

CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

Opening Announcements
A Wonderful Savior
Welcome
Scripture Reading
The First Noel
Silent Night
What Child Is This?
Prayer
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
Communion *
Offering
** C.B.H. Dismissal
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Sermon
Holy, Holy
Closing Announcements
Living by Faith

** 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 ~ Three Gifts to Give This Christmas
Luke 1:18-20, Matthew 1:19, Luke 2:34-35, Mark 3:20-21, Mark 3:32-35

ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st): 83
Sunday Worship (2nd): 192
Sunday Bible Classes: 105
Contribution for 12/10 \$13,112
Weekly Average YTD: \$10,232
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
Phoenix, AZ 85086
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 17, 2017

WELCOME ALONG SIDE MINISTRIES

This morning we want to welcome Along Side Ministries to the Canyon Church of Christ. As many of you know, Canyon member, Brenda Gentry, connected us with this incredible outreach opportunity two years ago. Along Side Ministries started in 1999 and their mission is to "help the incarcerated Christian community learn how to walk with Jesus, as they transition from prison to society."

I'm personally inspired by the people who serve within the organization. They are seeking to serve men and women whom so many in the world deem as unworthy and inadequate. Along Side Ministries enters into the Arizona prisons weekly to proclaim that our Heavenly Father paid an infinite price for every soul. The ministry then continues that mentoring and discipleship outside of the prison walls, helping men and women live victorious lives in Christ.

Ever since Jesus said in Matthew 28, "I was in prison and you came to visit me," God has sent His people to show His love by speaking value into the lives of prisoners. Along Side Ministries is one link of this extraordinary legacy of spreading His love. What an honor to have them with us this morning!

The beautiful aspect of the Church is that we all have sinned and have fallen short. We are all in need of a Savior; therefore, none of us, whether in prison or out of prison, are better than someone else. What a humbling reminder our own salvation is. I'm reminded of what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:5, "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'"

Come and see what God is doing in our prisons and how you can serve in this mission field. For more information on this wonderful ministry, I invite you to connect with Brenda (602-885-0767 or bgentry@asmaz.com) or visit their information table today. You can also visit their website at alongside-ministries.com.

It has been one of my greatest joys to lead worship once a month for the women in Perryville Prison over the last year. Brenda and Along Side, thank you for the opportunity to serve with you, and thank you for your intentional service and for showing the humility of Jesus Christ.

~ Your Brother, Nathan Freeman

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





NEXT SUNDAY - FELLOWSHIP & FREEMAN FAREWELL

Next 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.

THANKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Thanks to everyone who donated toys and to those who served at the inner city "Christmas in Garfield" outreach event last Saturday. Canyon Church collected 113 toys and, in partnership with Crossroads Youth Intervention and several other volunteer groups and churches, we distributed toys and shared the gospel message to a crowd of over 1,000 children and their families. To God be the glory!

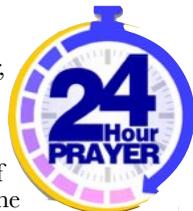
Thanks also to those who helped make our **Canyon Christmas Party** last Sunday such a fun night together. From those who set up the auditorium and decorated, to those who prepped and served food, led us in singing, and to our actors, singers, performers, and all those behind the scenes - we thank all of you for such a wonderful evening!

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN

Please plan on joining us in the auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 6:00 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! Come and go as you please. 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.

THE POWER OF PRAYER - SIGN UP TODAY

We will be greeting 2018 with 24-hours of prayer, beginning at noon on Friday, January 19 and continuing on until noon Saturday, January 20. Teams of at least two prayer warriors will come to the building and pray for an hour over a specific list of requests, then let the next team into the building for the next hour. If you would like to participate, please sign-up for a time slot on the sign-up sheet on the member table. And stay tuned for more information about a 40 days of prayer that our entire church family will be entering into, starting in January.



COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 19** - Ladies Book Club Mtg., 1:30 PM, see BJ Huffman for details.
 - Dec. 22 - 27** - Church Offices closed for the Christmas holiday.
 - Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Fellowship, 9:45 - 10:30 AM, see details within.
 - Dec. 31** - New Year's Eve Party, 6:00 PM, more details within.
 - Jan. 1** - Church Offices closed for the New Year's holiday.
 - Jan. 3** - Monthly Ministry Mtgs., check with your ministry leader for details.
 - Jan. 10** - Small Groups begin meeting again.
 - Jan. 19 - 20** - 24 Hours of Prayer, see more details within.
- Visit our Calendar at canyonchurch.org for all upcoming events.



MORE WAYS TO UNLEASH COMPASSION

Here is an opportunity to **unleash compassion** in our community this holiday season. The Foothills Food Bank distributes free food and essential items to needy people in the north valley. Local stores donate perishables but non-perishables must be purchased by the food bank. Your year-end giving would be greatly appreciated, and would help them cover both food costs and operational costs. 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 nbllc7@gmail.com.



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, or just aren't sure about which group would be right for you, please contact our Worship & Connections Minister, Wyane Atkinson, at 623-328-5292 or wylene@canyonchurch.org.

NURSERY & CBH ANNOUNCEMENT

We will not be having an attended Nursery or Children's Bible Hour (CBH) on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. This will allow families to be together for worship and will allow the Nursery and CBH volunteers an opportunity to be with their families as well. There will be Christmas coloring books available in the lobby for the children that morning, and the Cry Room is always available for use for parents with babies or small children. The Cry Room is located in the rear of the worship center, accessed from the north lobby.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Congratulations to Ava Logan and David Latina as they both professed faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized last Sunday. May we continue to encourage, teach, and support this brother and sister as they grow in their journey with Christ. Please know that the invitation to new life in Christ through baptism is here 24 hours a day/7 days a week. We encourage you to contact our elders or ministry staff if you would like to know more about it.



YOUTH CALENDAR

- ★ **TODAY** - 9:45 AM Bible classes for Junior High (Room 405) and High School (Youth Room).
 - ★ **TODAY** - Don't forget - the **Canyon Youth Group Christmas Party** is tonight at 5:00 PM at Mark and Claudine Truxal's home. Remember to bring your food item for the potluck and a wrapped \$10-15 unisex gift (for each participating youth). Please no gag gifts. The Truxal home is located at 4702 E. Via Montoya Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85050. Questions? Contact Claudine at claudinetruخال@cox.net or text at 602-909-5341.
 - ★ **Dec. 19** - CYG Wednesday will meet at 7 PM in the Youth Room.
 - ★ **Dec. 24** - No Bible classes! Join us in the auditorium for breakfast.
 - ★ **Dec. 27** - We will not meet for CYG Wednesday. Enjoy the holiday with your family!
 - ★ **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**

