



Upcoming at CPC!

Check out our upcoming events and other ways to get involved at CPC! You can always check our website for a full list of events at cpcfremont.org/events

Nov. 1, 11 AM - 12 PM | Centerville in the Park

Nov. 8, 9 AM - 3 PM | Tea & Treasures

Nov. 18, 7 - 8 PM | Prayer & Worship Night

Nov. 22, 9 - 11 AM | Men's Breakfast

Nov. 23, 12 - 1:30 PM | Questions Matter

Nov. 29, 9 AM - 12 PM | Decorating the Campus

Dec. 7, 12 - 1 PM | Deacon Card Making

Dec. 24, 5 PM | Christmas Eve Service



Fill a Shoebox!

Boxes available in the courtyard after service.

Donation Day:
Nov. 16th



Getting Through The Holidays Grief Seminar

Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 • 1 - 2:30pm

If you or others you know have experienced a death that makes the holidays a difficult time and would like some strategies for navigating Thanksgiving and Christmas, sign up to attend this two-session seminar facilitated by Marriage and Family Therapist Chelsea Hall.

Registration required by November 12th.

We are partnering with Samaritan's Purse through "Operation Christmas Child" to send joy to children in need all over the world.

Boxes will be available in the courtyard on Nov. 2, along with other materials.

On Nov. 16, we will collect all of the boxes and pray over them together in service as we send them out. Please join us in praying for the Lord to use these boxes in big ways this coming Christmas.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Nov 22
9:00 A.M.



Click or scan to register

Holiday Grief
Seminar



Men's
Breakfast

Come for a time of food and fellowship with the men of CPC. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to get familiar with our church. Everyone between ages 8 and 80+ are welcome.

The Prayer Life of a Disciple Maker

There's a quiet strength in the life of a disciplemaker—a strength that doesn't come from charisma, clever words, or perfect plans, but from prayer. Not the hurried kind we squeeze in between emails, but the kind that roots us deep in the presence of God.

John Mark Comer reminds us that “prayer is not a place to perform but a place to be.” It's where we lay down our striving and remember that making disciples is never about what we can accomplish, but what Jesus can do through us. In prayer, we slow down long enough to listen—to God's voice, to the Spirit's promptings, to the needs of the people we're walking with.

Max Lucado once wrote, “Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it, not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.” Isn't that freeing? You don't have to be eloquent to be effective. You just have to show up—with a willing heart.

A disciplemaker's prayer life is less about asking God to bless our plans and more about aligning our hearts with His. It's praying for the friend who's wrestling with faith, for the courage to share your story, for the wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen. It's inviting the Holy Spirit into the ordinary moments—conversations over coffee, text messages of encouragement, shared meals of grace.

I pray that even as we as a church take this two month journey into prayer, that each of you will rediscover the sacred rhythm of prayer. Let's create space to be still before God, trusting that He's shaping us into people who not only make disciples but who live deeply with Him.

You are a cup meant to be filled up with God. Only He can satisfy the longings of your soul... to know Him, to sit in the beauty of being known by Him. And then, as a natural byproduct of being filled, you will make Him known.

In the end, every true movement of disciple-making begins—and continues—on our knees.

On another note, I love standing at the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, greeting people as they come to worship. Perhaps, like me, you've noticed a beautiful sight—more people arriving with wheelchairs, and more young families bringing their children. What a gift it is to see all generations gathering together to worship Jesus!

We are a church welcoming people on a spiritual journey to SEE Jesus and take a step of faith. To welcome people well, we want to ensure that everyone who enters our sanctuary can find a place to sit with their family. For most, that's simple—but for those with wheelchairs or strollers, finding space together can be a challenge.

To meet this need, we will be removing the back pew on each side in the sanctuary to create accessible space for families with wheelchairs and strollers. This small change opens the door wider for everyone to belong and participate fully in worship.

There's a saying that “the ground is level at the foot of the cross.” Everyone—regardless of status, wealth, or ability—is invited to receive Jesus' free gift of salvation. Let's thank God together that we can make space, both physically and spiritually, for more families to SEE Jesus and take a step with us.

Because Jesus Makes us Family,

Pastor Sam

Session Update (September)

Submitted by Rachel Schmit, Elder

Session opened with prayer and focused on evaluating CPC's organizational structure and leadership effectiveness. We discussed strengths and weaknesses, exploring ways to increase member involvement in leadership roles, enhance discipleship and outreach, reduce ministry silos, and improve accountability across teams. Key questions centered on Session's primary purpose.

