



## 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](http://cpcfremont.org/events)

- Sept. 14, 12 PM | Coffee & Conversations
- Sept. 16, 7-8 PM | Prayer & Worship Night
- Oct. 4, 10 AM - 2 PM | Membership Matters
- Oct. 4, 11 AM | Centerville in the Park
- Oct. 26, 12 - 1 PM | Annual Congregational Meeting



### Coffee & Conversations

Sunday, Sept. 14 - after the service

For new guests - come meet our team, learn more about our church, and ask questions over coffee and donuts!

### Prayer & Worship Night

Sept. 16 - 7 PM

### Campus Clean Up!

Help us beautify the campus!



Saturday, Sept. 27  
9 AM - 12 PM



### Membership Matters

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 10 AM - 2 PM

Learn who we are as a church and how you can partner with us in God's mission by becoming a member of the CPC family!



### Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park  
October 4 | 11:00 AM



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

### CPC RINGERS & CELEBRATION CHOIR

Email Christy Hitson for more information  
[chitson@cpcfremont.org](mailto:chitson@cpcfremont.org)

Rehearsals Thursdays

BELLS - 5:30 PM

CHOIR - 7:00 PM

## SEE Jesus and take a Step of Faith

Max Lucado tells a story of a time he watched a little boy in his church reach for the offering basket. He held in his hand a crumpled dollar bill. To him, it was a treasure. With a smile as wide as sunrise, he dropped it in. No hesitation. No worry about whether he might need it later for candy or a toy. Just a childlike act of faith.

And in that small moment, Max shared how he was reminded of Jesus' words: *"Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 18:3).

Our church is in a season of blessing. God is bringing new people through our doors—young families, curious neighbors, and even the next generation who are looking for a place to belong, and a Savior to trust. But with growth comes challenge. Like the boy with the dollar, God is inviting us to loosen our grip and live generously so that discipleship can flourish.

We have been learning that making disciples is not a program—it's a way of life. It's walking with others, teaching them to obey everything Christ commanded, and inviting them into the rhythms of faith. But discipling requires space, resources, and commitment. It requires us, the church, to sow today so that tomorrow's leaders can reap.

Imagine what God might do if we, like that boy, gave with unshakable trust. Imagine classrooms filled with children learning to pray. Imagine students discovering their calling. Imagine new believers finding a family of faith that walks with them through every season of life. When you imagined those situations, did you see yourself as part of what God is doing?

Imagination must become action. Faith starts with believing... but then faith takes a step. Abraham stepped into the unknown. Peter stepped onto the water. The early church stepped into generosity, sharing everything so that no one was in need. And now, it is our turn.

That's why, as we approach the close of our fiscal year on September 30, we want to finish strong together. Every gift in these next weeks matters. Your giving is more than dollars and cents. It is disciples fed. It is Bibles opened. It is young people equipped to live for Jesus in a world that needs Him desperately.

Let's be inspired by a child's faith. Let's step forward with courage. Let's give—not out of guilt, but out of gratitude, knowing that every gift is an investment in eternity. Together, we can finish this year strong and step boldly into the next, ready to welcome, disciple, and send in Jesus' name.

Because Jesus Makes us Family,

*Pastor Sam*

### Ways to Give

- Mobile** Scan QR code
- Online** [cpcfremont.org/give](http://cpcfremont.org/give)
- In Person** Use envelopes in pews
- Mail** 4360 Central Ave  
Fremont, CA 94536



**Share life - Equip disciples - Engage community**

## Session Update (August)

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer, Clerk of Session

The meeting was preceded in prayer for our church and a time of teaching by Elder Leonard Babyak on the Stages of Spiritual Growth Continuum. Session went through an exercise to categorize where they thought CPC's ministries, activities and our day to day lives line up with the stages of Discipleship.

In Pastor Sam's absence, Pastor Ryan moderated the business part of the meeting.

The various staff and Ministry reports were included in the packet to read in advance. Tammy Sawyer reported that we are looking into more cost effective ways to maintain the cleaning and landscaping of the property by possibly outsourcing instead of hiring a custodian/maintenance person. Missions reported that the missions team, lead by Cordelia Shieh is postponing their trip to Ukraine to 2026.

Session approved using some of the remaining funds from the 2022 Young Life Christmas Offering to finance Young Life scholarships for some of the High School and Middle School kids going to camp this summer and to finish up the electrical in The Club Room.

