



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

Feb. 7, 11 AM - 12 PM | Centerville in the Park

Feb. 8, After Service | Called Cong. Meeting

Feb. 18, 7 PM | Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 22, 12 - 3:15 PM | Belief Matters

March 7, 10 AM - 2 PM | Membership Matters

March 15, 10 AM - 1:30 | Scout Sunday



Belief Matters

Feb. 22 | 12 PM - 3:15 PM

"I want to follow Jesus, but I don't know how to take the next step in my relationship with God."

"I've been a Christian going to church for a while, but I have felt stuck in my faith journey. I want to learn what it means to fully center my life around following Jesus."

If either of the above statements resonates with you, then Belief Matters is for you. Some of the topics we will be discussing are the Lordship of Jesus, what is God's story, an overview of the Bible, your new identity in Christ, and why relationships matter on your gospel journey. If you are new in your faith and want to know where to start, or maybe you just feel stuck in your faith walk, please join us.



Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18 - 7:00 PM

Childcare for 5 years and under



Membership Matters

Saturday, March 7 | 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!



Scout Sunday Celebration

March 15 | 10 AM - 1:30 PM

Called
Congregational Meeting

February 8
After service



Download the Church Center app for more details or to sign up for upcoming events!

A Season to Open Our Hands

Over the past several weeks, our church has been on a powerful journey together – a nine-week deep dive into generosity. We have been exploring not just what God asks of us, but who God is: a generous Father who gives, forgives, restores, and invites. This series will come to a close on **Sunday, March 8**, but what God has been growing in us is not meant to end there.

In many ways, this teaching series has also been preparing us for something larger.

As a church, we are stepping into a bold season of vision through our “**Building for Tomorrow, Investing in the Next Generation**” capital campaign. Our prayerful goal is to raise **\$1 million by our 175th birthday in 2028** – not simply to repair our campus, but to strengthen and expand the ministry God has entrusted to us so that future generations can encounter Christ here.

This campaign is not really about bricks, mortar, or roofs. It is about **people**. It is about children discovering Jesus for the first time. Teenagers finding a faith that lasts. Families being restored. Neighbors being welcomed. The buildings God has given us are tools – but the real work is transformed lives through the power of Christ.

That is why this generosity series matters so much. Jesus lived with open hands. He gave Himself for us. And now He invites us to join Him in building something that will outlast us.

As this sermon series comes to a close on March 8, our journey continues through Lent. Beginning the week of **Ash Wednesday**, we will move into our **Open Hands** Lenten family devotional – a church-wide practice of becoming more like Jesus in generosity. Each week we will reflect on one of Jesus’ parables, pray together, and practice a small, concrete way of living His generous way in our everyday lives.

This is how disciples are formed – not just through sermons, but through habits, homes, and hearts being shaped by the gospel.

Our prayer is that God will use this season to deepen our trust, expand our vision, and align our lives with His generous heart – so that together we can build for tomorrow and invest in the next generation, all for the glory of Jesus. I’m excited for us all to SEE Jesus and take a step of faith.

Because Jesus made us family,

PASTOR Sam

Click or scan the QR code
for the Lenten Devotional



Session Update (December 2025)

Submitted by Stu Howard, Elder

Happy New Year CPC Family!

By the time you get this report, we will be well into 2026 and, as Sam Cooke wrote in his memorable 1964 song "Change Gonna Come," we already see the changing of the guard for your CPC Elders. We see the departure of Marilyn Khalaji and Yvonne Rhodes as active Ruling Elders. We laid hands on Marilyn for her part in God's ministry. Yvonne was back east caring for her family, so we made a video for her with each elder thanking her for her partnership in the Lord's work and all she has brought to the table during her time on session. Whether it is Yvonne's calming presence, insightfulness, gentleness and leadership, or Marilyn's welcoming spirit, leadership, dedication, lovely smile, and kindness, both will be sorely missed! Truly women full of the fruit of the Spirit. Not surprisingly, both are retired nurses! Shout out to nurses! Whoot! Whoot! Both women were gifted with a letter opener, in the shape of a sword, as tokens of our appreciation, and as a remembrance of them serving the Lord as CPC Elders.

Chris Rojas, our newest CPC Elder was present, eager to learn his role. We welcomed Chris on board for his first time serving as a Ruling Elder and we are excited to have a new leader in the making. We look forward to his insights, energy, thoughtfulness and prayers for our church as he learns how to grow as an elder. I am happy to have a friend I can serve alongside and am very confident in his abilities to serve Jesus in this manner. As it can be a little intimidating as a new Elder, we all imparted advice to Chris and encouraged him to speak out.

