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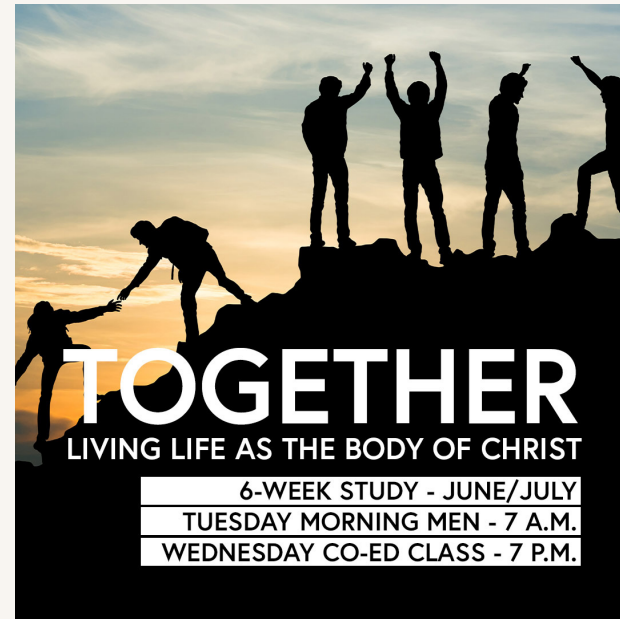
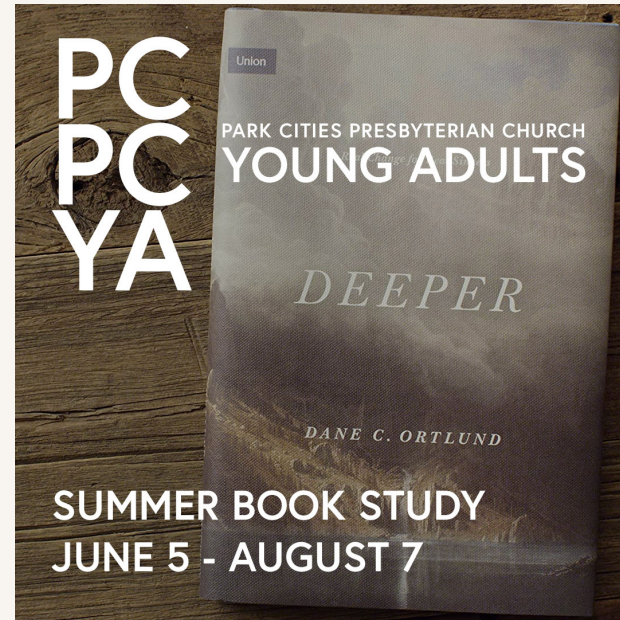
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"He who testifies
to these things says,
'Surely I am coming
soon.' Amen.
Come Lord Jesus!
The grace of the
Lord Jesus be
with all. Amen."

Revelation 22:20-21

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JUNE 2 | 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

The Session has approved a Congregational Meeting, on Sunday, June 2, during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, for the purpose of electing the new class of elders and deacons. The ordination and installation will be held on Sunday, August 25, during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Recommendations for the next class are open through June 2 and can be submitted on the PCPC website or on forms at the Information Center in the Grand Hall.

recommendations.pcpc.org

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER BOOK STUDY

JUNE 5 - AUGUST 7 | 7:00 P.M.

Join Young Adults on Wednesday nights for our annual Summer Book Study. We will read *Deeper* by Dane Ortlund and gather weekly in families' homes for small group discussion. Registration is required.

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TOGETHER: LIVING LIFE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

JUNE-JULY | 7:00 A.M. TUESDAY (MEN) & 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY (CO-ED)

You are invited for this 6-week study led by Pat Hobin on what it means to live life together with our Heavenly Father and how that impacts how we live life together with each other.

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SUMMER BOOK STUDY FOR WOMEN

JUNE 12-JULY 24 | 10:00 A.M. | THE LOFT

Caring for One Another by Ed Welch

Women, come and be a part of this 6-week book discussion group that introduces 8 ways to cultivate meaningful relationships as we care for one another as the Body of Christ. This group is led by Kristen Hatton and Kari Stainback, and the cost is \$10 for the book and class. Please register online.

pcpc.org/women

THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND!

JUNE 16 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC's organist, Nathan Davy, joined by Rachel McClarty, violin, Cody McClarty, trumpet, and Stephen Morscheck, bass, will present a program of vocal and instrumental music of Bach, Sowerby, Rheinberger, and more, including "The Trumpet Shall Sound" from Handel's Messiah. No ticket is required.

pcpcconcerts.org

OTHER EVENTS IN JUNE

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 4-7
- SUMMER RUF IN DALLAS | JUNE 5-JULY 31
- MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDIES & HANGOUTS | JUNE & JULY
- SUMMER MOMS' MORNING | BEGINS JUNE 12
- GLOBAL PRAYER | JUNE 15
- THE BRIDGE: WHAT'S HER STORY? | JUNE 18
- YOUNG ADULT SOLITUDE SATURDAY | JUNE 22

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WELCOME RESIDENTS

PCPC welcomes four new youth residents who will join our staff this summer. Here's a little about these residents as your students get to know them as well.



