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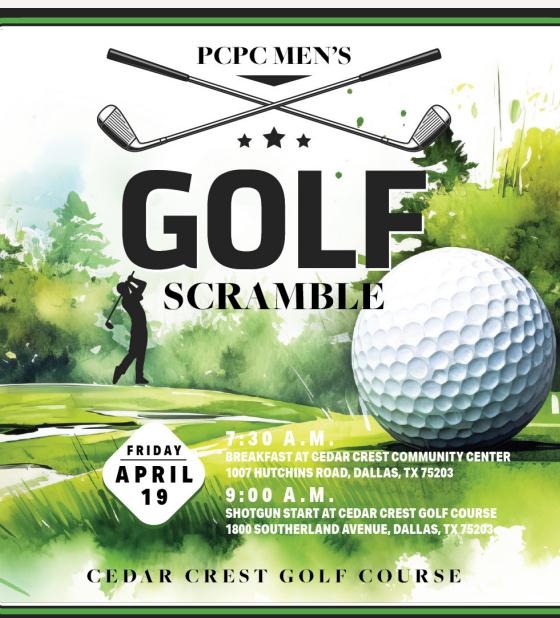
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"Then I heard
what seemed
to be the voice of
a great multitude...
crying out
'Hallelujah! For the
Lord our God the
Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and
exult and give
Him the glory..."

Revelation 19:6-7a

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SHARE: EQUIPPED TO EXTEND

APRIL 12 & 13 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an equipping event for PCPC women to better understand their unique giftedness in Christ and to discover ways to share that gift to extend God's Kingdom for His glory. PCPC Senior Pastor, Mark Davis, will kick off the weekend. Highland Park alumnae, Leigh Swanson, who serves as an Executive VP of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida, will be our guest speaker. Register today!

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CHURCH IN THE CITY LUNCHEON

APRIL 14 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for lunch as Dr. Brian Fikkert (Founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development) and PCPC ministry partners help us understand poverty in our city and around the world from a biblical perspective. Registration is appreciated but not required.

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MEN'S GOLF SCRABBLE

APRIL 19 | 7:30 A.M. | CEDAR CREST GOLF COURSE

Come and fellowship at the PCPC Spring Men's Golf Scramble on April 19, starting at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast at Cedar Crest Community Center, followed by a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Crest Golf Course. Cost is \$67 which includes breakfast, golf, and cart. Sign up today!

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PARENT EQUIPPING CLASS WITH JULIE LOWE

APRIL 24 | 6:30 P.M.

Join us for another great event in our Parent-Equipping Series as we hear from Julie Lowe. Julie will share insight on how to equip our young children to make wise and biblical assessments in a world filled with uncertainties. Julie Lowe is an author, speaker, and counselor. Childcare will be available for children 3 months through 5th grade with reservations.

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FAMILY LEGACY FOOD PACKING

APRIL 27 | 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. | PCPC GARAGE

Volunteer to help pack 60,000 meals for children in Zambia! Two shifts are available on Saturday morning, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. You may also choose to work both shifts if your schedule allows. The event is open to all, including families. Please note that childcare is not provided.

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OTHER APRIL EVENTS

- MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL | APRIL 6
- YOUNG ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL | APRIL 7
- ALL-CHURCH PRAYER | APRIL 14
- YOUNG ADULT WORKDAY: OURCALLING | APRIL 20
- HIGH SCHOOL: THE GATHERING | APRIL 24
- SENIOR ADULT ARBORETUM DAY | APRIL 25
- 8TH GRADE CELEBRATION | APRIL 28
- HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SUNDAY | APRIL 28

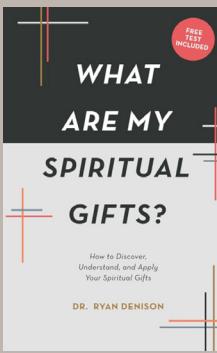
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LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

Dig deep and learn about God's calling for your life and your spiritual giftedness. Here are book recommendations from our PCPC Women's staff.

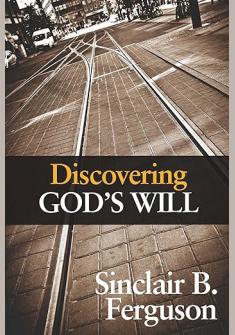
WHAT ARE MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

Denison Forum's newest book by Dr. Ryan Denison offers further insight into seventeen spiritual gifts. Additionally, each chapter describes how a certain person in the Bible represents each gifting, providing helpful examples of what it means to live out specific gifts more openly, authentically, and regret-free.