December's session meeting agenda was important. We came to discuss our November Session's homework and raise any questions or suggestions we might have after reviewing the "Governance Policies and Procedures Manual" (a 49 page document) and other articles pertaining to it. Not an easy read, mind you! After doing so, we were all welcomed to present any questions or ideas. The final vote on this manual came in January and passed unanimously.

Other items discussed were the upcoming planning day for CPC Elders in March, how to give and assist with the vision trip to Japan for our CPC missionaries Andrea, Ana, Clay and Sydney, giving for the Christmas Offering, and what is going on with the gymnasium floor. I am excited to see the gym floor get started with hopes to see all kinds of ministry events come back to the center. Also, I am so encouraged to see the Lord calling not just one, not two, but three missionaries from our church to serve in the same country! This is so unique! Don't let this pass under your radar for God is definitely up to something! 2026 here we go, ready or not!

Session Update (January 2026)

Submitted by Rachel Schmit, Elder

The first Session meeting of the year opened with prayer! We then began with a training led by Ryan on evaluating church health. The training focused on 1 Peter 5:1-4, and the role of elders as shepherds who lead by example with willing, sacrificial care rather than obligation. The Session covered six biblical marks of a spiritually healthy church: authentic community, spiritual maturity and discipleship, missional engagement, gospel-centered worship, godly leadership, and unity. Elders discussed key questions for assessing the congregation's spiritual health and received take-home materials for listening and engagement with church members.

Several organizational matters were addressed. Officers for CPC 2026 were elected, also with Chris Rojas as chair of the Nominating Committee alongside Lydia. The next congregational meeting was scheduled for February 8th, 2026. Tammy Sawyer was elected clerk of session for 2026, and Chris Rojas was welcomed following his November 2025 orientation.

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Session Update (January 2026) continued..

Marta Elliot presented Personnel Committee recommendations for changes to the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor of Family Life job descriptions. These changes would involve title adjustments and realignment of responsibilities for Sam and Ryan based on their gifting and passions. Session voted to bring these proposed changes to the church members.

The meeting concluded with various updates. Ongoing roof leak issues were discussed, with Tammy Sawyer designated as the point person for questions. The mission committee agreed to fund 50% of the Japan mission team trip through EPC World Outreach. The Session celebrated generous end-of-year financial donations. Elder Al provided a financial update, noting that the gym floor has been identified as the first funding priority. Elders will vote next month on allocation of remaining gifts.

A motion was also passed to adopt the Governance Policies and Procedure Manual as the church's governing document, replacing the Plan of Operations. Overall, it was a productive and generally encouraging first elder meeting of 2026. Hopeful for what this year will hold in terms of God's provision and guidance in how our church can grow in abundant health and maturity!

Emergency Contact Info

Dear Beloved Members of our Church Family,

As a church, one of our deepest desires is to care well for every member of the body of Christ – walking alongside one another through seasons of joy, challenge, growth, and need. Each person in our church family is precious to us and to the Lord, and we want to be faithful in loving and supporting one another in every circumstance.

The Pastoral Staff is working to strengthen the ways we offer care and compassion across our congregation, including during times of illness, crisis, grief, or other unexpected needs. To do this well, it would be immensely helpful for us to have updated emergency contact information for each household –such as a spouse, adult child, relative, or trusted friend–whom we could reach out to on your behalf if a need arises.

Please know that this request comes from our heart of care, not obligation. Our desire is simply to be prepared to respond quickly, wisely, and compassionately whenever someone in our church family needs support. Any information you share will be kept confidential and used only by our pastoral and deacon teams for purposes of care and communication.

You may provide this information by scanning the QR code below or by contacting the church office. If it would be helpful for a deacon or staff member to assist you in completing it–by phone or in person–please let us know. We would be glad to help.

Thank you for being part of this church family and for allowing us to walk together in the love of Christ. Your faith, prayers, service, and presence are a blessing to our congregation. May you continue to know the Lord's grace, strength, and unfailing care.

Because Jesus made us family,
Pastor Sam

Scan to add your contact information



Adult Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by Ryan Bogert

Our Adult Ministries is primarily a ministry of spiritual formation. We seek to make all adults connected to our church body into disciples who SEE Jesus in everything that they do. We do this as a church body by sharing life, equipping disciples, and engaging our community.