Session leaders took time to define our roles in spiritual oversight, shepherding, and organizational leadership for the church. We took time to emphasize the need for clarity in responsibility, authority, and accountability rather than governance for its own sake.

The meeting also addressed several operational matters, including urgent sanctuary lighting repairs presented by our worship leader Daniel. Session also discussed scheduling the Men's Breakfast for November, planning the Elder's Retreat for the New Year, and reviewing minor updates to staff job descriptions.

Financial discussions included updates on the roof and gym floor projects, a finance report, and finalizing next year's budget with prayers for increased giving and God's provision for the church's future needs. We ended our time with prayer for unity, and God's wisdom in how to navigate all these matters we discussed with grace, truth, and love for God and one another above all.

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1

Session Update (October)

Submitted by Lydia Palumpon, Elder

Session met as usual, 20 minutes before the meeting to pray for our church. During the first hour of session, Josh Morgan led the time teaching on "Leadership Principles" based on the book "Extreme Ownership" by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin.

The consent agenda was approved, which covers the current agenda, previous minutes, and reports turned in by ministry teams. Updates were given on the roof project, which is nearing completion, with the hopes that by God's grace, Tea & Treasures will take place in the gym.

Elder Al Trimble gave an update on our financial status. The final numbers will be ready to use for the Annual Report before it is printed. Ideas were discussed for the Christmas Offering this year, and a decision will be made at the November meeting.

Our Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest meeting was held October 10-11 at Covenant Community Church in Vacaville. Ruling Elders Rachel Schmit, Marilyn Khalaji, Pat Lum, and Teaching Elders, Pastors Sam & Ryan, attended as voting commissioners.

Another Successful Clean Up Day!

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer

We had a wonderful time together sprucing things up on the campus at the Fall Campus Clean Up day. The BSA Troop and Pack 176 helped with a variety of tasks: raking leaves, scrubbing the walk-ways, trimming plants/bushes, moving furniture and cleaning tables & chairs! This year a few from BSF came and many from CPC! Christy Hitson worked with some choir members to launder and pack the choir robes and look at the mentoring of Bob Pratt with those boys! See pictures below. The worship team had a practice work day in the morning and the tech team took advantage of cleaning their areas. We all joined together afterwards for a BBQ.

Thank you to all of you, Chris & Bob Christie for managing the lunch with the help of Garry Zatarra. A special thank you to Pat Lum and Jim Burke who helped direct and be "runners".



Deacons Fall Visit to WeCare

Submitted by Kristy Del Rio

On September 28th, a handful of CPC Deacons along with Elder, Pat Lum, visited WeCare, formerly known as Park Central Care and Rehab, to bring Fall fun and fellowship to the residents. We decorated their Activities Room with Fall themed decor and played two Fall themed Bingo games with the residents and offered prizes to all participants! Many of the residents recognized us from our previous visits, which was heartwarming. We put up a wall poster of Thanksgiving and went around the room asking the residents and staff what they were thankful for that day and the responses were heartwarming: "Thankful that I am loved", "Thankful for CPC and Bingo", "Thankful for the fun today", among others.

We brought delicious snacks and beverages to share. We sat with them, encouraged them and filled the room with laughter and excitement. We sent a bouquet of flowers and a card of encouragement to the Staff letting them know that we are here for them and are praying over their continued work with these much in-need residents. At the end, we prayed outside over the residents and staff members and our continued ministry with them. We are looking forward to continuing our visits bringing hope to these tender people.



Tea & Treasures

Please join us for our annual Boutique with over 40 vendors and stop for a scrumptious lunch in our English tea room. We offer a special "tea" menus for children under 10! This is a great way to start off the holiday season and do some early shopping with talented crafters and makers. Don't forget to also stop by our Second Hand Treasures thrift area for a great deal.

We are currently needing volunteers for the event and are also accepting donations for our "thrift" area.

33rd Annual **Tea & Treasures**

· craft fair, tea room, secondhand treasures ·

Saturday, Nov. 8th · 9am - 3pm

English tea lunch \$25 (10am - 2pm)



Spring Women's Retreat - Save the Date!



The next Women's Retreat will be this spring at Redwood Christian Park. **April 24, 2026 - April 26, 2026.**

This year, our theme is "Amazing Grace" based on Ephesians 2:4-10. We will again be going as a group from CPC to those who want to attend.

