

CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

Opening Announcements
I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord
Welcome
Scripture Reading
Come Worship Christ the King
Prayer
Hallelujah! What a Savior
Communion *
Offering
** C.B.H. Dismissal
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Sermon
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Closing Announcements
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

** 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 Building during the 10:45 AM service. 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

*Christmas in a New Light ~ Called to Commitment
Matthew 1:18-24; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Luke 2:22-24*

ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st): 81
Sunday Worship (2nd): 186
Sunday Bible Classes: 131
Contribution for 12/3 \$11,835
Weekly Average YTD: \$10,173
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
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Worship Center - Bldg. 2
Education/Classrooms - Bldg. 4
Offices - Bldg. 8, Suite 152

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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.



DECEMBER 10, 2017

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

2018

As the year comes to a close and we look ahead to 2018, please be praying for God to bless and guide us, and may we be His willing and active servants.

MISSION

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

VISION

Our vision is to impact the Kingdom of God through continued growth at the Canyon church while establishing campuses that will build relationships and reach souls in Phoenix, Arizona, and the World.

GOALS FOR 2018

Some of our specific goals for 2018 are as follows:

- Aligning of Ministries with common goals.
- Expand our worship, classroom, and fellowship facilities.
- Develop and launch a Guest Relationship Ministry to include Visitation, Greeters, Ushers, and Card Ministries
- Create a Leadership training program that prepares men and women to become servant leaders in the Canyon Church.
- Develop a Domestic Missions (U.S.) ministry to complement our International Missions ministry.
- Improve our live streaming video offerings.
- Implement a Youth and Family Ministry plan.
- Further implement our Small Group Ministry plan.

BUDGET

We've enclosed our proposed budget for 2018 with this bulletin. Finances Ministry leader, Jon Hartigan, will give a brief presentation on this budget today during services. If you have questions, or would like to sign up for automatic giving starting in 2018, please contact Jon (jhartigan@cox.net) or any one of our elders. The elders' contact information is listed on the back of this bulletin.

THE POWER OF
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CANYON'S CHRISTMAS PARTY IS TODAY

Canyon's Christmas party is tonight, from 6 to 8 PM. Spiral ham, fried chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please remember to bring a side and your favorite Christmas dessert to share.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN

Please plan on joining us in the auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 31 from 6:01 PM to 12:01 AM for a casual, fun time of fellowship as we ring in the new year together. We'll enjoy board games, food, and good conversation. Please bring your own snacks and a little cash to chip in for a pizza order for dinner. (Soda and water will be provided). All ages are welcome! If you can't stay until the clock strikes midnight, that's fine, stop by anyway! Contact Shawn White (602-402-4638 or snw1969@gmail.com) or Davina White (602-402-3415 or davina@canyonchurch.org) with any questions.



CHRISTMAS EVE FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, Dec. 24 we will enjoy continental breakfast treats from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM in the auditorium. Our Bible classes will not be held that day to allow for this fellowship time together. We will also use this time to celebrate, pray over, and honor **Nathan and Rachel Freeman and their family** before they relocate back to Florida. We will be presenting them with a token of our appreciation and love. Be sure to take a moment and sign this gift located on the member table in the back of the auditorium.



FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK

Here is an opportunity to unleash compassion in our community this holiday season. The Foothills Food Bank distributes free food to all needy people in the immediate Anthem, New River, Desert Hills and Black Canyon City areas. Local stores donate perishables but non-perishables must be purchased by the food bank. Expenses are also incurred operating four refrigerated trucks, dispensing vouchers for gas, rent assistance, pharmaceuticals and clothing as well as supporting four staff members to keep up operations and manage volunteers. Your year-end giving would be greatly appreciated, and would help them fulfill all their financial needs.

To help out, you can write a check to Canyon Church of Christ and put "Food Bank" in the memo line and place it in the offering tray this coming Sunday. Of course, you can also donate directly to the food bank. They are a non-profit 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible.