The primary way we do this is through life groups, which is where we practice the holistic life of a disciple together. Over the past few years, we have gone from 40 to over 130 total people participating in one of our weekly or bi-weekly life groups. After we did the Practicing the Way Intro Course, we began a journey into the spiritual practices modelled to us by Jesus. In the last year we have studied Sabbath, prayer, and are currently exploring the practice of generosity. We also have begun a regular rhythm of having many testimonies have been shared from the stage of how participating in a life group has helped transform the lives of congregants here at CPC.

Adult Ministries also is responsible for many events in the life of the church. Some of the biggest of these include Scout Sunday, Tea and Treasures, as well as various women's and men's events. We have welcomed over a hundred guests onto our campus as a means of building a relationship with our community. We have also begun a regular bi-monthly rhythm of Prayer and Worship Nights designed to help us intentionally gather together to become a more prayerful church body as we seek the Lord's will both individually and in community.

In last year's membership classes, "Membership Matters," led to eight new individuals becoming members of CPC. This is part of our Spiritual Pathways classes that are designed to be a spiritual pathway to help someone grow regardless of where they are at in their faith journey. You can learn more about these [classes on our website](#).

We are also working on create a more intentional program and structure to facilitate discipleship relationships in the regular life of our church. Volunteer Director of Discipleship Tony Perez is playing a major role in helping shape this, and we anticipate being ready to launch this with the rest of the church in approximately six months.

God is doing amazing things in the life of our church! To get more involved or learn more, please contact me by emailing ryan@cpcfremont.org.

God bless,
Pastor Ryan Bogert



Ministry Partner - Steve and Kathi

Submitted by Larry Hsu

We are thankful Steve recovered from prostate cancer surgery. Then Steve finally got to travel to Brazil and meet an Afghan asylee family "Daniel", "Princess" and their four month old baby daughter. It was our first face to face time after more than 7 years studying the Word, praying and meeting online. How they finally got from Afghanistan, through Pakistan to Brazil landing in a Christian camp run by a wonderful Presbyterian family is a long story.

Daniel introduced Steve to Afghan believers and inquirers both local and believers from other parts of the country. Daniel is gifted in pastoring and long-term relational evangelism. Steve's original thoughts were, while enjoying meeting this family, to support Daniel in establishing a virtual and occasional face to face fellowship of Afghan believers across Brazil. Daniel's ministry showed us that both this association and a local evangelistic church planting effort among Afghans are important to develop. To support this second effort Steve is starting to study virtually with a sympathetic person, "Karl", Daniel introduced to him. Daniel continues to share with Karl and is introducing him to Al Massira (a through the Bible internet program prepared by national believers from the Middle East.) Thank you for praying these two efforts form, a pan Brazil Afghan Believers fellowship and an Afghan local church where Daniel's family lives.

Back home, Kathi continues to teach handicraft skills to a mother and her three daughters, including crochet, knitting and embroidery. Pray the threads of the good news being sewn into their hearts will draw the whole family to faith in Christ.

Kathi regularly helps "Flower Blossom", one 73 year old Afghan widow with dementia, with practical details (paperwork, paying bills, medical visits, meals with her countrywomen, etc.). She has no family nearby. Pray for grace, patience and endurance for Kathi as she helps her and that "Flower Blossom" will open up and put her faith in Christ.



Discussing a Bible text with 3 Afghans, two seekers and the host, Daniel, a mature follower of Christ in Brazil.

Both Steve and Kathi continue to support the local Afghan American church. Steve preaches there once a month and studies/shares regularly with one of the believers and occasionally with the Pastor. We both assist local outreaches of this church and other local churches and ministries, translating, registering guests and relating with the guests in these events. Steve also helps the Compassion Network team distributing furniture and other household items to needy families, many of which are Afghan. We have a few long term relationships with not yet believers as a result of meeting people in these distributions.

Finally, pray for the status of Afghans and other nationalities, (especially followers of Christ) as they face and fear possible extradition from the USA after recent events.

