



## 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)

May 2, 11 AM - 12 PM | Centerville in the Park

May 7, 7-8pm | National Day of Prayer

May 17, 3-4pm | Pray for Me Gathering

May 19, 7-8pm | Prayer & Worship Night

May 23, 8:30am-4pm | Solitude Retreat

May 31, after service | Missions Sunday



### Centerville in the Park

Dusterberry Park  
May 2 | 11:00 AM



### National Day of Prayer

Join us **Thursday, May 7 at 7pm** on Zoom to pray for our neighbors, nation, and world. Contact church office for the zoom link.

### Prayer & Worship Night

Tuesday  
May 19  
7 PM

### Student Summer Camps!

Please be praying for our middle and high school students as they go away for a week to have fun, build friendships, and hear the Gospel.

Young Life Camp | June 13th - 18th (High School)

Wyld Life Camp | July 18th - 22nd (Middle School)

If you know a student interested in signing up, please email Josh.



### Stay connected with us online!

 Centerville Presbyterian Church Fremont

 @cpcfremont

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



### Slowing to Hear Retreat

*Practicing Solitude in Community*

Saturday, May 23 | 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM

*More details in the Bell*

## Slowing Down, Growing Deep

We're halfway through our May series on Solitude—and we have an opportunity to help you let it take root in real life.

I hope you'll join us for our Slowing to Hear Retreat, a day set apart to step away from the noise and intentionally meet with God—together, practicing solitude in community. It's a chance to slow your pace, quiet your heart, and become more attentive to God's presence. And as the month wraps up, our Mission Showcase will help us lift our eyes outward, learning from and praying for our global partners.

Dallas Willard said it plainly: "The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become." That's the goal. Not just more activity but real transformation into the likeness of Christ.

This is where a Rule of Life comes in. Think of it as a simple, intentional rhythm that keeps you connected to Jesus. Not rigid. Not one-size-fits-all. Just a pattern of practices shaped around your real life. It's personal and flexible, shaped by your season of life. The rhythms of a young parent will look different than those of a retiree—and that's exactly how it should be. John Ortberg puts it this way: "Habits eat willpower for breakfast." If that's true, then the question isn't if you have habits—it's whether your habits are forming you into the person you long to become in Christ.

So here's a simple next step: write it down. Take a few minutes to map out how you'll practice what we're learning—when, where, and how. Clarity turns intention into action, and small, faithful steps over time shape a life rooted in Jesus.

If you want help, start here: [practictheway.org/ruleoflifebuilder](https://practictheway.org/ruleoflifebuilder)

Let's not just talk about abiding in Christ, let's build lives that make space for it.

Because Jesus Makes Us Family,

*Pastor Sam*



Scan or click the QR code to  
use the Rule of Life Builder



## Slowing to Hear Retreat

*Practicing Solitude in Community*

**Saturday, May 23**

**8:30 AM — 4:00 PM**

\$35 suggested donation  
(includes lunch)

Childcare  
available with  
registration



As we near the end of our series on Solitude in the life of Jesus, we invite you into a meaningful, one-day retreat: **Slowing to Hear**.

After busy seasons of ministry, Jesus invited His disciples to “come away...to a quiet place and get some rest.” He regularly withdrew to pray, to listen, and to remain attentive to the Father. This wasn’t occasional—it was a rhythm. And it invites a question for us: if Jesus made space to listen, how can we not?

This retreat offers a unique opportunity to **practice solitude in community**—stepping away from noise and distraction, not alone, but alongside others seeking the same attentiveness to God.

### **What to Expect**

Together, we will slow down in order to:

- **Worship** – engaging our hearts through song and prayer to love and be loved by God
- **Grow** – creating space to notice and reflect on the deeper movements of our inner life, often crowded out by busyness
- **Serve** – considering how we live out Christlike love in the everyday rhythms of life

Our retreat leader, Dr. Eric Haskins, brings over 30 years of pastoral experience and a deep passion for spiritual formation. He will gently guide us into practices that help us listen for God’s voice and cultivate a sustainable rhythm of life with Him.