See the brochure on the member table or visit their website at foothillsfoodbank.com. If you have questions or would like to get more involved with this outreach, please speak to Canyon member and Foothills Food Bank board member, Larry Mahaffey at 760-214-4859 or nblcc7@gmail.com.



COMING EVENTS

TODAY - Canyon's Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, more details within.

THIS WEEK - Small Groups meet at various times and locations. See list on member table for details.

Dec. 12 - Trailblazers Luncheon, 11 AM, see more details within.

Dec. 15 - Elf Night, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, see details within.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Fellowship, 9:45 - 10:30 AM, breakfast treats served, classes will not be held to allow for this fellowship time together.

Dec. 22 - 27 - Church Offices Closed

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party, 6:01 PM to 12:01 AM, more details within.

Visit our Calendar at canyonchurch.org for all upcoming events.

WINTER CLASSES

- **Adults** - The Tech-Wise Family - led by Chris Mason and Brandon Browné in the Worship Center Conference Room.

- **Adults** - Certain Hope for Uncertain Times (1 Peter) - led by Wyane Atkinson and Bill Dossett in the Auditorium.

- **Adults** - Understanding Faith & Culture - led by Shawn White and Al and Pam Larson in room 406.

- **High School** - "Says Who?" Culture vs. the Bible - led by Dalton Johnson in the Youth Room.

- **Jr. High** - Walk This Way (Ephesians) - led by Mike Jessop in Room 405.

- **3rd - 5th Graders** - HeartShapers curriculum in Room 402.

- **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade** - HeartShapers led by Steve and Sue Zvara in Room 404,

- **Preschool (3-4 yr olds)** - HeartShapers led by Rachel Freeman in Room 403.

- **Cradle Roll (Newborns - 2 Years Old)** led by Taran Mason in the Nursery.



UNITED IN PRAYER

Prayer requests can be made by filling out 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.



We believe that **connecting people** is so important, we've put it into our mission statement. Small groups are a great place to start. See the list on the member table for details. If you have questions, please contact our Worship & Connections Minister, Wyane Atkinson, at 623-328-5292 or wylene@canyonchurch.org

TRAILBLAZERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Trailblazers will have a festive holiday luncheon this Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 11 AM in the auditorium. Ham and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share. After lunch, the group will enjoy a gift swap so please bring an item to re-gift or something in the range of \$5. The Trailblazers ministry encourages worship, fellowship, and evangelism with the 50+ demographic but all ages are welcome. Please contact Jo James (623-544-9624) if you have any questions.



ELF NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY

We will be helping out Canyon families by providing a "parents' night out" on Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Check your children in at the Education Building and they will enjoy some Christmas cheer, crafts, candy, and a Christmas film. (Dinner will not be provided, so please be sure to feed your child before the event.) Please add your child's name to the sign-up sheet today! Questions? Contact Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson at dalton@canyonchurch.org.



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Canyon Youth Group Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5:00 PM at Mark and Claudine Truxal's home. Adults and siblings are also invited. The party will be potluck style. Each family is asked to bring one dish. Last names A-L please bring side and last names M-Z please bring a dessert. There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped \$10-15 unisex gift for each participating youth. Please no gag gifts. RSVP by Thursday, December 14th to Claudine at claudinetruxal@cox.net or text at 602-909-5341.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- ★ **TODAY** - 9:45 AM Bible classes for Junior High (Room 405) and High School (Youth Room).

- ★ **TODAY** - CYG Sunday will meet at 1 PM in the Youth Room.

- ★ **Dec. 13** - CYG Wednesday will meet at 7 PM in the Youth Room.

- ★ **Dec. 15** - Elf Night, 6:30-9:30 PM in the Ed. Bldg.

- ★ **Dec. 17** - CYG Christmas Party, 5:00 PM at the Truxal's home. Parents and siblings are welcome too! See article above for details.

- ★ **SAVE THE DATE - Jan. 12-13** - CYG Winter Retreat! Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Get involved! Contact our Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson at dalton@canyonchurch.org

