

## CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

Opening Announcements  
*How Majestic is Your Name*  
Welcome  
Scripture Reading  
*Firm Foundation*  
Prayer  
*There is a Redeemer*  
Communion \*  
Offering  
\*\* C.B.H. Dismissal  
*In Christ Alone*  
Sermon  
*How Firm a Foundation*  
Closing Announcements  
*Where He Leads, I'll Follow*

\* *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

*The Parable of God ~ Luke 15*

## ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st): 60  
Sunday Worship (2nd): 151  
Sunday Bible Classes: 68  
Contribution for 12/31: \$7,583  
Weekly Average for 2017: \$10,241  
Weekly Budget for 2018: \$10,500

## MINISTRY STAFF

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\* *Denotes lead elder for this month. Please contact this elder first with concerns or needs.*

## 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.



JANUARY 7, 2018

## A SEASON OF PRAYER

by *Wyane Atkinson*  
*Worship & Connections Minister*  
& *Interim Pulpit Minister*



This new year of 2018 has started off in a challenging way as we begin searching for our next Senior Minister. Even so, there is much ahead of us and the time has come to press forward towards our future in Christ.

During 2018 our Elders will be pursuing plans to build out our undeveloped structures and expand our ministry facilities. With the theme this year of **"Each One Reach One,"** the Canyon church family will be sending a team to the Dominican Republic for mission work. We will continue to support the local efforts of Central Phoenix Urban Ministries and Along Side Ministries. We will be developing a strategy of neighboring during 2018 that will encourage every one of us to become more spiritually effective with those who live closest to us. We will continuously be looking for new ways to follow God's lead as this year unfolds.

It only seems fitting, therefore, that we begin 2018 by seeking God's help and direction. Beginning **January 10** (this Wednesday) through **February 18**, we will be sharing in a **40 Days of Prayer** effort as a church family. To assist in this effort, a "40 Days of Prayer" Devotional Booklet has been printed and a copy is available for each household on the Member Table.

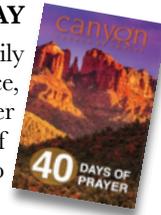
A **24-Hours of Prayer** effort (**Noon, January 19 - Noon, January 20**) will take place during this 40 day period. We will also soon announce two **"Dawn-to-Dusk" Fasts** that the church will be asked to consider participating in during the month of February.

God is with the Canyon church! The God who sent us Tom Riley, Tim Gunnells, and Nathan Freeman has us in mind today. Let us seek Him with all our heart, listen with great intent, wait on His intervention, and be ready for where He will lead us!



## PICK UP YOUR DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET TODAY

This Wednesday, Jan. 10, we will enter as a church family into a time of prayer and fasting for God's guidance, wisdom, and provision for 2018. To help guide your prayer time over the next 40 days, we have created a 40 Days of Prayer devotional booklet for each household. Be sure to pick one up from the Member Table today.



## 24 HOURS OF PRAYER CAN YOU PRAY FOR AN HOUR?

Our 24-Hours of Prayer event will be happening soon, beginning at noon on Friday, Jan. 19 and continuing on until noon Saturday, Jan. 20. During that time, teams of at least two prayer warriors will come to the building and pray for an hour, then let the next team into the building for the next hour. We especially need coverage during the evening hours of Friday night. We also need to cover 8 AM through 11 AM on Saturday morning. Please sign-up on the sheet on the member table in the back of the auditorium to participate.

## LUNCH & LEARN WITH THE TRAILBLAZERS

The Trailblazers will have lunch this Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 11 AM in the auditorium. Chili and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After lunch, the group will hear from Canyon member and attorney, Kathi Felton, as she shares valuable information about wills and trusts. 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.



## WHO DO I CALL?

To ensure efficient communication and timely responses, the Canyon eldership has decided to have a lead elder to act as the "point person" for any shepherding-related matters or church situations needing their attention. Steve Schmidlap will be our lead elder from January to February. Steve can be reached at 623-202-7556 or [sschmidlap@cox.net](mailto:sschmidlap@cox.net).



