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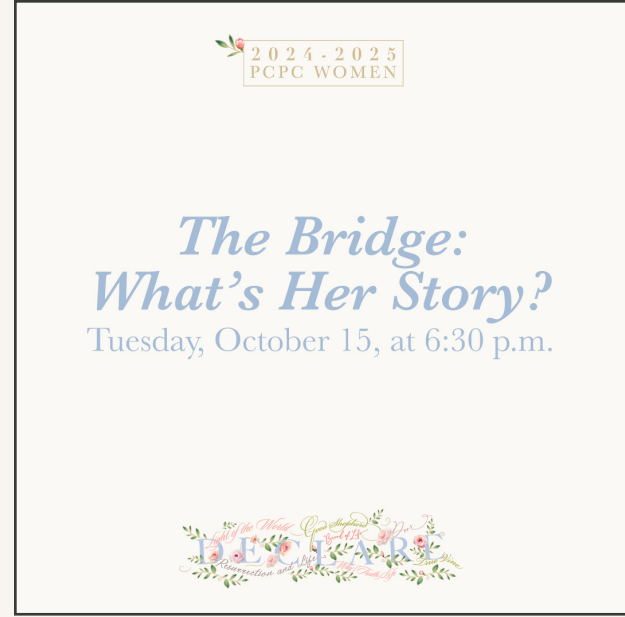
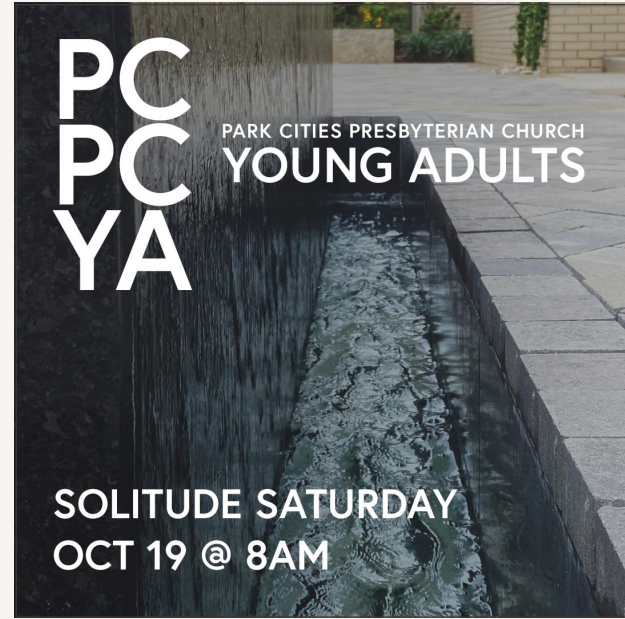
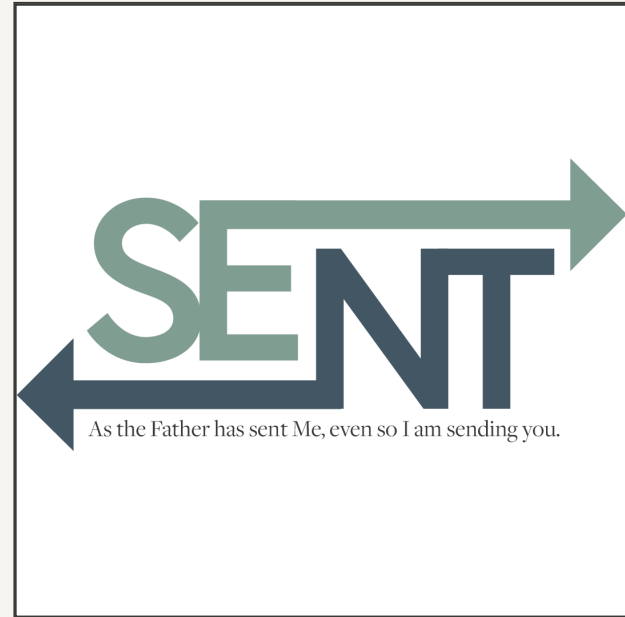
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into the world to  
condemn the world,  
but in order that  
the world might be  
saved through Him."

John 3:17

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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### SENIOR ADULT COMMUNITY: FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

OCTOBER 4, 11, & 18 | 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Senior Adults, join us in October for a Seminar on Brain Health with guest speaker Audette Rackley and lunch bunch with Bible discussions on The Gospel of John. We will partake of Festive Kitchen's delicious food and enjoy great fellowship. Please make your reservations online and feel free to bring a friend!

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

### ALL-CHURCH PRAYER

OCTOBER 6 | 4:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

We long to be a church that abides in Christ through prayer 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.

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### THE BRIDGE: WHAT'S HER STORY?

OCTOBER 15 | 6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us at The Bridge for an evening with women of all ages. We will gather for food and fellowship and then hear from PCPC Member Catherine Russell. Charge for dinner is \$5. No reservation is required.

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

### YOUNG ADULT SOLITUDE SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19 | 8:00 A.M. | GRAND HALL

Join us at PCPC on Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for a quiet morning of solitude, contemplation, and prayer. A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. No registration required.

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

### MISSIONS SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27 | 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Celebrate how the Lord has been at work through short-term mission trips at PCPC. Explore how you could be "Sent" this next year! On Sunday, October 27, the Missions Department will host a short-term missions expo. As congregants pass through the Grand Hall, they will have the opportunity to hear stories of past trips as well as learn about upcoming opportunities to go.

