to know each other better. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please respond by no later than Wednesday, Sept. 27 by e-mail to [staff@canyonchurch.org](mailto:staff@canyonchurch.org) or phone (623-889-7146). Please mention the number attending and if childcare is needed. We look forward to seeing you there!



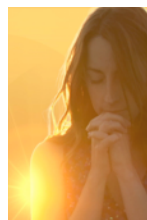
### WELCOME!

The church isn't a building with four walls, but rather a group of brothers and sisters in Christ, doing the Lord's work together. Today, we'd like you to help us officially welcome **Steve and Andrea Welzmilller and their daughter, Hannah** as they join us in the work we are doing here in the North Valley. If you would like to know more about being a part of Canyon's mission and vision, please contact any ministry staff or elder (listed on the back of this bulletin).



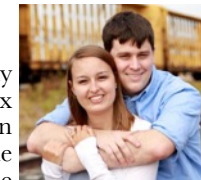
### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer requests can be made by filling out a prayer card (on the back of the connection card) and placing it in the offering tray on Sunday or handing it to any elder or ministry staff person. The list of prayer requests are published in our weekly email. A few paper copies are also provided at the member table for those individuals who don't use email or who don't have printers at home. Prayer cards marked "private" will not be published and will only be seen by our elders and ministers.



### PANTRY POUNDING

We would like to welcome our new Youth & Family Minister, Dalton, and his wife, Shelby, to Phoenix with an old-fashioned "pantry pounding". Between now and Sept. 17, please bring in a non-perishable food item and leave it in the box by the member table so we can stock their pantry. Cleaning supplies and paper goods are also welcome - any staple item they would need in their new home. And stay tuned for more details about helping them unload their moving truck on or around Sept. 21.



### TRAILBLAZERS ARE GOING TO THE DOGS!

The Trailblazers will be having their monthly lunch this Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 11 AM in the auditorium. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After lunch, Canyon members, Bill and Betsy Dosssett, who are long-time show dog breeders and handlers, will be giving a presentation on what makes a show dog and will explain the judging process. You will also get a chance to meet their champion show dogs, Ivy and Glory, and have some fun "volunteer judging". The Trailblazers group encourages fellowship with the 50+ demographic but all ages are welcome. Please contact Jo James (623-544-9624) if you have any questions.



### MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR FINANCES

Financial Peace is a nine-week Biblical-based class, where you'll learn easy-to-follow steps to create a budget, get out of debt, save, and make a plan for your money. The average household will eliminate \$5,300 in debt while saving \$2,700 in the first three months of going through the steps learned in this program! This class will start Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 PM in room 402 and will be led by Jay Carter. To register, visit [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org) or contact Jay at [jcarter.ewc@gmail.com](mailto:jcarter.ewc@gmail.com).



### YOUTH CALENDAR

#### ➔ TODAY - DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR RETHINK!

The Canyon Youth Group will be taking a road trip to the reTHINK Student Apologetics Conference on Sept. 22-24 in Costa Mesa, CA. Pick up a flyer from the member table in the back of the auditorium for details on how to register.

- ★ **TODAY** - 9:45 AM Jr. High & High School Class in Youth Room.
- ★ **TODAY** - CYG Sunday re-starts, in the Youth Room at 1 PM
- ★ **Sept. 13** - CYG Wednesday restarts in the Youth Room at 7 PM
- ★ **Sept. 22-24** - reTHINK Conference in Costa Mesa, CA - Road trip!
- ★ **Oct. 1** - First Sunday for new Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson. See article within for details!

*Pick up a full Summer Youth Calendar from the member table!  
Follow us on Instagram - @CanyonYouthGroup*