

## CEREMONY OF WORSHIP

Song: *We Bow Down*

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading

Song: *Majesty*

Prayer

Song: *Come to the Table*

Communion

Offering

CBH Dismissal \*\*

Song: *Forever Reign*

Sermon

Song: *Had It Not Been for the Lord*

Final Blessing

Song: *The Great Redeemer*

\* *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

*What Was I Thinking? ~ Romans 12:2, Titus 3:4-5*

## ON THE TRAIL

Sunday Worship (1st): 70

Sunday Worship (2nd): 130

Sunday Bible Classes: 84

Contribution for 9/16: \$11,853

Weekly YTD Average: \$10,425

Weekly Budget: \$10,500

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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 \*

\* *Please note, this worship service is live streamed and recorded. By entering the auditorium, you are giving Canyon Church of Christ your consent to videotape, record, and broadcast your picture, likeness, voice, and statements.*

### Small Groups

Our small groups meet at various times and locations throughout the valley. 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, from 9:30 to 11:45 AM.
- **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 lobbies.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

## AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE by Dalton Johnson, Youth & Family Minister



This week when I was offered the chance to write the article for the front of the bulletin I became excited to share something that I see as a tremendous opportunity here at Canyon, because of our wonderful small groups.

When I was in high school I was blessed to be welcomed into the small group that my mother regularly attended. This was the first group of believers that I had ever been a part of that were not my peers. The group was made of all different kinds of people at **every stage of life** you could imagine, and it was here that I came to understand and be loved by a group of people who had nothing in common with me but a **relationship with Jesus**.

Some of these adults became life-long friends and mentors, and some of them were just a momentary support in a time of need, **but they all gave me an understanding and appreciation of what it means to be part of the body of Christ**.

The reason I share this anecdote is in the hope that you will have one of three responses:

- 1) If you are not one of the 60% of Canyon members who are actively attending a small group, try out a small group **for at least three times in a row**. If you still don't think it is for you at least you gave it a shot.
- 2) If you are parent who is attending a small group while your kids stay home, I would encourage to consider **bringing your kids along**.
- 3) If you are someone who thinks children in a small group setting are a nuisance, I would encourage to overcome your inclination to withdraw from young persons and instead **lean in**. You will be blessed by the effort, and you might even learn something.

Small Groups have started meeting in full force this month. Be sure to check out the current list of groups on the orange information table in the back of the auditorium for details. If you have questions or would like guidance in connecting with a group, please contact myself or our Worship & Connections Minister, Wyane Atkinson (*pictured to the right*).





### LEADERSHIP RETREAT & 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Our elders and ministers will be going on a retreat at the beginning of October to pray about and plan out the coming year for our church family. They would greatly appreciate your prayers over their time together. Would you be praying for them, as they are praying for you? Additionally, when they return, on that Sunday, October 7 we will start a 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 not just for our senior minister search but as we finish out the rest of 2018 strong and look for ways to serve in 2019. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

### YOU'RE INVITED TO FINANCIAL PEACE by Canyon Elder, Jay Carter

- Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
- Childcare provided!
- Worship Center Conf. Room
- Cost: \$129.00 (*Scholarships available.*)



What if it were possible for you to be totally and completely **debt free**? Think about it! Can you imagine what you could do? Solomon wrote in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". He also wrote, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7. So if having a vision and having the right thinking is that important, maybe you and I should do some Christ-centered vision casting on our own and start thinking about what we could do if we were totally debt free. In Financial Peace University the average family will **eliminate \$5,300 in debt while saving \$2,700!** Sounds impossible, but it's not. Join me this Tuesday for a life-changing experience. Sign-up on our website at [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org) or contact me at 602-628-1197 or [jcarter.ewc@gmail.com](mailto:jcarter.ewc@gmail.com).

### START A CONVERSATION

Wearing the Canyon logo is a great way to start a conversation with others about our church family. These shirts will also be helpful for volunteers during our upcoming Fall service projects and outreach events. These new Canyon t-shirts will be a dark maroon red with a small white logo on the front pocket area and a large white logo across the back. They will be available in men's, ladies' and children's sizing for \$7.00 each. Please pick up a flyer from the information table for sizing information and place your order and payment online at [canyonchurch.org/order/](http://canyonchurch.org/order/) by no later than Oct. 1.



