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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### ALL-CHURCH PRAYER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 4:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

We long to be a church that prays with and for each other. Whether you have a prayer of praise, request, emotional, relational, or spiritual need, come to be prayed with by one of our elders or pastors.

### SPRING KICKOFF – JANUARY 18-20

- Men's, Women's, Couples Bible Studies
- New Member Class
- Midweek Dinner and Vespers
- reEngage and UNION
- Integrity Groups
- DivorceCare
- Children, Youth, & Adult Choirs
- Youth Small Groups

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

### ADKINS & NIELSON: CELLO AND PIANO CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 5:30 & 7:30 P.M. | CAMBRIDGE HALL

Join us for a magical evening featuring Dallas Symphony principal cellist Christopher Adkins and Steinway Artist and PCPC elder Stephen Nielson, whose annual recital of music for piano and cello is a perennial favorite. This year they'll perform music of Gabriel Fauré, Kurt Kaiser, and others. [pcpcconcerts.org](https://pcpcconcerts.org)

### WINTERGRACE: THE GRACE OF GOD'S WORD

JANUARY 30-31

WinterGrace is a short series of worship services that renew our hearts in a key theme of God's grace. This year, our theme will be, "The Grace of God's Word," and our guest preacher will be Dr. Bryan Chapell, former President of Covenant Theological Seminary and current Stated Clerk of the PCA. [pcpc.org/wintergrace](https://pcpc.org/wintergrace)

### ANDREW PETERSON, LAURA STORY, & FERNANDO ORTEGA

#### PCPC'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CONCERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Each bringing their own individual artistry, Andrew Peterson, Laura Story, and Fernando Ortega come together with the PCPC choirs and symphony orchestra to glorify God and celebrate our 30th anniversary and the completion of the new building. A free ticket is required for entry. [pcpcconcerts.org](https://pcpcconcerts.org)

### SAVE THE DATES:

ESSENTIAL PATH: STEWARDS OF GRACE | FEBRUARY 6

MISSIONS LUNCHEON | FEBRUARY 13

FAITH & CULTURE | FEBRUARY 15

INTENTIONAL CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENTING | FEBRUARY 20

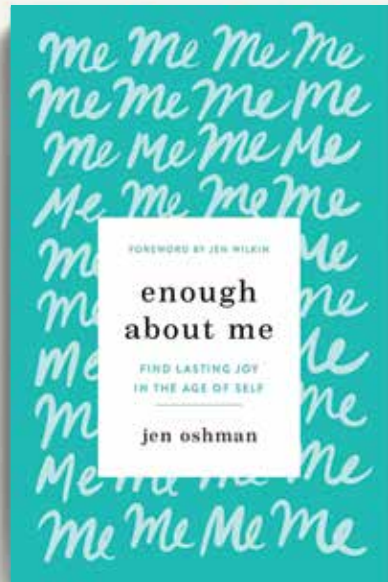
WOMEN'S RETREAT | FEBRUARY 25-27

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# BOOKS

FROM OUR WOMEN'S RETREAT SPEAKER



Enough About Me  
BY JEN OSHMAN

Women today feel a constant pressure to improve themselves and just never feel like they're "enough." They live their daily lives disheartened, disillusioned, and disappointed. That's because joy doesn't come from a new self-improvement strategy; it comes from rooting their identity in who God says they are and what He has done on their behalf.

This book calls women to look away from themselves in order to find the abundant life God offers them—contrasting the cultural emphasis on personal improvement and empowerment with what the Scriptures say about a life rooted, built up, and established in the Gospel.



Available for purchase in  
the PCPC Bookstore.

BOOKSTORE HOURS:  
Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: closed  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



## COME AFTER ME PCPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 25-27, 2022

In early 2020, the women of PCPC held our first retreat in many years. We learned what it meant to be devoted to teaching, fellowship, and prayer through our teaching sessions and were led in unforgettable worship. We enjoyed a slow and leisurely pace with much time for reflection, rest, and connection. Little did we know, this opportunity to come together to worship and rest as a family would fill us up just before entering months of isolation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are looking forward to another great retreat this February. We'll follow that same relaxed schedule and will return to the East Texas woods, this time at Allaso Ranch Retreat Center. Less than two hours from Dallas, Allaso Ranch provides beautiful scenery, fun activity options, and wonderful accommodations. It is set up as a series of cabins (with nice big bathrooms!) and shared living spaces (with cozy fireplaces!).

Megan, Claire, and Faith will be back to lead us in worship, and we're excited to welcome Jen Oshman as our guest speaker. Jen will teach from Mark 8:34 where Jesus says to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." In our modern age of self, this will be timely teaching! Jen has written about the joy found in following Jesus in her book *Enough About Me*, and we look forward to learning from her in person.

We hope you can join us for another  
incredible weekend away!



