

## Songs For Today:

### BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be your Name

Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say.....

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's "all as it should be"  
Blessed be Your name  
And Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name.....

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

If you missed a Sermon or want to hear it again,  
go to <http://ccpc.mypodcast.com>

### Today's Special Music

"Mary, Did You Know?" is off  
Kathy Mattea's CD "Good News"

## Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy, Has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know  
That your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy, Has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss the little baby, You've kissed the face of God

The blind will see - the deaf will hear; The dead will live again  
The lame will leap - the dumb will speak; The praises of the lamb

Oh Mary did you know  
That your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know  
That your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Was heaven's perfect lamb?  
And the sleeping child you're holding is the great I am

### GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy

From God, our Heavenly Father, a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same  
For that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name

The shepherds at these tidings, rejoiced much in mind  
And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm and wind  
And went to Bethlehem straight way, the Blessed Babe to find

### JESUS, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL

Jesus, bright as the morning star  
Jesus, how can I tell you  
How beautiful you are to me  
Jesus, song that the angels sing  
Jesus, dearer to my heart  
Than anything  
Sweeter than springtime  
Purer than sunshine  
Ever my song will be  
Jesus, You're beautiful to me



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Affiliated with the  
Presbyterian Church in America  
**8:30 AM & 10:00 AM**

### SERVICE ORDER:

**Opening Song**  
"Blessed Be Your Name"

**Announcements**  
Scott Sears

**Worship Singing**  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"  
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

**Scripture Reading & Prayer**  
Marty Scales

**Special Music**  
"Mary, Did You Know?"

**Greeting One Another**  
High School Sunday School  
Jr. High Sunday School

**Message**  
The Wonder of Christmas  
Part 1: "I Am Gabriel"  
Marty Scales

**Offering & Closing Song**  
"Jesus, You're Beautiful"

**Refreshments & Coffee**  
Join Us between services!

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# canyoncreek Currents

News and Views of Canyon Creek Church

December 6, 2009



## The Wonder of Christmas

PART 1: "I AM GABRIEL"

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- **Nursery:** Available for infants (ages 0 - 12 months); located in the infant/toddler center
- **Canyon Creek Kids:** Children are dropped off and picked up in their classrooms :
- **"The Sunday Saga"** - Junior High worship & study time located in Room 204 at 10 AM Service Only
- **High School** - High School worship & study time located in Room 201 at 10 AM Service Only

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We're happy to have you with us today at Canyon Creek Church. Our goal is that the worship service will touch you with God's love and power and help you face the week ahead. There are many other opportunities for you and your family to receive support or get involved in the life of our community. **Please stop by the visitors table** -- we would love to tell you more -- or you can visit [www.canyoncreekchurch.com](http://www.canyoncreekchurch.com).

If you have made some kind of spiritual decision as a result of today's service, or if you would like to know more about how to become a Christian, simply fill out a Get Acquainted Card and place it in the offering bag. Pastor Scales will mail you free material to help you grow.

## Christmas Concert & Dessert



Join us on December 13th at 6:00 PM for an informal time of music and fellowship. We will all come together for an hour in the Worship Center for a "concert" performed by our Christmas Choir, the Korean Church Choir, soloists, our children's choir and many instruments. After enjoying this informal program we will all go to the Gathering Hall for a **potluck cookie** reception.

## Bible Study

If you are interested in joining a women's Bible study this winter and need childcare, this might be the place for you. The Tuesday morning women's Bible study will begin Beth Moore's **Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman**, on January 5th. Childcare is available with registration. The deadline for workbook orders and childcare registration is December 20th. Please contact Victoria Park at toriapark@yahoo.com or (925) 560-9585 for more information.