Our denomination, Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) of the SouthWest will be holding their fall Presbytery meeting October 10-11 at Covenant Community Church in Vacaville. Elders Marilyn Khalaji and Rachel Schmit expressed interest in attending as commissioners. If you would like to witness the manner in which our Presbytery shepherds the churches in this area and conducts these quarterly meetings, contact Tammy Sawyer, Clerk of Session [tsawyer@cpcfremont.org](mailto:tsawyer@cpcfremont.org) for more information on attending as an observer.

Most of this Session meeting was dedicated to discussing the 2025-2026 budget. A preliminary budget was presented and will go back to the various ministries to find areas where they may be able to trim due to our current financial situation. The budget will be brought back to Session in September for a vote. The budget will be presented at the October 26 Annual Congregational Meeting.

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## Join Us On A Journey Deep Into The Practice Of Prayer

This Fall, our church family is going on a journey to press deeper into the practice of prayer together. Often, prayer can be treated like a purely individual act - where you, the one praying, talk at God. Prayer is also often presented in a transactional way - where the primary purpose of prayer is to ask God to solve problems or provide assistance in areas of need.

What if prayer could be so much more? Starting September 21st, we will begin an 8 week journey deeper into the practice of prayer as a whole church. We will learn in life groups how to approach prayer as a spiritual discipline in the dynamic way God intends for us. This includes 4 key facets of individual prayer we will explore: talking to God, talking with God, listening to God, and being with God. We will explore different prayer exercises designed to challenge our previous notions of prayer and to equip us to find new ways to spend time seeking to connect to and listen to God's heart. We will also spend time exploring the often ignored practice of praying in community, as communal prayers were an essential part of the life of Israel and of Scripture itself.

The ultimate goal of this season of prayer is not for you to "pray more" or "pray better." The goal is to equip each of us to experience deeper union with God. We want to help you slow down in our often overly-busy lives and to create space for the Spirit of God to speak to you and to form you to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. Doing this well is essential to catalyzing spiritual growth in our lives as followers of Jesus.

If this intrigues you, and you want to deepen your prayer life and connection with God, come and join us on this journey. Our life groups will be diving deeper into these practices of prayer together. If you are not in a life group, we invite you to join one today by [clicking or scanning the QR code](#).

When we SEE Jesus, Jesus invites us to take a step of faith - we hope you will take this step of faith and join us on this journey.

God bless,  
Pastor Ryan Bogert



# Annual Report: Deacon Ministry

Submitted by Pastor Ryan Bogert

We exist to sacrificially serve those in need by loving and caring for God's people, the Church, as the hands and feet of Jesus. The biblical model for Deacon ministry comes to us from Acts 6, where helpers were appointed to care for those who were being neglected and in need.

We as a church family are blessed to have devoted Deacons who quietly and humbly serve the Lord's Church. They do this behind the scenes, never seeking praise or attention for their work. As a pastor, it is a joy and an honor to serve alongside these people who have given their lives to doing the Lord's work. In 2025, our 14 Deacons regularly called, visited, and prayed for 56 members of our church family. There are many stories of God using Deacon ministry in beautiful ways. Our Deacons have visited church members in the hospital and helped bring people to medical appointments. Our Deacons call, visit, and pray with people who are shut-in and unable to get out of the house. Our Deacons help check-in and care for people who are going through difficult seasons such as grief or a medical challenge. Through all of this and much more, our Deacons are making differences in the everyday lives of people in need. Our Deacon Ministry also financially offers gifts and support to some in need in our church family, and to our chaplain ministry that blesses our friends and neighbors who are homeless.

In addition to individual care, our Deacon Ministry has continued a relatively new annual tradition as a way we strive to Engage Community by connecting with and serving the residents and staff at Park Central Care and Rehab Center. We have had various times of connection with them, including our choir visiting the home around Christmas, and the Deacons leading games, activities, and snacks in the spring. Additionally, we have a small team of Deacons and other volunteers who go there monthly to visit and pray with residents, some of whom never receive visitors outside of our church. Our objective in this is to establish a regular relationship with this facility to show our committed care for our neighbors and shine the light of Jesus to them.

Lastly, we mourn the passing of one of our Deacons, Sandy Jett, who went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 29th. Sandy was a long-time Deacon who blessed so many people with her life and ministry, and she will be dearly missed.

