

This Week at CPC

- Sunday 12/18** Prime Worship Service: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Sanctuary, child care available
Equipping: All Church Education Hour 9:50 AM - Various Rooms
Combined Middle School and High School 9:50 AM - Carpenter Shop
Gratis Worship Service: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Fellowship Hall, child care available
Aegis Christmas Worship Service 3:30 PM - Aegis, 4964 Telegraph Rd. Ventura
- Monday 12/19** Al Anon Recovery Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Fireside Room
- Tuesday 12/20** Life Source Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM **No Class until Jan. 3, 2012**
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Fireside Room
- Wednesday 12/21** Prayer Service 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Sanctuary
Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - **No Class until Jan. 3, 2012**
Inspire Kids Choir 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM - Upper Room
"2nd Chance" Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM **No Class until Jan. 4, 2012**
Combo Night - High School and Middle School Christmas Party
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Carpenter Shop
- Thursday 12/22** Food Outreach 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Friday 12/23** Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Fireside Room
- Saturday 12/24** Men's Bible Study & Breakfast: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Coco's at Ashwood/Telegraph
Christmas Eve Worship Service 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM, Sanctuary, child care
Cocaine Anonymous 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Fireside Room
- Sunday, 12/25** **Christmas Day Worship Service: 10:30 AM** - Sanctuary, no child care available

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Financial Report: 7-1-11 to 12-11-11

Received:	\$476,224
Budget:	\$530,550
Shortfall	\$ 54,326
% Short	10.24%

December budgeted giving is double, based on typical end of year gifts. Please consider providing an extra gift to meet

Stephen Ministry Hotline: 648-2737 X314

THE LORD HAS COME

Joy TO THE WORLD



Community Presbyterian Church

December 18, 2011

Joy To The World Luke 1:46-55

Welcome!

We are so glad to have you join us today! Please complete a **“Communication Card “ every week** and place it in the offering plate or in the basket located on the back table. You can also use this card to **share prayer requests**, to find out ways to **get better connected** and to **update information**.

Sunday mornings: We offer two regular Sunday worship services: **Prime** - a more traditional service at 8:30 AM in our Sanctuary, and **Gratis** - a more informal service that meets in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.



If you are a first time guest with us this morning, we **Welcome** you and invite you to visit our **“Welcome Table”** on the patio between services. You can pick up a lot of great information about CPC and see what we have to offer.

Find us online: Please Note: You must type our complete web address, www.cpcventura.org, when logging onto our new and improved site. If you just google to find us, one link may send you to our old/ cancelled site. Did you know that we have now added our weekly Sunday Bulletin on our website? You can also find us on **facebook** by searching **“CPC Ventura”** and **“Like”** us.



Community Life

Book-of-the-Week: Our church library has a great selection of books about Christmas. Check them out at the Library Table on the patio. **“Christmas from the Back Side”**, by J. Ellsworth Kalas and **“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”**, by Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

Bibles are for sale at the Library Table. Christmas is a great time to give a new Bible and the CPC Library has several choices we're selling at cost: NIV Study Bible (\$30); Life Application Bible (\$33), Starting Point Bible - Today's New International Version (\$10), and the NIV Daily bible (\$8.50).



Life-stage Adult Education Classes: Today, December 18 will be the last Sunday for this current study cycle. **New Classes will resume on January 8, 2012.** Visit the Welcome/Adult Education table on the patio for more information.

Save The Date: Congregational Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012, 7:00 PM** to begin process for hiring the new Associate Pastor. Timeline and process will be discussed.