JACK BENNINGTON - Middle School Resident

Hello everyone! I grew up in a small town in Arkansas called Arkadelphia. I graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 2021 and am currently a Masters of Theology student at Dallas Theological Seminary. My wife, Maddie, and I met while working at Sky Ranch Ute Trail Family Camp and have been married for almost three years. Maddie, having grown up at PCPC, introduced me to it, and I became a member shortly after moving to Dallas. It has been such a joy to be a part of this church. In my free time, you can find me cheering for one of my favorite sports teams, making and drinking coffee, or most likely studying. Upon graduating in a few years, I would love to go into full-time vocational ministry. I am so excited to be a part of the Middle School team here at PCPC!

SANDERS MARKHAM - Middle School Resident

Hi PCPC! I am so excited to be a part of your church family! I came to know the Lord in the seventh grade, and He has been my faithful friend since. A little bit about me: I grew up in the Dallas area with my parents and two older brothers. I graduated from Baylor University in 2022 with a degree in musical theatre and shortly afterwards moved to New York to pursue a career in the arts. But I quickly felt God's call on my life to invest in something of eternal value and pursue a life of ministry instead. I then enrolled in the Forge, Pine Cove's discipleship program, where I have been for the past eight months. Now I just can't wait to see what God has for me and the Middle Schoolers at PCPC!



ELLA KASSING - High School Resident

I grew up in Dallas, and cannot wait to return after spending the last 4 years at Baylor University. I am graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. I spent every summer of college working at Pine Cove Summer Camps. The Lord has used my summers at camp to call me to vocational ministry. Relational ministry is my heart, and I am so blessed that the Lord has opened doors for me to shepherd High School students as they navigate hard seasons and enter college. My prayer is that they may know their true value is found in the Father and that life with Him is worth it. The verse the Lord has put on my heart as I enter this new stage of life is Psalm 16:11, "You make known to me the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

PRESTON SHANKS - High School Resident

I was born and raised in Dallas, and recently graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Business Management. Throughout my time in college, I have been actively involved in the local church, participating in Breakaway Ministries and serving as the chaplain within my fraternity. I've worked at Pine Cove Camp in Colorado, Camp Barnabas, and most recently, ventured to Alaska to work on a salmon fishing boat. I love keeping active with camping, tinkering with cars, cooking, baking, barista, reading books, and watching movies. Above all those awesome things, I have found myself called to ministry and will soon start seminary at Dallas Theological Seminary. I am so excited to join the High School resident program at PCPC. I look forward to connecting with students and families, talking about Jesus and how His good news will transform our lives.



For more information about PCPC Youth Ministry, please visit pcpc.org/youth.

PCPC YOUTH MINISTRY

by Will Washington,
Director of Youth Ministry

The PCPC Youth Ministry desires to help students connect to Christ and one another, abide in Christ, and extend Christ to the world.



It is well known that one of the biggest issues facing the Church today is the high number of teenagers who leave churches when they go off to college. Some surveys estimate that 70% of church-attending teenagers in America leave the church after high school. Why? While there is certainly a spiritual dynamic at play that is outside of our control, the most common reasons that were discovered are:

- Churches that preach morality instead of the gospel;
- Youth ministries that were isolated from the life of the overall church and that emphasized entertainment over biblical depth and relationships;
- Not giving students a purpose and a mission, so church became just a hobby or cultural practice.

To combat this, our hope and prayer for the PCPC Youth Ministry is to partner with families to make disciples who make disciples for the rest of their lives in Dallas, the country, and the nations. This does not mean good people who play the "Dallas Christian game," but people who have been transformed by the gospel, the good news of God's love for them in Jesus. These disciples would love Him and others as that love flows in and through them. As Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, *"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised."*

To do this, PCPC aims to be a supplement, not a substitute, in that we want to come alongside parents, who are the primary disciple-makers in their homes, and to encourage deep connection to the life of the local church. We believe our role is to simply, faithfully, and prayerfully point middle and high school students to the good news of the gospel (not pressure-laden good advice and good behavior messages), and to do so in the context of relationships (rather than the transactional, performance-based, acceptance culture around them). Following the examples of Jesus, Paul describes his own ministry to the Thessalonian believers like this, *"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well"* (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Our hope is that as this happens and as the Lord works over time, students would see that Jesus is a greater treasure than anything the world has to offer (Matthew 13:44).

This school year, we are thankful to see the Lord faithfully at work in students' lives. Some students have come to saving faith in Jesus, while others began to grow as disciples of Jesus as they connected to the local church, confessed sin, and experienced freedom in Jesus' grace. These students describe feeling "lighter and more free" after they leave ministry environments. They serve and live on mission both in their schools and on mission trips, as they deploy their unique gifts to point others to the love and joy they've found in Christ. Our prayer is that the Lord would continue to use the PCPC Youth Ministry to introduce students to Jesus who do not know Him and to help students who do know Him to grow in Jesus and His grace.