## Shepherd's Gate

Canyon Creek Church supports Shepherd's Gate, which is a shelter for homeless and abused women and children in Livermore, with meals once per month. There they receive shelter and help for rebuilding their lives in a Christian manner. In addition, Canyon Creek Church will be collecting new, unwrapped items for their 2009 Holiday donation program. See enclosed flyer for more information.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please e-mail Debbie Cavin at dcavin@canyoncreekchurch.com

## Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:30 AM for a great home cooked breakfast, a speaker and a time of fellowship. The next breakfast is on December 19. We will travel to Harbor House in Oakland after enjoying a continental breakfast.

## Mom's Group

The Mom's Group at CCPC consists of moms and their children ages newborn through preschool age. We get together every month for fun and fellowship. Monthly there is a scheduled outing that moms and their children can attend. This month's gathering will be at the Park's house on Monday, December 14 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Please bring a snack to share.

Every other month the moms get together without their children to fellowship together at a local restaurant. That's just 6 nights a year but it is well worth it and well deserved. December dinner date TBD.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Sears at sears-family@sbcglobal.net or call 820-0659.

## Visitors

If you are new and want to know more about Canyon Creek Church and how to get connected, stop by our welcome table in the lobby near the stairs. You'll get a newcomer packet with helpful information. We would love to answer any questions you have about our church and help you get involved.

## Christmas Eve Services



We will have a special Christmas Eve Service geared to families with young children at 4:00 PM (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**). This service will be approximately 40 minutes long. At 6:00 & 7:30 PM please join us at one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. As in the past, we will convene to the courtyard with lighted candles to sing Silent Night.

## Elder Nomination

We are pleased to announce the nomination of Dale Holmgren for Elder of Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. The Session of our church is now recommending to the congregation that we vote to ordain and install him as a Ruling Elder. On Dec. 27, 2009 there will be a congregational meeting held between our two services. There are two agenda items for that meeting: 1. The nomination of Dale Holmgren for Elder. 2. The required yearly meeting of the California non-profit corporation, Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions regarding these two items contact your Pastor or any of our Elders.

## The Lobby Quilt

The beautiful Star Quilt in the lobby was made by our quilt group that meets on Monday nights twice a month. It was entered into the Pacific International Quilt Festival along with approximately 10,000 other quilts and it was chosen to be displayed in the show. That is quite an accomplishment and speaks to the hard work that went into making it and the beauty of the quilt.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group or just would like more information, contact Carol Wattles at carolj@reivn.org or Janice Monkowski at jmonkow@sbcglobal.net.

## New Prayer Group

We have a new prayer group that meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM in Room 203. This group will take your prayer requests and pray on the needs you have expressed. You can make prayer requests by filling out a Get Acquainted Card on Sunday mornings and putting them in the offering bag or emailing prayer@canyoncreekchurch.com. Please indicate whether or not you want this to be a public prayer, listed in the Currents or kept confidential. If you would like to be a part of this group, please join us on Monday.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Morning:  
High School - Students get dismissed to Room 201 during 10 AM Service only  
High School Youth Group: "The Refuge"  
Tuesdays - 7:15 - 9:00 PM

### JUNIOR HIGH & CHILDREN

Sunday Morning:  
Junior High - Students get dismissed to Room 204 during 10 AM Service only  
DiscoveryLand (PreK-5th Grade)  
Children are dropped off and picked up in their classrooms  
Junior High Youth Group: "Stronghold"  
Wednesdays - 7:15 - 9:00 PM  
Wild Night: 4th & 5th Grade -Fridays - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Renee Olsen and her parents who are both critically ill. Pray for God's will.  
Pray for Melanie Howard's mom, Barbara, who has pancreatic cancer. Pray for her surgery on the 11th and that the surgeon will have Gifted Hands.  
Pray for Anna Lucchesi's friend, Virginia, whose cancer has returned.  
Give praise that Clement Jeremiah's brain tumor surgery went well. Pray there will be no complications and will be completely successful.  
Give praise that Chase Thenemann has been released from the hospital and is at home!  
Give praise that Don Talley's prostate cancer surgery went well & he is recovering at home.  
Pray for Yuri Alexandrian and his family as they grieve the death of his dad, Alex.  
Pray for Jesse Rivera's cousin, Wendy Casiano, whose cancer has spread throughout her body. She is a loving mother of three very young children. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and a miracle. Pray for success for her upcoming brain surgery.  
Pray for Don Weisse and Pat Hedl's friend, Lou, as she goes through some difficulties.  
Pray for Kim Cristobal's friend, Connie who has had breast cancer and colon cancer surgery. Pray for wisdom for her doctors.  
Give praise that Dana Calvert's mom, Andrea Allen, is responding to the treatment and is continuing to improve.  
Pray for Don Weisse who lost his job. Pray for patience as he seeks employment.  
Pray for Gini Arent's friend Kathy Phillip who had a massive stroke.  
Pray for those people who do not understand the power of God and how His influence can affect millions of lives. Also, the people who need God so much in their lives to feel like they are protected, needed and wanted.