Register on the PCPC App,  
or scan the QR code to  
register on our website.

# GOD'S STARTING POINT

by Robby Higginbottom

The students chuckled as the professor walked into the room. Did he not notice what was happening with his shirt? As they watched him make his way to the podium, they had trouble containing their amusement. How could such a brilliant man fail to button his shirt correctly? As the professor addressed the class, he acknowledged the issue with the shirt. He had put the first button into the second button hole. "You see, if you don't start in the right place, you'll never end up in the right place." A simple mistake at the beginning can result in great embarrassment by the end. Sometimes, the only way to fix the problem is to start all over again.

1 Samuel opens with the story of Hannah visiting the temple to make sacrifices to the Lord. After years of barrenness Hannah was desperate to have a child. When she came to the temple "she was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly" (1 Samuel 1:10).

The beginning of 1 Samuel gives us an opportunity to ask, "What is our starting point?" We often start with something that feels like a strength in our lives. We have this or we've done that or we're good at this or we know them. These things give us a sense of value and power. They combat our creeping sense of inadequacy. What we don't usually realize—until it's too late—is that starting with ourselves is like missing the first button on our shirt. We never genuinely start with God until we finish starting with ourselves. We don't want to come to the end of ourselves because we fear there will be nothing there. We refuse to admit our inability because we think we can do this. Maybe we can. But in the most crucial areas, we can't.

"God's tendency is to make our total inability his starting point." This statement from Dale Ralph Davis is evident when we zoom in on the story of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1 and when we zoom out on the whole story of redemption. Here, a barren woman, devastated by her circumstances, has come to the end of herself. Her safety nets have been shredded. She has no fallback options. But here, in the place of utter desperation, the song of God's rescue rings out. Our total inability is the prelude to the symphony of God's sufficiency.

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God did bless Hannah with a child revealing again the pattern of His redemption. In our hopelessness, the Lord gives birth to hope. In our despair, the Lord gives birth to joy. Salvation is nothing less than God doing the impossible, bringing life out of death. Who but God could turn a dead end into a fountain of life? If that's the way the Lord works, why do we spend so much energy trying to avoid His starting point? Next time we button our shirt, we should remember: If we don't start in the right place, we'll never end up in the right place. Lord, help us to be honest about our inability and to be bold in crying out for Your grace!



# Our Family

November & December 2021

*Baptisms November 21, 2021*



**Margaret Anne Peel**  
Daughter of  
Paige and James Peel



**Eleanor Lacy Crain**  
Daughter of  
Helen and Peter Crain



**Patrick Stanley Gardner**  
Son of  
Annemarie and Madison Gardner



**David Madison Gardner**  
Son of  
Annemarie and Madison Gardner



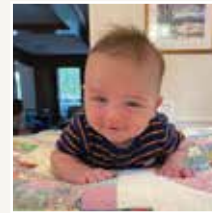
**Margaret Frances Turner**  
Daughter of  
Taylor and Alex Turner



**Gemma Pauline duPerier**  
Daughter of  
Chloe and Mason duPerier



**Truett Wynn Stevenson**  
Son of  
Hannah and Logan Stevenson



**Reed Andrew Wallace**  
Son of  
Kiki and Andy Wallace



**Elliott Carrier Williamson**  
Son of  
Ally and Kirk Williamson

## Sympathies

**David & Brittany Gaskill** (Park Cities Bradfield Elementary) on the loss of her father, **Gage & Grayson Gaskill** (Park Cities Bradfield Elementary) on the loss of their grandfather; Dr. Terry B. Bawcom on November 10, 2021.

**Don & Cindy Lindsley** (Love Field) on the loss of his sister, **Jack & Jennifer Lindsley** (Love Field) on the loss of their aunt; Pat Thorogood on November 20, 2021.

**Bill & Brenda Bogart** (Love Field) on the loss of her father; James Greenwood on November 22, 2021.

## Budget

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2021/2022 operating budget	\$14,200,000
July 1, 2021—November 28, 2021 budget	\$4,384,893
July 1, 2020—November 28, 2021 giving	\$4,708,842
Budget Variance	\$323,949

*Communicants November 7, 2021*



Mary Hays Bonfield



Elizabeth Margaretha Burger



Maris Adele Chumley



Emma Louise Darley



Sutton Holloway Florer



James Lee Flowers



Margaret McLean Graham



Charlotte Elizabeth Harper



Catherine Grace King



Eve Hathaway Lewis



Margaret Coleman Lewis



Jack Wilson Miller



Jack Harvey Morris



Madeleine Dell Reynolds



Lucinda Mae Rotenberry



Jackson Blaine Shull



William Hunter Thrash



Caroline Paige Turner



Jillian Hope Walker



Sarah Anne Wong



Robert William Woodward