**Our 2025 Deacon Team:** Carol Carter, Kristen Del Rio, David & Sue Mayer, Michael Chau, Sandy Jett, Cindy & Sandy Romeo, Joy Santor, Sheila Saxton, David and Sugeetha Chelliah, Glenn Anderson, Jennifer Rhoades.

**Church Staff support team:** Pastor Ryan Bogert, Pastor Jim Schoon

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## Connecting with our Community Deacon Carol Carter

Our Community Deacon Carol Carter serves as the warm, welcoming face of the Deacon ministry, and is available to our entire church family on Sunday mornings. If you have a challenge in your life and you desire a listening ear and to be covered in prayer, our Community Deacon is there to serve. If you know someone in our church family who needs a Deacon to care for them, our Community Deacon is there to make sure that person gets connected.

If you'd like to learn more about what it means to be a Deacon, if you need prayer, or if you just need someone to talk to, look for Carol on a Sunday morning.



## Ministry Partner Update: Jeff & Cindy Eidsen

Submitted by Larry Hsu

Jeff & I have been serving with InFaith in the Central Valley since 2012. We work with Gang Members, Addicts, the Homeless, and Couples-In-Crisis. CPC has been a strong supporter of this ministry since the very beginning. We are extremely grateful and blessed by your continued support.

If you are interested in following us on this great adventure God has us on, please send us your email. We try to get a newsletter out each quarter. Our latest one was put out in June. An update since we last wrote:

One of the guys we have worked with for a number of years passed away suddenly in July. He and his wife had been in one of our Couples-In-Crisis Groups for a few years, and then Jeff had been mentoring him weekly over the past 2 years. He worked in the boiler room at the Veterans Hospital. The hospital is claiming it was a heart attack, but there are questions as to whether it was work-related. That boiler room gets extremely hot. He was in his late 50s. Jeff will be giving a few words at his service later this month.

Another guy that Jeff mentors weekly has begun asking questions after hearing about this. He's asking the all too familiar question, "Why does God allow these things to happen?" Jeff has been able to shed some light on who God is and how we may not understand everything that He does. Rest assured, the guy who passed was a believer, and we have the hope of seeing him again.

When things like this happen, we tend to see things a bit differently for a while. We tend to look at the broader picture of life and less at the mundane day-to-day activities. It's in that space that I almost wish I could remain. It's there that we seek His nearness, His comfort. But inevitably, we gradually put our blinders back on and focus on our circumstances, and that is when we lose something. Even as missionaries, we all fall short. The pull of our humanity is so strong. The demands that are put on us either by others or by ourselves, are pressing. I'm so thankful for this conviction and that it is drawing me ever so closer to Him.

Another update is that Jeff & I are starting a new Marriage Ministry at our church here in Clovis. We are launching with a Marriage Works Conference beginning in September. We are out of our comfort zone and excited about the need to rely on Him for His guidance. We will be forming a team and planning events in the next couple of weeks.

Also, our local Rescue Mission has built and opened a "City Center". It has housing, classrooms, meeting rooms, a food pantry, and even a coffee shop. It is something to see if you are in the area. Jeff is going to start a Bible Study in the main sitting area for whoever wants to join in. He's excited to see what comes of this. The lobby is usually filled with people in need of help, so what better place to share the Good News?

# Admin & Finance Committee Ministry Report Submitted by Al Trimble, Ruling Elder

**Mission Statement:** The Admin & Finance Committee exists to guide and educate our congregation in the biblical practice of stewardship—defined by our General Assembly as the systematic and proportionate giving of time, talents, and material possessions to the service of Christ’s Church, both locally and globally.

Our responsibilities include:

- Developing the annual budget
- Creating and implementing responsible financial policies
- Overseeing fundraising and endowment strategies

## Financial Overview

As we approach the final quarter of the 2024–2025 fiscal year, we continue to face a familiar challenge: even though expenses are slightly under budget, giving remains below our goals by a greater amount. For the fourth consecutive year, we anticipate needing to draw from church cash reserves to achieve a break-even outcome.

While our spending aligns with current ministry programs, the gap between giving and expenses underscores the need for renewed commitment to stewardship.

## Capital Projects & Reserves

With the long-awaited gymnasium and HVAC project nearing completion, final payments will require additional use of our emergency reserves. We are trusting in God’s provision and praying that tithes and offerings will increase, allowing us to replenish these funds and continue supporting the mission of our church.

We remain deeply grateful for your faithful generosity and for God’s continued faithfulness.