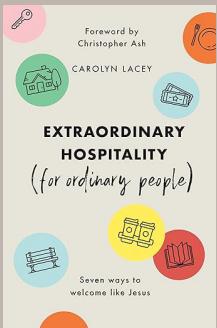
DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

Sinclair Ferguson draws out fundamental principles by which God guides us, applies them to practical situations like vocation and marriage, and underlines many important biblical counsels. It shows that the guidance God gives comes primarily through knowing, loving, and obeying Him.



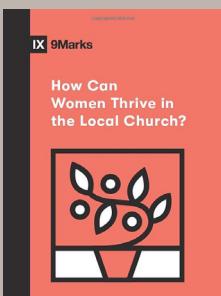
EXTRAORDINARY HOSPITALITY (FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE)

Carolyn Lacey gives seven ways to offer Christian hospitality without becoming exhausted and overburdened. Generous hospitality is a significant way in which God works through our lives to bring life to others, yet many of us feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed at the prospect.



HOW CAN WOMEN THRIVE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?

In this short booklet, Keri Folmar presents eight essential principles to help women fully engage in the context of the local church, such as prioritizing church membership and involvement, investing in meaningful discipling relationships, and not allowing conflict or bitterness to fester (available in April).



These selections and more are available at the PCPC Bookstore (Lower Level). The 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.

SHARE: EQUIPPED TO EXTEND

by Jane Edson, PCPC Communication Specialist

to be intentional about knowing and serving others. I am excited to be with you in April so that we can encourage one another to serve others for God's glory."

PCPC Women's staff and retreat team encourage you to join other PCPC women for this retreat and explore this topic throughout the year.



On-Campus Retreat

Women will gather in April for an in-town retreat at PCPC to consider their roles and giftedness within our church body while experiencing fellowship together. The "Share: Equipped to Extend" retreat is much more than just a weekend. It's about being aware of and engaging in a calling to extend Christ on a regular basis, because every single woman at our church matters in Christ's eternal Kingdom.

Mark Davis, PCPC Senior Pastor, and Leigh Swanson, Executive VP of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, will speak at the retreat on April 12-13 giving their insights into this important topic. The retreat will include fireside chats, time alone with the Lord, worship, workshops on "Extending Christ Where God has Planted Me," and fun times with friends. At the end of the retreat at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, women are encouraged to grab a few friends and do an impromptu fun activity such as visiting a local museum, riding the trolley to Klyde Warren Park, taking a stroll at the Arboretum or along Lakeside Drive, or enjoying an early dinner at a favorite restaurant.

How can we know what our spiritual giftedness is?

For many, this topic can seem daunting. Perhaps some women do not know what their spiritual calling is, let alone how to use it to serve others in a tangible way. In preparation for the Share retreat, women will take

a spiritual gifts assessment to help attendees answer that question. The retreat will include sessions on using the gifts God has given including evangelism, discernment, biblical hospitality, caring for others in crisis, and specific workshops designed to equip you in your unique season and context in life.

Guest speaker Leigh Swanson highlights the importance of understanding your spiritual giftedness, saying, "In a culture that constantly promotes knowing and serving ourselves with statements like 'Find yourself. Be yourself. Take care of yourself.' Christians need

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...

by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..."

1 Peter 4:10, 11b



Women's Retreat Team

Not pictured: Sarah Morrison and Leslie Newman

"Sometimes I hesitate to step away from my regular routine, to commit my limited free time, or to ask for help from others in order to attend something like this," said PCPC Member Amy Dunlap. "This event will be worth it! We are all busy with a million things, and it is crucial that we pause to reflect on who God is and how He has created and gifted each of us, then seek wisdom in how to best respond to Him in grateful service. I'm looking forward to the unhurried time to process these things with new and old PCPC friends and also to the quiet moments that are built into the weekend. Oh, and you will LOVE Leigh Swanson!"

"May this retreat weekend be a time for you to learn more about the Lord and how He has uniquely gifted you to build up the Body of Christ as we seek to SHARE our lives with each other," said Kari Stainback, Senior Director of Women's Ministries at PCPC.

The Share retreat is a two-day on-campus retreat beginning on April 12 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and concluding on April 13 at 3:00 p.m. with optional fun with friends activities.

Please register online to attend. The cost is \$75. Questions? Contact jenny.darley@pcpc.org

For more information, visit pcpc.org/women/.