THE JOURNEY

Submitted by Evie Knottnerus, Volunteer Director of Young Adult Ministry

December was such a wondrous time of spontaneous gatherings and being family together at the Knottnerus Nest. The Journey ministry continues to **grow** and so has **multiplied into 2 Knottnerus Nest Life Groups!**

Sundays: we gather after the service from 12:30-2:30 pm

Tuesday: we gather from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Both groups are following the church PTW calendar, as well as intentionally making space for church events/service opportunities, Prayer and Worship Nights, and monthly potlucks. Because our group really enjoys being all together as well, our potlucks are going to be our 1X per month Life Group meal gathering. We will continue to host spontaneous meals, game nights, movies, and other outings, most allowing birth-elementary aged kids to participate. Our CPC Journey Family WhatsApp group hosts our schedule and any updates so we are able to stay connected to one another!

Deep Dive Discipleship: There are intentional spaces for deeper discipleship for both guys and girls. Currently **PB&T** (Paul, Barnabas, Timothy) for the young women will meet the **2nd and 4th Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm**. The 4th Sunday was recently added to create space for a time of inductive Bible study. If interested in the girls' group, let me know and I'll connect you!

The guys meet on **Friday mornings** and have their own rhythm of 2X per month meeting in a bigger group and then 2X per month meeting in smaller groups. Contact Chris Rojas if interested in the men's group.



Center Building, Gymnasium Update:

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer

This long-awaited project is partially complete and incredibly complex. Because we not only replaced the roof, but also the 11 HVAC (Heat/Air Conditioning) units. Much more went into this project, including adding steel supports, relocating fire sprinklers, relocating plumbing for gas, relocating electrical, and upgrading the fire alarm system. At the same time, AT&T was relocating its equipment. Each of these elements requires separate permits that need approval before the final project is complete. It is not final until the City of Fremont inspections are complete. Until this happens, we are not permitted to use the HVAC systems in the building.

In addition, the roofers have been back several times, mitigating leaks that sprung up during the rainy season. As the leaks are discovered, they are getting fixed under our warranty or at another vendor's expense, if caused by their work. God has been generous to give us this building for ministry, and I am confident in His provision to take this to a successful completion, but we must continue to pray!

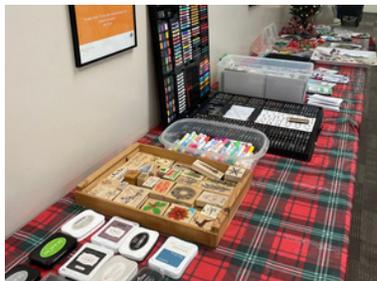
What does this mean for the use of the building? Currently, it can be used without heat. Praise God, we have been able to host some ministry (Prayer & Worship night, Tea & Treasures, and Afghan American Church Christmas party), all without the use of heat, and the Lord blessed it! Fremont Grace Church found it to be too cold upstairs on Sunday mornings and has temporarily moved their worship to the Family Ed Bldg until the heat is back on.

We will be repairing the gymnasium floor. We are still in the process of investigating the repair of the gym floor. If you have ANY questions about this, please contact me at tsawyer@cpcfremont.org or 793-3575 x11. Thank you for praying and waiting patiently with me!

Deacon Card Making Recap

Submitted by Sue Mayer & Kristy Del Rio

It was a great afternoon full of fellowship, food and fun. We sent out 140 cards this Christmas - giving a personally addressed and signed card to each resident at WeCare as well as a large number of our Church Family members who were in need of extra encouragement this year. I am deeply humbled that we continue to do this annually as I know the Lord uplifts the hearts of the recipients.



Women's Ministry Spring Retreat



Our world so often tells us that our value comes from what we do. The life-changing reality of the Gospel is that it is all about what Jesus did for us on the cross, which gives us not only value, but new life!

It is going to be such a fun, restful, and encouraging weekend, and we hope you can join us! **Registration begins February 22.** The Women's Spring Retreat will be at Redwood Christian Park. April 24 -26, 2026.



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The Journey Annual Report

Over the past several months, the Young Adults ministry has strongly aligned with CPC's mission to Share Life, Equip Disciples, and Engage Community. We shared life by welcoming and integrating many new young adults and families into an authentic community through life groups, shared meals, and family-inclusive gatherings. We equipped disciples by developing clear discipleship pathways, leadership teams, gender-based groups, marriage enrichment, and one-on-one soul care. We engaged the community through missional opportunities such as the Afghan Fall Festival, the "Pray for Me" campaign, Urbana, missions involvement, kids ministry, worship, and hospitality teams.