Whether you feel spiritually full or simply worn thin, this day is designed to meet you where you are. Come and experience the gift of slowing down—together—so that we might more clearly hear God’s voice.

Register today and join us for a day of rest, reflection, and renewal.

## **Session Update (March 2026)**

Submitted by Tim Bergquist, Elder

Our March meeting began with staff and Elders gathering for a time of prayer.

During the first hour, Pastor Ryan led a training titled Discerning the Mind of Christ: Preparing for Ends and Critical Goals. Session began working toward a clearer understanding of its role in setting the Ends and Critical Goals for the church.

Ends answer the question: “What is God calling us to do in the life of the church?”  
Critical Goals explain: “What must we focus on to see the Ends realized?”

Critical Goals are measurable outcomes—milestones that serve as indicators of success. The “how” is staff-led implementation: designing and executing ministries, programs, and events that achieve Session’s Ends and Critical Goals. This training served as a helpful introduction for the upcoming Session Retreat, where Session will prayerfully establish Ends and Critical Goals.

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## Session Update (March 2026) cont.

Submitted by Tim Bergquist, Elder

The Pastor Supervisory Team (PST) reported that they held their first meeting. They also met with the former Core Team members who recently transitioned off service.

Session discussed the process for endorsing potential CPC World Outreach missionaries. A small group of Elders expressed interest in meeting with the potential candidate to learn more about the missionary's plans and process. This meeting will take place in March, and the Elders will report back to Session in April.

Elders also discussed additional matters related to CPC policies, along with EPC policy considerations. No formal draft policies were presented at the meeting. Further discussions will continue in the future.

The meeting closed in prayer.

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## Session Update (April 2026)

Submitted by Stu Howard, Elder

Our first Session Meeting following our wonderful Easter Celebration at CPC found us revisiting our goals and objectives we have been hashing out since our Elders Retreat in March. The same Spirit that Jesus promised us, that filled disciples at Pentecost, guided our discussion and provided us with an unwavering spirit of unity throughout the evening.

Pastor Ryan headed the teaching going over what "discipleship" means and raised the question of how do we (the congregation) become disciples who make disciples? How does discipleship start?

Thankfully, we have Jesus as a model. When the first of his disciples asked, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying and spent that day with him. John 1:38-39. It can start with coffee, a dinner, or an invitation for someone to come to your home. This is the first step, like landing on the moon, we need to take a leap of faith!

Another goal we asked ourselves is what does "local mission and relational evangelism look like?" Or better put, how can we serve locally and share the Good News of Jesus with non-believers? What does it look like, as a church, to be "intergenerational," developing closer relationships between the generations? We need both the wisdom of those who have walked faithfully with Christ for many years and the youthful exuberance of others just coming to Jesus.

Lastly, with discord and fractures within our own society, what does unity look like at Centerville Presbyterian Church? Do we have a clear vision of God's Kingdom purpose for CPC that we can all get behind? As Paul says in his letter to the Philippians 2:2, "make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

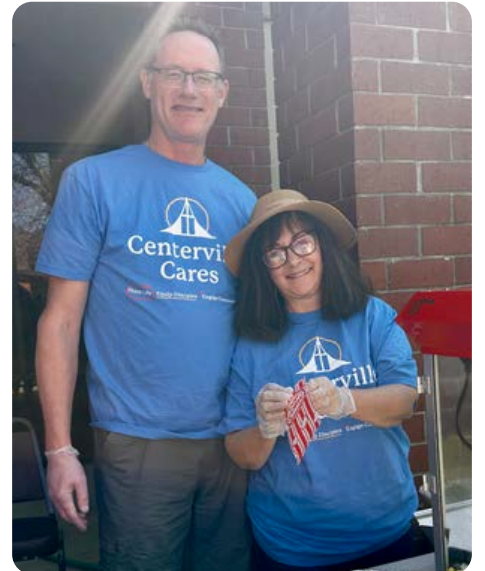
Moving on from working out our goals and objectives, we had the pleasure to have Session endorse Ana Larson as an official missionary to Japan with her sending organization! Woohoo! I have a feeling there are going to be more and more missionary candidates down the pipeline as well. They say God is a "missionary God" and He is on mission! Another reason to celebrate was having Session approve the 20 new members who want to call CPC home! So exciting! As a leader of the new members class it is exciting to meet new people, hear how they met Jesus, and how the Lord brought them to the doorsteps of Centerville to become part of our congregation.

