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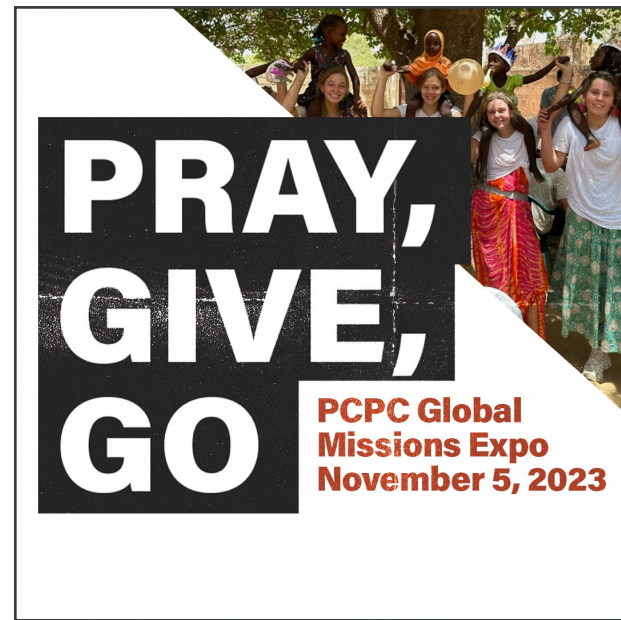
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"Worthy are You
to take the scroll
and to open its
seals, for You
were slain, and by
Your blood You
ransomed people
for God from every
tribe and language
and people and
nation..."

Revelation 5:9

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CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

VOCES8

NOVEMBER 2 | 7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 will perform at PCPC on Thursday, November 2. With an extensive and versatile repertoire from classics to jazz favorites, this performance offers a music style for everyone. Purchase a ticket via Eventbrite on our website to attend: \$15.00 general public, \$7.00 students.

pcpcconcerts.org

PRAY, GIVE, GO - GLOBAL MISSIONS EXPO

NOVEMBER 5 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday, November 5, the Missions Department will host a Global Missions Expo to highlight PCPC's short-term mission trips and missionaries. Come by the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service to hear stories from previous trip participants as well as learn more about mission trip opportunities in 2024!

pcpc.org/events

PARENT EQUIPPING CLASS: PARENTING PANEL

NOVEMBER 8 | 6:00 P.M. | MEZZANINE A

Join us for a panel discussion with PCPC parents as they share their experiences of worshiping as a family, both on Sunday morning in the pew and throughout the week in the home. Childcare will be available for children 3 months through 5th grade with reservations available.

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HELPING HANDS

NOVEMBER 11 | 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs (light repairs, maintenance, and minor jobs) around their homes. There will be a light breakfast, instructions, prayer, and assignments for jobs that can be completed within a four-hour period. If you need assistance or would like to serve, please email Jessica Fikkert.

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WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER

NOVEMBER 28 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join PCPC Women's Ministry for Advent Prayer. Elizabeth Robinson will lead us through Scripture and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the season. There will be a time of fellowship afterward in the Grand Hall with desserts and coffee!

pcpc.org/women

OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Nov. 3 - First Friday/bEfriend
- Nov. 9 - Young Adults Night of Worship
- Nov. 12 - Grandparenting Lunch
- Nov. 12 - Indelible Grace Music with Kevin and Cooper Twit
- Nov. 15 - The Gathering (High School)
- Dec. 2 - Boxes of Blessing
- Dec. 3 - Family Advent Service
- Dec. 17 - Candlelight Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT



Middle School Fall Retreat is an event we do each year at PCPC, and this year we took 100 middle schoolers to Sky Ranch, two hours outside of Dallas in East Texas. Some would say we are crazy for taking 100 12–14-year-olds away for a weekend. However, our staff chooses to do this each year because we believe in the power of retreats. Retreats provide an opportunity for middle school students to disconnect from the world and reconnect with God and each other. While they are swimming, going off the "blob", riding horses, doing zip lines, playing silly games, or dancing at our Silent Disco, we pray that they make memories, laugh, have fun, and make new friendships.