### COMING EVENTS

- TODAY** - Missions Report, 6:00 PM at Northwest Church, details within.
  - This Month** - Small Groups start meeting again, details within.
  - Thursdays** - Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM, Rm 406, childcare provided.
  - Sept. 25** - Ladies Book Club Mtg, 1:30 PM, contact BJ Huffman for details.
  - Sept. 25** - Financial Peace Class starts, 7:00 PM, childcare available, see article within.
  - Oct. 1** - Deadline to place orders for Canyon t-shirts.
  - Oct. 7** - Guest Speaker, Tim Gunnells, at both worship services.
  - Oct. 7** - Start of 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, see details within.
- Visit our Calendar at [canyonchurch.org](http://canyonchurch.org) for all upcoming events.**

### HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the gold colored prayer card (located in the pocket on the chairs) and placing it in the offering tray when it is passed today during the Giving portion of our service. Copies of these cards are made available at the end of the sermon for individuals to take one home and pray over. The full list of prayer requests is published in our weekly email and paper copies are also provided at the member table. Prayer cards marked "confidential" will not be copied or published and will only be seen by our elders and ministers.

### GUESTS - LET'S CONNECT!

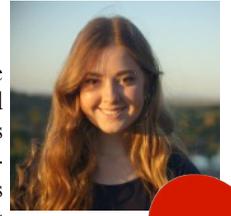
If you are a guest with us today, we thank God for you and are so glad you were able to join us. Please let us know you were here with us today. Take a moment and fill out the orange Guest Connection card (located in the pocket on the chair backs) and place it in the offering tray when it is passed today during the giving portion of our service. If you're interested in learning more about Canyon church and how you can get plugged in, be sure to flip the card over and check the interest boxes on the back.

### GUEST SPEAKER, TIM GUNNELLS ON OCT. 7



On Sunday, October 7 we'll be treated to another visit from guest speaker, Tim Gunnells. Tim is an author, leadership coach, and former Canyon Church of Christ minister. He is passionate about developing leaders and helping people to grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Tim also serves as an Associate Professor of Bible, Leadership and Ministry at Amridge University. He received his B.A. in Biblical Studies from Freed-Hardeman University, an MS in Ministry and an MDiv in Christian Ministry both from Amridge University, and a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation from the Harding School of Theology. Tim currently lives with his family in East Tennessee. He is available for retreats, leadership development seminars, and church consulting. He can be reached at [timothygunnells@gmail.com](mailto:timothygunnells@gmail.com). We also invite you to follow his blog at [start2finish.org](http://start2finish.org).

### MISSION REPORT: BOLIVIA



In addition to supporting active missionaries in Mexico City, Aruba, and Nigeria, Canyon's International Missions Committee also supports missionary-in-training, Sarah McClue, as she goes through the Adventures in Missions (AIM) program at Sunset International Bible Institute. Sarah has been serving in Cochabamba, Bolivia. If you would like to hear more about her mission work, Sarah will be giving a presentation **today** at 6:00 PM at Northwest Church of Christ (5110 W. Union Hills Dr., Glendale, AZ 85308). She will share about her time in Bolivia, what the country is like, and give more details on what she has been doing. There will be a pizza dinner afterwards. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to know more about our International Missions, please contact Isaiah Etukeren or Micah Walker.

### HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR MISSIONARY STUDENTS



The Adventures in Missions (AIMs) apprentice missionaries will be loading up their bus and heading out on their Urban Missions Experience soon. This year they will be going to Bakersfield, CA instead of Phoenix, but they could use some housing for the night of Tuesday, Oct. 16 while they are passing through. We're coordinating with Sean McClue with Central Phoenix Urban Ministry on this effort. These 40 students will have sleeping bags and are willing to sleep on floors or couches. If you can help house a few of these future missionaries, please send an email to [staff@canyonchurch.org](mailto:staff@canyonchurch.org) with the number you can house, and whether you prefer to host all women or all men. We also ask that you be willing to provide them breakfast and drop them off at Northwest Church of Christ in Glendale the morning of Oct. 17 to meet their bus.

### CANYON YOUTH GROUP (CYG) CALENDAR

- ★ **TODAY** - 9:45 AM Bible class for Junior High (Room 405) & High School (Youth Room).
- ★ **TODAY**- CYG Sunday, 1 PM, Youth Room.
- ★ **Sept. 26** - CYG Wednesday, 7 PM - location change for this week - meet in Youth Room.
- ★ **Sept. 28-30** - reTHINK Youth Conf. in CA.



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