To end our meeting, we elected potential commissioners for the EPC POPS Presbytery in Reno, NV in May for meetings in our denomination and to Colorado in June for the General Assembly. I am sure I left something out! Must have! So much is going on at Centerville so be prayerful for us as leaders and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

# 3rd Annual Scout Sunday

Submitted by Ryan Bogert

Our Scout Sunday Centerville Family Carnival was a great time for all ages. It was a great time of connection between our church family and the Scout troops as we continue to invest in our relationship with them. The Scouts were recognized during the service and Pastor Sam gave an appropriate and powerful Gospel presentation to share the good news of Jesus with our guests. There were fun activities for all including bounce houses, games, Bingo, a dunk tank, cotton candy, and more. Our heart is to continue building our relationship with the Scouts as one way we Engage Community, especially those who have not yet received the good news of Jesus into their lives.



## Good Friday Reflections

Good Friday was a beautiful time to reflect on the infinite love that led Jesus to pay that incredible price for our salvation. Listen to some reflections from people who experienced our Good Friday this year.



The candle flickering as I leave reminds me of how fragile my "flame of life" is. I want to share it as often as I can before God calls me home.

Looking at the nails and the thorns put into perspective the great sacrifice that was made for us sinners. It is a truly humbling experience that makes me realize my life is not my own but our Father's.

I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and felt each station was done respectfully with ways to reflect. Thank you for putting this together, for all people.



As I was looking at myself, I couldn't help but look at Jesus instead. Reminded me of how the Father sees us because of what Jesus did.



I was reminded of God's sacrifice for me. It reminded me to live up to a much higher standard as I conduct myself. Thank you so much for organizing this.

# Worship Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by Daniel Kim, Worship Director

Psalm 117 says, "Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord." It's always encouraging to see the nations praise God, whether it's in Revelations or in person. God is worthy to be praised and no one has to be left out of joining in that, to acknowledge the Almighty Creator.

In 2025, I have been blessed to see the growth of our ministry and the people that are coming from all over the world. They come for different reasons, job, security, family, etc, but many of them are finding their way inside our worship center. Even on our team, we have people of various backgrounds and peoples that are volunteering to lead worship and give praise to God.

All of our worship ministry teams have one goal in mind; to give glory to God and to point people to Him. We do it through gathering of the church on Sundays, through music in various forms, through tech to provide the setting and through welcoming people into the Throne room of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter and Christmas seasons are one of the biggest highlights of the worship calendar and 2025 was no exception. We came together to celebrate His death and resurrection, to remember the virgin birth of our Savior into our world. All of our teams were involved in putting together the worship and music: choir, bells, worship team, orchestra, tech, welcome, baptism, communion and preaching.

We had a couple of gatherings for the worship ministry to create belonging and community amongst the volunteers. A simple meal brings us together but the impact is huge; we can grow together as brothers and sisters, to bring glory to God in all we do.

A big push for more volunteers during the Christmas season helped us bring more people to serve in tech where there was a big need. It's great to see those volunteers now taking on roles and even growing their responsibilities within the role.

As the worship director, it's a joy to see others take on the worship leading role. Evan Dickerson has grown as a worship leader and has begun to regularly lead the congregation. He brings about a depth in leading and facilitating the room for worship.

In November, we took on the sanctuary lighting project with the help of a contractor in Cupertino. All the stage lights were either replaced or adjusted for optimal lighting on the platform. Many volunteers came out to help with setup and cleanup of pews. Matty Pizzi spent hours learning the new lighting system and programming it for Sunday services.

We continue to grow in our ministry and we look forward to what God will do in 2026. May the Lord raise up new worshippers in our community and in the community in Fremont. Amen.