On the retreat this year, we had four different large group sessions where we worshiped through song together and heard Bible teaching rooted in the Gospel. This year, our theme was our identity in Christ. In a time of life that is characterized by so much change and uncertainty, this was a powerful theme that sincerely resonated with our students. Mark Davis was our speaker, and he reminded our students that their primary and only permanent identity is in Jesus. He brought our students back to the question of what is defining you more than anything else right now. Then he reminded students how Christ in you and our union with Jesus is the most important identity we have. Students are still talking about the stories Mark shared! They



were engaging, made our students laugh, and made them sit on the edge of their seats in anticipation. After each session, our students had cabin time discussions led by volunteer leaders where they got to process what they heard.

My favorite part of our retreat was the conversations. Just a few of the conversations that I got to have included:

- I accepted Jesus into my heart when I was 8 years old, but how do I know it was real?
- The immense pressure middle schoolers feel including sports, school, and friends
- Broken families and hard home situations
- Hard friendship dynamics
- How seeking people's approval all the time is exhausting
- How do I grow closer to the Lord when I am not on the Fall Retreat?

The beauty of each of those conversations is that the Gospel applies to all of them. We pray that the conversations keep going and that the Gospel teaching continues to bear fruit that only He can bring forth in the lives of middle school students.

By Maggie Hohfeler
Ministry Leader for Female Youth Discipleship in Middle School
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YOUNG ADULT JAPAN TRIP



This September, ten PCPC Young Adults traveled to Japan to visit with, learn from, and serve alongside Christ Bible Institute (CBI) in the city of Nagoya.

The Japanese are one of the most unreached people groups in the world. Less than 1% of the 126 million Japanese people are Christians. The vast majority have not heard the gospel message. 1,700 of the 2,500 towns of up to 30,000 residents have no church. There are about 7,900 churches with an average attendance of 35 people, amounting to one church for 16,000 people. 84% of Japanese claim to adhere to Shinto and Buddhism, but most are superstitious and unsure of their beliefs. Feelings of hopelessness and isolation have caused many to turn to suicide, which is the leading cause of death among 15 to 39 year olds. Over 25,000 people commit suicide annually, amounting to about 70 people per day! Many feel empty and are in search of some sort of purpose and meaning in life.¹

CBI, led by PCPC Missionaries, Brett Rayl and Tim Martin, aims for "the Gospel of the glory of Christ [to be] cherished and proclaimed throughout Japan." They eagerly and graciously received our young adult team!



While in Japan, our team worked with Hope Tsu, a church planting group from the city of Tsu, seeking to plant three new churches in their providence of Mie (mee-aye). Our team helped host two outreach events in Mie, both an international game night and a Texas BBQ equipped with burgers, country music, and line dancing. The PCPC team helped connect Hope Tsu to many non-Christians whom they may not have met in other circumstances. Additionally, our team enabled Hope Tsu and CBI to deepen their relationship through shared serving.

Praise God for the work He is doing in Japan through our young adult team, through Christ Bible Institute, and through Hope Tsu.

By David Willhite
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¹ Mission to the World, <https://www.mtwjapan.org/about/>

THANKSGIVING EVENTS

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS FRIENDSGIVING

NOVEMBER 12 | 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Middle School girls are going to enjoy food and fellowship together potluck style on Sunday, November 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Invite your friends, and we will meet in a family's home and enjoy Friendsgiving! Contact Maggie Hohfeler at maggie.hohfeler@pcpc.org.

SENIOR ADULT THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 17 | 12:00-2:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Join us as we celebrate the abundance of blessings we as believers experience daily from our Lord! We will enjoy a delicious, complimentary meal from Festive Kitchen, great fellowship, and a message from guest speaker, Mike Kent. Bring friends and family. Please make your reservation by Tuesday afternoon, November, 14. Contact Jane Beasley at 214-224-2771 or jane.beasley@pcpc.org.

RUF-INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 17 | 6:00-9:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Serve with us on Friday, November 17, at the annual International Student Thanksgiving Potluck welcoming students from all over the world and sharing a fun American tradition. Sign up today to volunteer. Contact Sarah Morrison at sarah.morrison@pcpc.org.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDSGIVING

NOVEMBER 19 | 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Young Adults, join us for a Friendsgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Registration opens on November 5. Email ya@pcpc.org for more details.