

CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

Opening Announcements
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Welcome
Scripture Reading
O Holy Night
Prayer
Low in the Grave He Lay
Communion *
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Offering
** C.B.H. Dismissal
You're the One
Sermon
Are You Washed in the Blood
Closing Announcements
Angels We Have Heard on High

* *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" Series
God's Word for You This Christmas: JESUS
John 1:1-4, John 1:14, John 19:30, Isaiah 1:18, Acts 4:12

ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st): 70
Sunday Worship (2nd): 212
Sunday Bible Classes: 99
Contribution for 12/17 \$11,272
Weekly Average YTD: \$10,256
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 24, 2017



*Merry Christmas from
Your Canyon Ministry Staff*

GOD SENT US A SAVIOR

~ by Roy Lessin

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

*May we with glad hearts rejoice
in the gift of God's amazing love!*

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 •**

CHRISTMAS EVE TREATS

Today our Bible classes will not be held to allow us to have some fellowship time together and celebrate the Christmas season. We invite you to enjoy continental breakfast treats starting at 9:45 AM in the auditorium. Merry Christmas!



HONORING THE FREEMAN FAMILY

Today during our fellowship time, we will 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.



NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN

Please plan on joining us in the auditorium next 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.

ENTERING THE NEW YEAR WITH PRAYER

- ▶ Save the date of Wednesday, January 10 as the start date for our **40 DAYS OF PRAYER**. We will enter as a church family into a time of prayer and fasting for God's guidance, wisdom, and provision for 2018. Watch for more details in the new year, including a daily devotional to guide your prayer time.
- ▶ Sign up today for our **24-HOURS OF PRAYER**, beginning at noon on Friday, January 19 and continuing on until noon Saturday, January 20. During that 24-hours, 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.



NURSERY & CBH REMINDER

There will be no attended Nursery or Children's Bible Hour (CBH) offered today or next Sunday (12/31). This will allow families and volunteers to be together for worship on the holidays. There are Christmas coloring books available in the lobby for the children, 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.



COMING EVENTS

TODAY - Christmas Eve Brunch, 9:45 AM, no Bible classes offered.
Dec. 25 - 27 - Church Offices closed for the Christmas holiday.
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. 7 - Small Groups begin meeting again.
Jan. 9 - Trailblazers Luncheon, 11 AM, watch for more details.
Jan. 10 - Start of 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, more details within.
Jan. 19 - 20 - 24 Hours of Prayer, see more details within.
Visit our Calendar at canyonchurch.org for all upcoming events.

GO BEYOND THE BARS

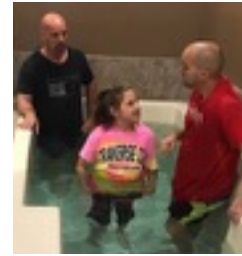
Canyon Church is proud to partner with Along Side Ministries and their work in helping the incarcerated Christian community learn how to walk with Jesus, as they transition from prison to society. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, we encourage you to attend their "Beyond the Bars" presentation. At this event you'll visit the Along Side Ministries' facilities, hear testimonies, and listen to how God is working in the hearts of those in the discipleship program. After attending this presentation, you will have a chance to actually visit the prison at a later date on a gate pass (if you chose to do so). This is a great opportunity to live on mission right in our own community. Seating is limited, so please call at 602-995-9484 or email Sandie Staub at ssaub@asmaz.com to RSVP that you will be attending, or if you have any questions about this event. For more information on this wonderful ministry, you can also visit their website at alongside-ministries.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 wyane@canyonchurch.org.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

We're praising God for the commitment that the Maddison family made to Jesus Christ together last Sunday afternoon. Greg Maddison led the way in being baptized first. Followed by children Jake, Maddie, Ethan, Karsyn, and Zac. May the Lord bless this family as they rejoice in the forgiveness they have received through Jesus! 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.



The Canyon Youth Group will be going on a winter retreat on Jan. 12-13. Be watching your email for more details soon on cost, food, lodging, and transportation for the weekend. Questions? Please contact Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson at dalton@canyonchurch.org.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- ★ **TODAY** - No Bible classes! Join us in the auditorium for snacks.
- ★ **Dec. 27** - We will not meet for CYG Wednesday. Enjoy the holiday with your family!
- ★ **Dec. 31** - 9:45 AM Bible classes for Junior High (Room 405) and High School (Youth Room).
- ★ **Dec. 31** - New Year's Eve Party, 6:00 PM, more details within.
- ★ **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