God worked powerfully through volunteers and staff by raising up committed leaders who stepped into responsibility with humility and faithfulness. Volunteers multiplied life groups, led men's and women's discipleship, served across ministries, and invested in missions locally and globally. Leaders modeled collaboration, flexibility, and spiritual maturity as groups were formed, multiplied, and adapted to meet the needs of young families and individuals in different seasons of life.

In the lives of those impacted, God fostered deeper belonging, spiritual growth, healing and a renewed desire to continue to grow in intergenerational authentic relationships. New families found community during vulnerable seasons, individuals stepped into leadership and service, marriages were strengthened, and people grew in missional awareness and obedience. Faith was nurtured through consistent discipleship, and many experienced personal transformation through prayer, soul care/discipleship, and shared spiritual rhythms. Overall, God has been building a spiritually healthy, outward-focused community rooted in relationship and gospel-centered discipleship.

Submitted by: Rachel Schmit, Elder, and Evie Knottnerus, Volunteer Director of Young Adults





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.

Over the past few months, the Education Building has been filled with the sounds of the next generation! As you walk down the halls, you'll hear toddlers learning to talk, kids putting on puppet shows, and lots of laughter.

One of our recent lessons focused on prayer. The big takeaway was simple: you can talk to God anywhere, anytime, about anything. With that in mind, we started a Prayer Wall in the lobby of the Education Building.

The kids spent time thinking about what they wanted to pray for such as school projects, family members, or even people in other countries. If you are at church and have a moment, we would love for you to stop by the Prayer Wall and take some time to pray over what matters most to our kids.



Upcoming CenterKids Events

Centerville in the Park

11:00 to 12:00 pm

Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.

Saturday, Feb 7



**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.

Wyld Life Winter Camp

February 14th - 16th our middle schoolers will be heading to Wyld Life camp at Woodleaf!

Please be praying for them as they go away for a weekend to have fun, build friendships and hear the Gospel. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Josh.

Pray for Me Campaign

In October, we launched the Pray for Me Campaign, and we have heard some amazing stories of connection!

The Pray for Me Campaign links the generations in our church through prayer. During the campaign, adult believers from various generations become Prayer Champions and commit to a year of prayer for one student or family with young children in our church family. Each Prayer Champion will be given a name, specific prayer requests, and a Prayer Guide to use daily, praying through seven biblical essentials of growth for their young person.

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. This is also a great time to get involved if you have not already done so. With new families regularly starting to attend our church, we are looking for more prayer partners! For more information please reach out to Josh.

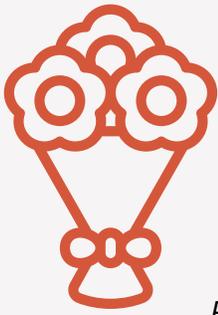


Young Life

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

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.**



Our Loss...Heaven's Gain

Warren Derr - Nov. 29, 2025

Memorial February 20 at 12pm

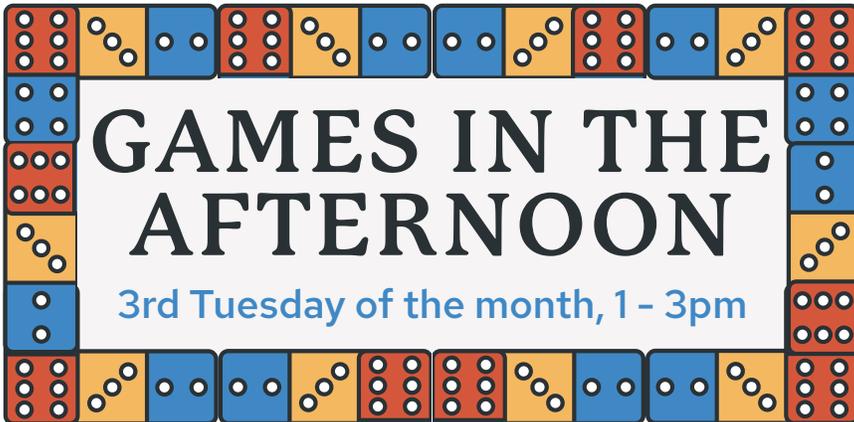
Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. - John 11:26

Noella Arfie Lloyd

Daughter of Kevin & Agnes Lloyd

Granddaughter of Marjorie Lloyd

Born December 8, 2025



GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON

3rd Tuesday of the month, 1 - 3pm

Engage with CPC members and friends playing games like BUNCO, Mexican Train, Yahtzee, and Rummikub!

Education Building Rm 201

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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