Here's some fun from the last retreat!



Annual Report: Buildings & Grounds Ministry

Submitted by Tim Bergquist

This year has been one of tremendous progress and faithful service as we continue to care for the campus God has entrusted to us. Our volunteers and staff have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, stewardship, and teamwork—living out our mission to **Share Life | Equip Disciples | Engage Community** in tangible ways that bless our congregation and community.

Highlights from the Year

- **Gym Roof Project:** The long-awaited gym roof restoration is nearly complete! The final installation of HVAC units is scheduled for completion by early November.
- **Young Life Club Room:** The Christmas offering Young Life Club Room was completed and is being used by all generations. Volunteer Jody Brahmst assisted Jim Burke in upgrading electrical systems in The Club room. We are so grateful for Jody volunteering his skills and gifts to support the church.
- **Center Kitchen Refrigerators:** After 30 years of use, the refrigerators in the gym kitchen failed and were replaced thanks to the help of Women's Ministry!
- **LED Screen & TVs Installed:** Praise God! The large LED screen and two TVs were successfully installed in the sanctuary—thank you to Leonard and Kathy Babyak for their invaluable tech skills and dedication in making this project a reality. These improvements enhance our ability to communicate, worship, and connect as one body.
- **Railings in the Sanctuary:** Jim Burke and Tony Perez installed the new safety railings on the front center steps leading to the stage —another step toward ensuring accessibility and care for all who worship with us.
- **Tree Trimming Project:** In June, volunteers led by Mike and Zach Schmit trimmed trees hanging over the Club Room roof, preventing potential damage and improving the longevity of the roof. Their hands-on care reflects faithful stewardship of God's buildings.
- **Campus Clean-Up Day:** In September, Scouts and other ministry partners joined forces to refresh and beautify our campus, exemplifying our heart to Share Life in service.

We are truly grateful to Tammy Sawyer for her faithful leadership of the Buildings & Grounds Team. This year also brought deep sadness with the passing of our beloved custodian, Scott Sawyer. His faithful service and joyful spirit will forever inspire us. We are profoundly thankful for the steady support of Jim Burke, William Jennings, and our summer temporary employees Alec Sanchez, Caleb Emmett, Fahim Rahimi, Evan Dickerson and Zach Schmit, along with numerous volunteers who have faithfully carried on this vital ministry of care and upkeep of the church campus. In an effort to cut down on expenses, we have hired a professional cleaning company and landscape company instead of hiring a second custodian.

Through every project, we've seen God's faithfulness—working through dedicated volunteers and staff to build not just facilities, but a community that reflects His love and care.

Team Members: Tammy Sawyer, Tim Bergquist, Jody Brahmst, Mike Cook, Mike Schmit, Ned Rendell, and Dean Nissen



CenterKids



At CenterKids we believe children are the church! We exist to partner with parents to form kids in the way of Jesus. For us, Kids Church is more than childcare! Through thoughtful curriculum and community we are inviting kids to become more like Jesus.

Contact Next-Gen Director Josh Morgan with any questions or call the church office.

Recently, the kids got the opportunity to write their own Psalm of Praise! At first, even the thought of that was daunting for them! But through a few simple prompts and conversation with our amazing volunteers, the kids were amazed at how it all came together. Below is what one of the kids wrote:

Lord, you are grateful, loving, and kind.
You made the world and people and Taiwan and friends
and America!
You helped me go to school for the first day of school!!
I know you love me because you love me!

Lord, you are grateful, loving, and kind.

You made the world and people and Taiwan and friends and America!

You helped me go to school for the first day of school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I know you love me because you love me!

I WANT TO PRAISE YOU NOW!



Upcoming CenterKids Events

Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm
Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.
Next date: Nov 1

Sunday Events

Thanksgiving Party - **November 23**
Christmas Party - **December 14**

Are you interested in volunteering in Kids' Ministry?
Please contact Josh Morgan.

At CenterStudents we believe in partnering with parents to form students in the way of Jesus. We focus on **Relational Connection, Gospel Centered Curriculum, and Fun**



Our Middle Schoolers meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in the Young Life Club Room on the West side of campus. Check-in begins at 10:25. 1st Sundays are Family Sundays, where our families attend church together.

On Sunday mornings, our middle schoolers go through the Bible together, asking questions, digging deep, and learning together. This space provides an awesome opportunity for our Middle Schoolers to interact with scripture.