# Family Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by Josh Morgan, Next Gen Director  
and Molly Anderson, Kids Ministry Coordinator

The last year of Family Ministry at CPC has been one of growth, not just in numbers but in depth. The number of families has grown, but the relational connection our families have to our church has also grown. Here is a snapshot of what has happened this last year.

The goal of Family Ministry is to create a safe environment where children are surrounded by a community of safe adults. A place where kids and students can experience the gospel each week through stories and through the loving environment created by the volunteers around them.

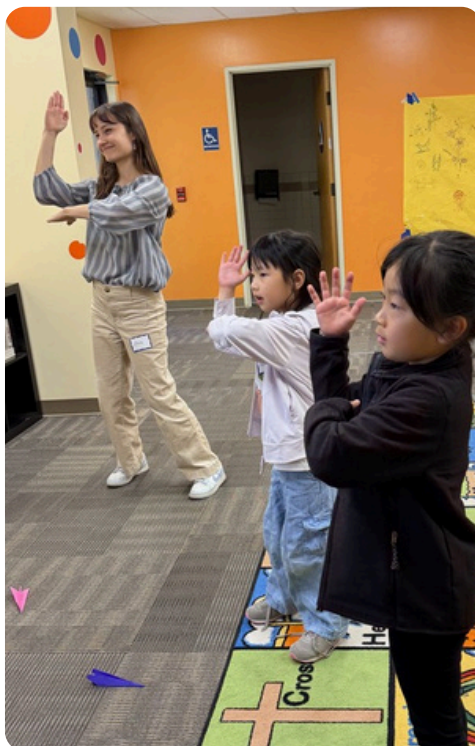
We have seen growth across the board on Sunday mornings. Every Sunday we have four rooms open: Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten - 5th Grade, and Middle School. Through our dedication to infrastructure this last year, we have ensured our children have a consistent place to grow and have fun. Our volunteer teams have been amazing, and have created a safe community of trusted adults for our families and children.

This year, the Pray for Me Campaign was launched, with the heart to connect people of all generations with families and children. Through this campaign, we are able to surround even the youngest attenders of our church with people who pray for them regularly.

We also saw CPC students engaging each week in Bible study on Sunday mornings, as well as YoungLife and WyldLife camps. Kids Music Camp returned for a second year and engaged with the community here in Fremont in meaningful ways.

As we continue into this next year of ministry, we are excited to watch our kids grow as followers of Jesus and our families grow in connection and community here at CPC.

In Christ,  
Josh and Molly



# The Journey

Submitted by Rachel Schmit

Our Journey Life Group has continued to cultivate meaningful connection through regular potluck gatherings, creating a warm and welcoming space for fellowship. At the same time, our leaders are growing in their ability to facilitate Life Groups and extend hospitality with greater intention. We've also been energized by putting into practice what we learned during the Generosity Series, and there's a shared sense of anticipation as we prepare to begin the Solitude Series with Practicing the Way.

In our women's discipleship group, we've launched a rich and engaging inductive Bible study through the book of Matthew. This has been an exciting opportunity to dive deeply into God's Word, exploring both its original cultural context and language to better understand how to study Scripture. The group meets once a month on the fourth Sunday, and it has already become a meaningful time of growth, learning, and connection.



## Ministry Partner - Mike and Tammy

Submitted by Larry Hsu

We are thankful for your continued encouragement, prayers and support as we have lived in SE Asia for the past 11 years.

God is raising up the national leadership to take the gospel into the hard-to-reach areas of our country. The majority group is now becoming the focus of many, as they are now seeing the lostness of this group.

When we first arrived in country, we were told that the church leadership had little desire to reach out to the Malay Muslims. They were basically "off limits" as far as they and the governing officials were concerned. We are seeing this tide of thought turned as more and more people are gathering together for prayer and outreach to our Muslim neighbors.

We have a Muslim friend, who shared that his son was in a motorcycle accident and became paralyzed. He invited us to his house to visit with his son. Mike was all set to go, and then God impressed upon him to invite our prayer group to join us in the visit. Mike asked the father of the paralyzed son if he could bring some friends along to pray for his son and to visit him and his family.

