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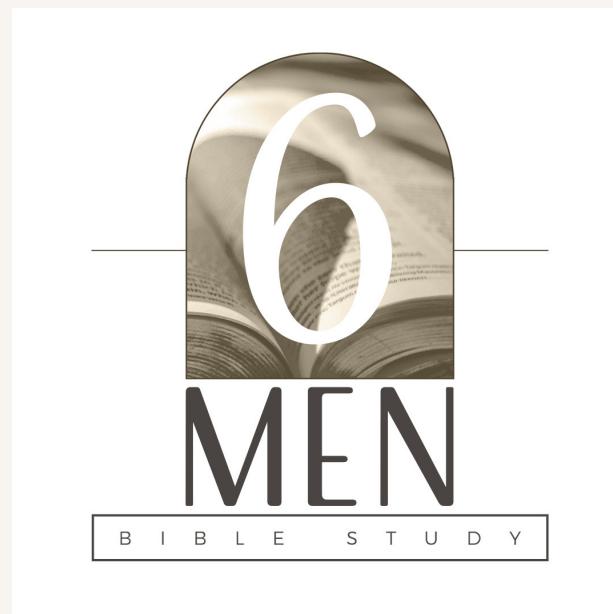
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
24/7 PRAYER HOTLINE: 214-224-2680 or
24/7prayer@pcpc.org

You did not
choose Me,
but I chose you
and appointed
you that you
should go and
bear fruit and
that your fruit
should abide...

John 15:16

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CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

JULY BIBLE CONFERENCE

JULY 7, 14, 21, & 28 | 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Ron Williams will be teaching from The Gospel of John. Stephen Nielson will bring us wonderful music. Festive Kitchen will provide us with delicious lunches. RSVP to Jane Beasley at 214-224-2771 or jane.beasley@pcpc.org by Tuesday each week.

MEN'S SUMMER TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come be a part of our "6 Men" Bible study this summer! Join us as we deepen our understanding of the Gospel at work in the lives of 6 men of the Bible and how our own lives can be changed as a result. No registration required. Join us when you can this summer.

pcpc.org/men

MEN'S CARE MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF A MAN (SLAM)

THURSDAYS | 7:00-8:30 P.M. | CLASSROOM 10

This group provides a safe space for men desiring the ongoing benefits of community and support as they seek intimacy with Jesus amidst trials and temptations. SLAM sessions are open, and attendance commitments are not required.

pcpc.org/men-care

POWER & PRAISE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 9:15-10:15 A.M. | THE GYM

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings this summer, women join us for a fun-filled, God-centered exercise class for all levels with cardio, stretching, and weights. Cost is \$10 per class. Bring your own mat and weights. No registration is required for the class, and childcare registration is available.

pcpc.org/women

PRESCHOOL SUMMER POP & PLAY

TUESDAYS | 10:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M. | THE GYM

Join the PCPC Kids staff, parents, and children on Tuesdays for fun and fellowship! Parents of preschoolers are encouraged to gather in The Gym for a sweet time of fellowship while letting their preschoolers age 3 through 6 get their wiggles out! Childcare will be available for children 3 months - 2 years with registration.

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WALKING IN CHRIST CLASS

SUNDAYS | 11:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us on Sunday mornings for a special six-week class taught by a variety of pastors. The class will include table conversation and time to connect with others this summer.

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PRAY FOR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Please be in prayer for PCPC's summer mission trips! The Senegal High School Trip will be June 23-July 2, the Senegal Family Trip will be June 30-July 9, and the Bahamas Family Trip will be July 8-15.

pcpc.org/shortterm

YOUTH EVENTS

PCPC is hosting several awesome youth hangouts this summer! Middle School, join us on July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2. High School, join us July 12, 26, and August 2, and come to The Gathering on July 19 and August 9.

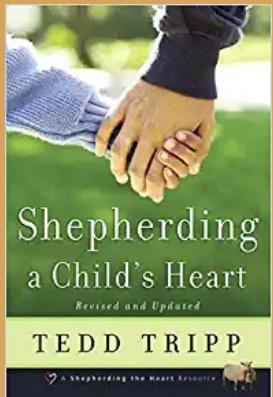
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LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

PCPC's Bookstore Manager, Amy Tassos, shares a few recs this month for parents.

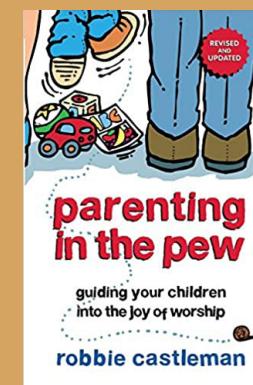
PARENTING AHEAD: PREPARING NOW FOR THE TEEN YEARS

Kristen Hatton helps parents with younger children build a foundation for their family based on biblical principles for the teen years to come.



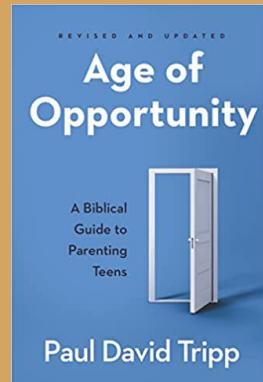
SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART

Written for parents with children of any age, Tedd Tripp offers this insightful book providing perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life.



PARENTING IN THE PEW: GUIDING YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE JOY OF WORSHIP

Robbie Castleman believes that Sunday morning isn't a success if she has only managed to keep the kids quiet. Children are at church for the same reason as their parents: for the privilege of worshiping God.



AGE OF OPPORTUNITY: A BIBLICAL GUIDE TO PARENTING TEENS

Paul Tripp shows parents how to connect with their children as never before, drawing on practical strategies shaped by God's Word.

The PCPC Bookstore doors are always open, and we offer a self-checkout kiosk (accepting credit or debit cards only). Check out our inventory at pcpcbookstore.org.

If you need help finding something or have a question about the store, please email us at bookstore@pcpc.org.

Children in Worship

Parents, let me start off by saying we want your kids in the worship service! Children are a vital part of the covenant family, and as parents God calls us to pass on the faith to our children. According to Deuteronomy 6, we are to "diligently teach the faith to our children."

One of the ways we do that is through the worship service. By including your children, you are not only communicating how important it is to you to gather corporately with God's people, but also your children's importance to God! In Luke 18, Jesus invites the "little children to come to Him." To Jesus they are viewed as vital members of God's Kingdom.

Teaching precedes understanding.

The phrase I want to stick with parents is – teaching precedes understanding. Yes, your children may not understand all that is happening, but your teaching will shape and mold their understanding. So, teach your children the different parts of the service, and why we do what we do. One of the things my wife and I did with our kids was that we had them draw whatever they heard during the service, and then we had a family discussion during lunch about what they drew.

This Fall

We hope to start seeing more and more children in the worship service! Families, we want to encourage you to bring your children to "big" church so that our little ones will know they belong in the fellowship of the people of God. Elementary age students are invited to attend worship at 9:30 a.m. with their families and then go to their age-appropriate Sunday School class at 11:00 a.m.

Relax! God put the wiggle in children.

Lastly, we know that children are loud and squirmy – RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. Yes, you will worry what others around you may think, and you will worry that your children might be a distraction. So may I suggest you sit closer to the front to make it easier for your children to engage, but also if you need to leave the service for a little bit, it will make it easier to exit and come back.

To the members of our congregation:
The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. By welcoming children, we are affecting how our children will respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Please welcome them, learn their names, and assure their parents we are glad they are here. Doesn't their presence remind all of us of the baptism vow we made to assist the parents in helping them bring up their children in the "fear and admonition of the Lord"?

- Pete Hatton, Pastor to Families