We believe that **connecting people** is so important, we've put it in our mission statement, and Small Groups are a great place to start. Now that the holiday season has concluded, our Small Groups are starting back up again. See the enclosed list 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](mailto:wyane@canyonchurch.org).

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## COMING EVENTS

- TODAY** - Small Groups begin meeting. See enclosed list for details.
  - 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.
  - Jan. 20** - "Beyond the Bars" Information session, 8:30 AM, details below.
  - Jan. 24** - Run (or Walk) for God, couch to 5K program begins, 6:30 PM
  - Feb. 2** - Dawn to Dusk Fast suggested.
- Visit our **Calendar** at [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org) for all upcoming events.



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 on Saturday, January 20. 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 [sstaub@asmaz.com](mailto:sstaub@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](http://alongside-ministries.com).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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. Paper copies are also provided at the member table. Prayer cards marked "private" will not be published and will only be seen by our elders and ministers.



## THE GOSPEL & SEXUALITY

We would like to make you aware of an event presented by the Center for Arizona Policy "The Gospel & Sexuality," with guest speaker Dr. Christopher Yuan on Jan. 22 at 7 PM at First Christian Church, 6750 7th Ave., in Phoenix. Dr. Yuan will share a powerful testimony of a biblical view of sexuality through the narrative of his own personal transformation from an agnostic gay man to a Christian and Moody Bible Institute professor. The cost is \$7 per ticket, which can be purchased at CAP's website [my.azpolicy.org](http://my.azpolicy.org). \* Parental guidance is suggested, as this event will include adult themes and may not be suitable for children. For a preview of his content, please visit [christopheryuan.com](http://christopheryuan.com).



## WALK, RUN, & SHARE YOUR FAITH

Did you make a new year's resolution to get into shape? Or maybe your resolution was to join a small group Bible study? Well, you can do both with our **Run (or Walk) for God** group. The group will start on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 PM at our Education Building. Adults of all ages, as well as children ages 5th Grade and under, are welcome. (Junior High and High School students will participate in CYG Wednesday in the Youth Room.) **Even if you can't run or just want to walk and get moving – all will benefit!** Run for God's goal is to take those who have never run to finishing their first 5K, all the while teaching them to relate the great sport of running to their walk with Christ. The mission is to prepare people to be better witnesses for Christ: Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually. The "graduation" 5K will be the **Life Run for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers** on April 14. The group will be led by Jeff and Sendy Green. Please visit [canyonchurch.org/run-for-god](http://canyonchurch.org/run-for-god) to learn more or to register. (Please bring a headlamp or flashlight to the first meeting.)



## "FOCUS" ON THE YOUTH RETREAT

The Canyon Youth Group will be going on a winter retreat to Munds Park on Jan.12-14. The theme for the retreat will be "Focus." The group will be talking about some of the challenges that can keep us from focusing on God, and how we can overcome them. There will also be lots of food, fellowship, and fun. The group will be departing from Canyon at 6 PM on Friday, Jan. 12, and will return to Canyon by the end of second service on Sunday, Jan. 14. The cost for the weekend will be \$30 per student (scholarships available). Please send Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson, an email at [dalton@canyonchurch.org](mailto:dalton@canyonchurch.org) to RSVP or have your students sign up in the youth room **by today**. Checks can be made out to Canyon Church of Christ and turned in to Dalton; just put "Winter Retreat" in the memo line. We're excited for our youth to be able to enjoy this special time together!



## YOUTH CALENDAR

- ★ **TODAY** - 9:45 AM Bible classes for Junior High (Room 405) and High School (Youth Room).
- ★ **TODAY** - LTC Practice begins, 1:30 PM.
- ★ **Jan. 10** - Start 40 Days of Prayer / CYG Wednesday, meets at 7 PM
- ★ **Jan. 12-14** - CYG Winter Retreat! See details above.

**Get involved! Contact our Youth & Family Minister, Dalton Johnson at [dalton@canyonchurch.org](mailto:dalton@canyonchurch.org)**