The day of the visit arrived, five of us arrived at the house, only to be told by the father that he'd forgotten about the visit and his son, wife and daughter were at a medical appointment. But God in his goodness and mercy allowed our friend to hear the gospel and to know that God hears the prayers of his children, and they do not even need to be present for God to heal.

We were all blessed to be used together to minister to this family. May God raise them all up from spiritual death, heal their son, and bring them into his kingdom for his glory.

Mike and Tammy

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## Missions Sunday

*God's Love, Our Hands*

Sunday, May 31 | Lunch after service

Meet our mission partners for lunch after the missions-focused service.

Discover how God has used our missionaries' hands to show His love to others this past year, and ask God to show you how you can use your hands, too.



*Lunch will be provided – a suggested \$10 donation to help with expenses.*

# Facility Updates

Submitted by Tammy Sawyer, Office & Facilities Mgr

## GYMNASIUM ROOF

We praise God that this last rain we had 0 leaks in the gym! The last roof repairs done seem to have corrected the issues.

We are still waiting for the city to approve the final roof and HVAC project and until then, we will not be able to utilize the heat or air conditioning. If you are interested in using a room or space in the gym under those conditions or any other space on the property for ministry, please fill out the facility use request form on the ChurchCenter app or [cpcfremont.churchcenter.com/home](http://cpcfremont.churchcenter.com/home)

We are continuing to review options for the damage to the gymnasium floor; until it is rectified, the gym may be used with limitations.

## TERMITE FUMIGATION

We will be fumigating for termites which basically means tenting the office courtyard area that includes the dining room, office, fireside, Young Life, the club and conference room.

This will take place **Wednesday - Friday, June 17-19**. For obvious reasons, the office will be closed and we will not have Centerville Free Dining that Thursday. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

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## Welcome Our New Members! Spring 2026



Terry & Cathy Gregory



Jane Litvinenko



Romy Santor



Andy & Gwen Leslie



Jane Butterfield



Chris and Cici Beckett



Aaron Macias



Ryon Motamedi



Brighton George



We were so excited to welcome 20 new members to our church family! Some of the new members were not able to make it on the Sunday we celebrated, so let's continue to extend a warm welcome as they get more involved!



# 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.

Our families spent time walking through a kid friendly Good Friday Experience and talking about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Then, on Easter, we had a great time celebrating the resurrection of Jesus! Be on the lookout for some exciting announcements about a few different activities for families over the summer!



## Upcoming CenterKids Events

**Centerville in the Park**

**11:00 to 12:00 pm - Saturday, May 2**

**Dusterberry Way & Peralta Blvd.**

**Pray for Me Campaign Gathering - May 17**

**Kids Music Camp - July 27-30**



**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 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.**

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### **Pray for Me Campaign**

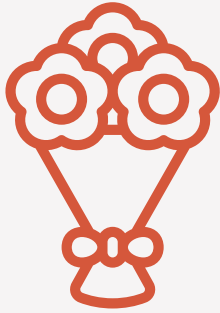
In October, we launched the Pray for Me Campaign here at CPC and we have heard some amazing stories of connection!

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 via email.

# Our Loss...Heaven's Gain



Jo Ellen Dunn, August 2025

Gene Page, February 2026

Pat Lum, 3/27/26


Dorothy Sims, 3/29/26

Momma Letty, 4/5/26

Les Young, 4/18/26

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

## High School and College Grads



We want to celebrate your accomplishment in the next newsletter! Please send us your name, photo, the school you're graduating from, and your future plans by May 15 to [bell@cpcfremont.org](mailto:bell@cpcfremont.org).

Those who have been active at CPC for at least a year and are going on to college or a graduate degree may apply for the Yang Scholarship. Contact Molly in the church office for an application. Yang Scholarship Applications are due May 15.

## 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

**Games in the Afternoon**, 3rd Tuesday from 1-3pm

**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).

## Ways to Give

- Mobile Scan QR code
- Online [cpcfremont.org/give](http://cpcfremont.org/give)
- In Person Use envelopes in pews
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