Young Life

Young Life Club meets every Monday Night from 7 to 9pm at CPC in the Club Room. For more information email josh@cpcfremont.org and be sure to follow Tri-City Young Life on Instagram @tricityyounglife

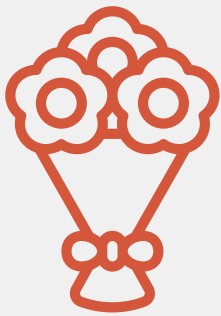
Young Life Winter Camp

Young Life Winter Camp for our High Schoolers is coming up November 7th through the 9th. Please be praying for our students as they head to camp! Email Josh for more information!

Student Life Group

On Sundays from 4-6pm our students meet in our Young Life Club Room and go through Practicing the Way together. This is a place for our students to experience community and dig into the claims of Jesus and what it means to follow him. We eat together, laugh together, and learn together. ***Middle School and High School are welcome.***

**We are excited to continue to invest in Middle and High School students this year!
For more information on Middle or High School, email Josh or call the church office.**



Our Loss...Heaven's Gain

Lena Zee, passed on October 21
Malti Massey, passed on October 22

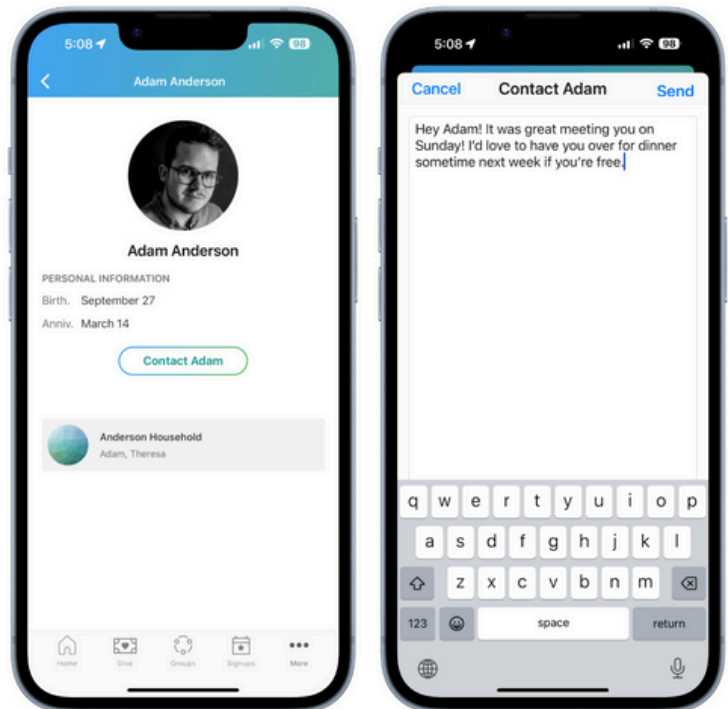
Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. – John 11:26

Church Directory

If you are not yet in the online directory, you can see someone at the Welcome Booth on Sundays and they will let the office know. Alternatively, stop by the office Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm. **For security purposes, we do not take requests to be added to the directory over the phone.** The office will send you an invitation via email.

Many have asked, "Why isn't the contact phone number listed in the directory?" To reduce the risk of having your data harvested by scammers, we have enabled the privacy mode. This means that when you browse the directory, you will be able to contact each other by using a Contact Me button on someone's profile instead of showing your contact information directly.

Are you already in the directory, but haven't **uploaded a photo to your profile**? Contact the office staff to set up a time to help you with this.



Regular CPC Events

Weekly Life Groups, Groups meet weekly, cpcfremont.org/life-groups

Centerville in the Park, 1st Saturday, Dusterberry Neighborhood Park

Tai Chi, Mondays 9:30-10:30 am. Dining Room

Free Dining, Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00-5:45 pm

Men's Life Group, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Rm 18

Creative Hands Craft & Fellowship, Thursdays, 7:00-8:45pm, E202

Call the church office at 510-793-3575 for more information.



Share Life Together

Join a Life Group!



Life Groups are smaller groups that gather together weekly in homes for a time of food, sharing, community, and prayer.

To learn more, visit cpcfremont.org/life-groups, scan the QR code, or email Pastor Ryan.

Download the ChurchCenter App to stay up-to-date on everything going on at CPC.

If you have questions about how to use the app, check out the tutorial video at planningcenter.com/university.



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