**Committee Members:** Pastor Sam Knottnerus, Chris Christie, Dr. Mike Cook, Matthew Jue, Ned Rendell, Al Trimble, with assistance and input from CPC’s Sally Suryan

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## Gymnasium Roof Update

The project to replace the roof and HVAC units on the Gymnasium is moving along and scheduled to be completed in October. This project totally depletes the Building Maintenance Trust which has paid for campus maintenance for nearly 40 years. We will need, as a Church, to reconstitute this important component of our financial safety net. In the last three years the fund covered over \$2 Million in new roofs and repairs all over campus.

We are currently investigating options to address the water damage to the floor. Please keep all this in prayer!



Progress photos from August

## Pray for Me Campaign

This Fall our church will be starting something really exciting. The Pray for Me Campaign connects multiple generations within our church by having 2-3 Adult Prayer Champions commit to praying for a child, a student or a family with children in our church for three months. The families and prayer champions have the option to continue at the end of the quarter.

Each Prayer Champion will be given a name, specific prayer requests, and a Prayer Guide—to use daily and pray through seven biblical essentials of growth for their young person. On October 19th after church we will have lunch with all the prayer partners and all the families to go over what this campaign will look like.

Our hope and prayer is that this will connect the many generations of our church, as well as fortify the spiritual lives of our students and kids.

If you would like to sign up your family, or sign up as a prayer partner here are two QR codes with the sign up links for each:



Family Registration

Prayer Partner  
Registration



## 1 Corinthians

Jim Schoon Bible Class

Semester 1 | Oct. 15 - Nov. 19  
7-8 PM | Zoom Only



Pastor Jim will be presenting a Bible Study on I Corinthians beginning Wednesday night, October 15.

The class will be comprised of two semesters, with the first semester being October 15 to November 19. The class will be on Zoom only, and will be from 7-8 PM.

If you would like to participate in the class, please click or scan the QR code or contact the office.

# THE JOURNEY

The 20's and 30's are syncing our schedule with the church Life Group calendar! We will be exploring the Practicing the Way topics alongside of the other Life Groups! What a joy to know that we will all be growing more deeply in our becoming more like Jesus...as a whole church family!

CYPRUS! EPC World Outreach Family Gathering!! Wow! God is up to some beautiful and powerful things! This summer Sam and I had the privilege of journeying with some of our young adults to Cyprus! Andrea Craddock, Chris Hung, and Ana Larson have chosen to follow God into global work! Together we met with other global workers, experienced life-giving worship and teaching, and spent sacred time connecting over stories, meals, and fun! Ask any of us more about Cyprus and the mission of God that He has entrusted to each of us!





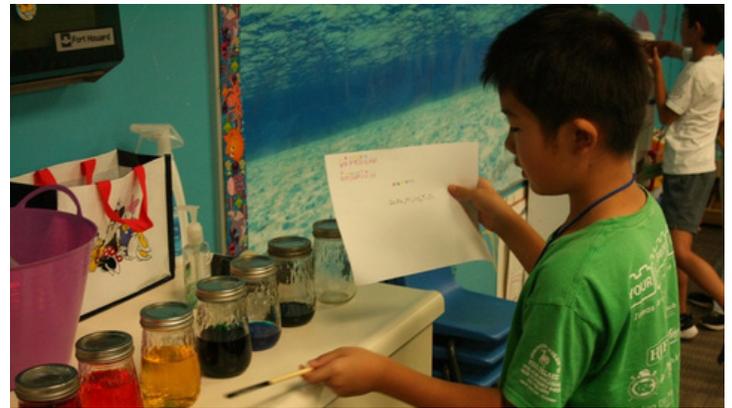
# CenterKids



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. We meet every Sunday except the first one when we have Family Sunday.

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

**Kids Music Camp 2025** was an incredible time! With kids from all over the community, we had fun playing games, learning music, and making our own instruments. The campers learned the song "My Lighthouse" and we heard from many of the parents that the kids were singing it at home - even after camp was over! Thank you for all of your prayers for both the campers and the staff!



## Upcoming CenterKids Events

### Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm  
Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.  
Next date: Oct. 4th

### Sunday Events

Back to School Bash - **September 28**  
Fall Festival - **October 26**

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.