**Stop by the Shoebox Ministry table, pick out a card. Address it and we will mail it for you.**

## How Are We Serving?

**CITY TEAM MINISTRIES**, a Christian men's shelter with ongoing needs from mentoring to men's toiletries. Special needs may include clothing, food, or cash donations. Contact John Garcia to volunteer or with questions at jrgarcia37@sbcglobal.net

**GOSPEL FOR ASIA**. Gospel for Asia missionaries share the Good News of Jesus in more than 10 Asian nations: India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Bangladesh, Thailand, Bhutan and others that cannot be named for security reasons. Although many of these countries oppose or are even closed to Western missionaries, the people are open to hearing about Jesus from people just like themselves--native missionaries. To learn more and help support these native missionaries, contact Bobi Vieira at bjv234@comcast.net

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** provides shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items to disadvantaged children. We have just completed this year's collection with 130 boxes. Thank you for your participation.

**SHEPHERD'S GATE** needs volunteers to help provide monthly meals to women and their children. Always in need of food or monetary donations. Questions on how to contribute or volunteer? Contact Debbie Cavin at dcavin@canyoncreekchurch.com.

**VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER** - provides free confidential services to women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. In these difficult times, the Center's financial support has fallen but they are helping more women than ever. If you can help with a generous year-end gift, please send a check to: Valley Pregnancy Center, 7660 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568. Questions? Contact Renee Olsen at reneolsen@comcast.net.

**GET FIT + HELP CHILDREN IN POVERTY** - Join Team World Vision in a race for clean water in Africa. Upcoming event Half Marathon in L.A. on January 10, 2010. Walker Friendly! Informal buddy walk/runs and training available. For more info. visit [www.WorldVision.org/team](http://www.WorldVision.org/team) or contact Andrea Wittig, TWV West Coast coordinator at 818.400.2614 or e-mail [andrea.wittig@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.wittig@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

December 8 - The Refuge - 7:15 PM

December 9 - The Stronghold - 7:15 PM

December 11 - 13 - High School Winter Weekend

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13 - Children's Christmas Performance - 8:30 & 10 AM

- Christmas Concert & Potluck Dessert - 6:00 PM

December 14 - Mom's Group Outing - 9:30 AM

- Quilt Group - 7:00 PM

December 15 - The Refuge - 7:15 PM

December 16 - The Stronghold - 7:15 PM

December 17 - Little Bridges Christmas Program - 7:00 PM

December 18 - The Refuge Christmas Party

December 19 - Men's Breakfast - 7:30 AM

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - Time change! 4:00 PM (children's service) 6:00 & 7:30 (candlelight)

December 27 - Annual Meeting - 9:35 AM

### 2009 Financial Update

Last week's tithes & offerings:	\$	11,956
Weekly budget amount:	\$	16,500
YTD Tithes & offerings:	\$	737,840
YTD Budget amount:	\$	792,000

*To inquire about electronic donations, please E-mail [phyllis@canyoncreekchurch.com](mailto:phyllis@canyoncreekchurch.com)*