Stephen Ministry: Do you find yourself being an encourager? Are you willing to learn to be a Christian friend who listens? Stephen Ministry will begin training for new Stephen Ministers **January 5, 2012.** Applications are being accepted and interviews conducted. If you feel led to be a part of this vital ministry please contact Jane Exell @ 805-512-0953

Contributions Reminder for 2011 For your contribution to be credited in 2011, IRS rules require checks to be either physically delivered to the church by December 31, or mailed with the postmark no later than December 31. The church office will be closed the week of December 26, reopening on January 3. If you wish to deliver your check to the office, please drop it through the mail slot before December 31. The mail box will be checked daily. If you have any questions, please call Jessica McCoy at 648-2737 ext. 232 or e-mail at jessica.mccoy@cpcventura.org

Electronic Giving Information: Is it Safe? Yes! Funds can only be electronically transferred from your account with your specific authorization. In fact, electronic giving is safer than writing a check because it can not get lost, stolen or destroyed. For more information, call John Exell, 648-2737 x 228 or Jessica McCoy, at 648-2237 x 232. Thank You

Community Life

Christmas Eve Worship Saturday, December 24th

4:00p.m. & 6:00p.m.

Child care available at both services

Christmas Day Worship Sunday, December 25th 10:30 a.m.

Children welcome No childcare available

Missional Support and Congregational Care

10th Annual Santa Barbara Mission Conference, 2012 “Living the Word in Today's World” Friday, January 20, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM and Saturday, January 21, 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM. First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. If you are interested in attending or learning more about this fantastic conference pick up a brochure at the Adult Education Table on the Patio. Pre-registration is now open and will remain open until January 11, 2012.

Deacons Benevolence Assistance: Our Deacons offer assistance for various needs to our church members, regular attendees, and those in the community. We have an immediate need in our church family for two working vehicles. If you have a car to donate to the individual, the Deacons will cover transfer costs and smog checks. To help, contact Paul Paulin at (985-3917).

CPC Kids

Sunday Mornings: Nursery Care / Children's Classes 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Inspire Kids Choir...Christmas Eve rehearsal dates...Dec. 22 at 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary. Kids 4 and up. New Members Welcome!!

Child Care Volunteers Needed: We are in need of child care volunteers for the our 2 Christmas Eve services, **December 24 at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.** Please contact Ricarda Thomason at 648-6555 ext.226

Are you cleaning out closets and making room for the New Year? Children's Ministries is collecting gently used clothing and toys to be distributed to the Food Share Program. Please bring your items to the box at the sign-in table on the upper playground of the preschool. Thank you so much!



CPC Student Ministries

Sunday Mornings: Combined Middle School (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12)
CORE TRUTH 9:50 AM -10:50 AM - Carpenter Shop



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Combo Night - High School and Middle School
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Carpenter Shop

For more information about Student Ministries (Grade 6 -12) see our website at www.cpcventura.org or contact Phill Eigenhuis, Student Ministries Pastor at stpastor@cpcventura.org

Prelude Greg Jackson

Family Time Pastor Wayne Kempton

GATHERING

Call to Worship Pastor Wayne Kempton

*Carol of Praise and Adoration *Joy to the World* #146

Blessing of the Children and Greeting Steve Braun

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Kent Meads

Word of God Written and Proclaimed Pastor Kent Meads

Joy to the World
Luke 1:46-55

Song of Response *All Creation Sing: Joy to the World*

Advent Candle *Joy & Mission: Angels "Virgin Birth"* Emma Vielbig

*Songs of Preparation *Hark the Herald Angel Sing* #171

Away in the Manager Vvs 1&2 #149

Jesus Loves Me Vvs 1&2 #470

Away in the Manager Vvs 3 #149

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Wayne Kempton

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

Missions Moment

Impact Pastor Wayne Kempton/Bree Bouma

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Call for the Offering

Pastor Wayne Kempton

Offertory

Mary Did You Know?

Shonda & Emma Vielbig

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Steve Braun

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Carol of Commitment

Angels We Have Heard On High

#152

*Benediction

Pastor Kent Meads

Postlude

Greg Jackson

**Please stand if you are able and please silence cell phones.
If you desire prayer please come forward at the end of this service.
Members of our prayer team are prepared to pray for you.*