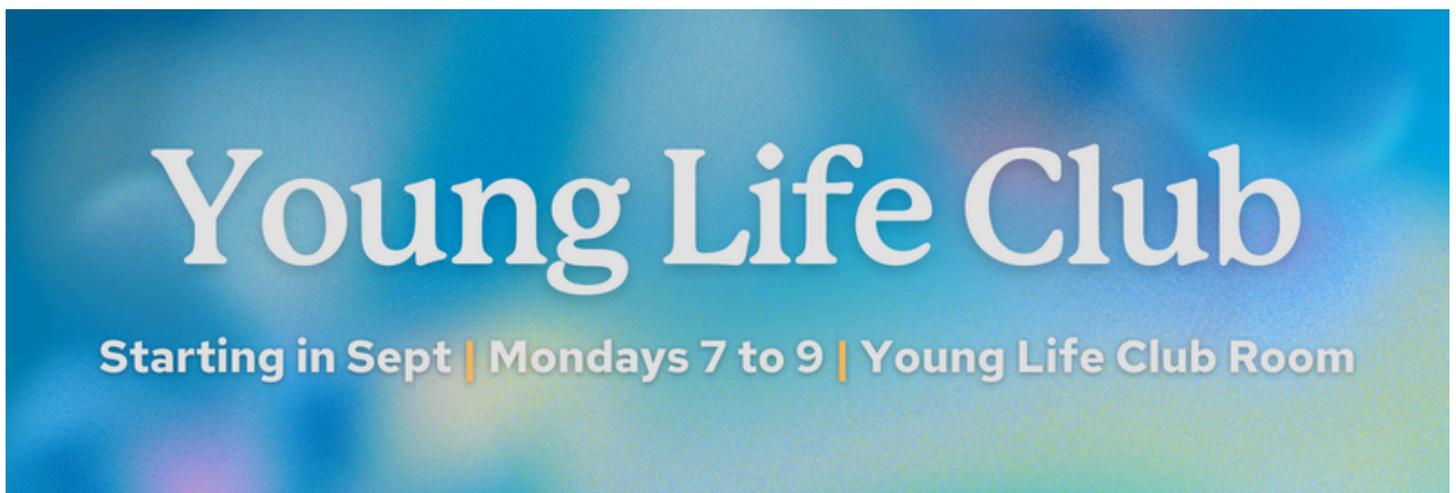


### **Student Life Group**

On Sundays from 4-6 pm 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.**

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### **Young Life Club**

In September Young Life Club starts meeting again every Monday Night from 7 to 9 at CPC in the Club Room. For more information email [josh@cpcfremont.org](mailto:josh@cpcfremont.org).

# Summer Camps

Submitted by Josh Morgan, Next Gen Director

Hey church! In July I had the honor of taking CPC students to two different camps! Young Life Camp for our High School Students, and Wyld Life Camp for our Middle School Students!

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to do this, and I want to share with you some of the cool stuff the Lord did while we were there.

I am always in awe of the relationships that form when we go to these camps. You see students who are so disconnected from other people in their normal day to day lives come to camp and find deep friendships almost overnight.

On top of this we saw students give their lives to Jesus at both camps. One of the coolest stories was at Young Life Camp where we had a student meet Jesus in a dream, Jesus sat him down and told him exactly how he felt about him. It was beautiful to watch this student move from insecurity to confidence because of what Jesus said about him.

It is a gift every year to be able to spend a week with these students and see what Jesus does in each of their lives.



Wyld Life Camp - Middle School ^



Young Life Camp - High School ^



Young Life Camp - High School ^



Josh and his leaders ^



Student fell asleep sitting up! ^



# Our Loss...Heaven's Gain

Nancy Wright, August 25

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

## Free Dining Invite Cards

Free Dining now has invite cards! These cards provide all the information needed for people in the community to learn more about the services offered. Pick up a few cards and have them in your car, purse, or backpack ready to hand out as the Holy Spirit leads. Cards are available in the lobby on Sundays.

## Free Dining needs bags with handles!

Paper or plastic as long as it has handles. Drop off at church Tuesdays & Thursdays



## FREE MEAL

Centerville Free Dining Room

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
4pm - 5:45pm

Showers available Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Chaplain services available Tuesdays

**Centerville Free Dining Room**  
Centerville Presbyterian Church  
*(across from the DMV)*  
4360 Central Ave, Fremont, CA  
(510)793-3575

## Regular CPC Events

**Weekly Life Groups**, Groups meet weekly, [cpcfremont.org/life-groups](http://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](http://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](http://planningcenter.com/university).

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