[pcpc.org/short-term](https://pcpc.org/short-term)

### OTHER EVENTS

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE (ZOOM) | OCTOBER 1 & NOVEMBER 12

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT | OCTOBER 4-6

SENIOR ADULT STATE FAIR DAY | OCTOBER 17

GLOBAL PRAYER | OCTOBER 19

ROOTED CONFERENCE (PARENTS OF YOUTH) | OCTOBER 24-26

TENEBRAE CONCERT | NOVEMBER 10

HELPING HANDS | NOVEMBER 16

CHURCH IN THE CITY LUNCHEON | NOVEMBER 17

RUF-INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK | NOVEMBER 22

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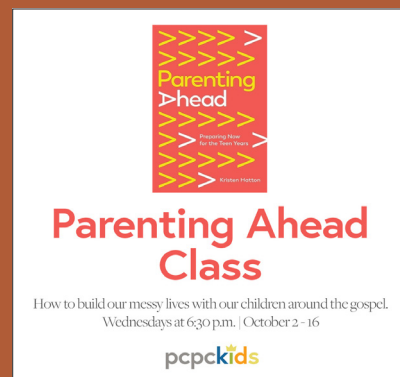
# FAMILY MINISTRY

## PARENTING AHEAD CLASS

HOW TO BUILD OUR MESSY LIVES WITH OUR CHILDREN AROUND THE GOSPEL

OCTOBER 2, 9, & 16 | 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Join Pastor Pete Hatton and his wife, Kristen, for a 3-week class on parenting intentionally to lay a foundation that allows for a redemptive relationship with your children for years to come. The fall class is appropriate for parents of all Middle and High School students. Childcare is available for ages 3 months - 5th grade.



## PUMPKIN GOSPEL

OCTOBER 4 | 5:00-6:30 P.M. | PCPC COURTYARD

PCPC Kids invites all families to attend this special evening. Bring your chair or blanket and join us for a fun, family-friendly Pumpkin Gospel presentation and a chili and corn dog dinner. We ask each family to bring one medium size pumpkin to use as a family during the presentation. Carving tools will be provided. The cost for dinner is \$8/adult and \$5/child or a maximum of \$30 for the entire family.

## FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND

OCTOBER 4 | 6:00 P.M. | PRESCHOOL AREA

First Friday provides a parent's night out for families with students ages 3-18 with a disability, as well as their siblings. bEfriend offers dinners for 8 for our adults with disability. For more information, email [jeanie.cox@pcpc.org](mailto:jeanie.cox@pcpc.org).

## SECOND GRADE BIBLES

OCTOBER 6 | 8:30-9:15 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Elementary Ministry invites all second graders and their families to this special occasion at PCPC. Second graders will receive their Bibles during a special ceremony. Afterwards, all second graders and their families are encouraged to attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service where the students will be recognized for this significant milestone. The cost is \$30, which includes a Bible and continental breakfast for the family.



## THE GATHERING

OCTOBER 30 | 7:15-8:45 P.M.

All High School is invited to join us! The Gathering is a time for High Schoolers to fellowship and worship once a month at host homes.

You can find all of these opportunities and more at [pcpc.org/calendar](http://pcpc.org/calendar).

# SENT: PCPC MISSIONS

PCPC's mission to extend the transforming presence of Christ through missions has been a fruitful calling by God's mercy and guiding hand for many years, in some cases over 20 years and in some cases only 1-2 years. It's clear that the Lord is leading and calling us to tell others about His Kingdom, and He is establishing partnerships for PCPC at home and abroad in missions ministry. In John 20:21, Jesus said to His disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." "SENT" is PCPC's theme for missions this year, knowing that we are SENT by Christ to spread the gospel.

Last summer, PCPC had over one hundred people involved in mission trips to Dallas, Senegal, the Bahamas, Italy, and Bangladesh. The High School Team in Senegal had 32 people serving, sharing the gospel with over 400 Muslim children through Bible teaching, crafts, sports, and daily sermons. Over 50 Middle Schoolers served in Mission Dallas in June alongside PCPC ministry partners Our Calling, Union Gospel Mission, Casa Del Lago, Central Commons, and Voice of Hope. Two teams of PCPC families went to Senegal and the Bahamas, and one team went to Bangladesh to assist with teaching on Biblical marriage. PCPC also sent a team of Young Adults to Nagoya, Japan in August. With such a large number of people at PCPC responding to God's call to serve in missions, His sovereign hand is clearly seen! While we abide in Christ and feed on His Word as a congregation together weekly here in Dallas, He is then sending us out.

Another example of God's leading hand through missions could be seen in an impoverished community called Yellow Elder in the Bahamas. When PCPC's team first arrived to host a VBS there in June, only three children had registered for camp. The team then went door to door into the Yellow Elder neighborhood inviting children to camp. God led them to people whose hearts were welcome towards the gospel. By the end of the week, over 30 children were attending camp! Throughout the VBS week in the Bahamas, the PCPC team, especially the kids, had such great attitudes and served the children selflessly. God was at work in the hearts of the Bahamian children as they heard about Jesus and were invited to follow Him. PCPC has served in the Bahamas since 2013.



by Jane Edson, Communications Specialist

God has also established missionary partnerships for PCPC, and under His guidance, we have gone to serve. This is the 20th year of partnership between PCPC and EPS Church in Senegal. During PCPC's mission trips in July, Pastor Mamadou of EPS Church bore witness to God's faithfulness in this partnership between our two churches, recognizing three individuals who had their first trips to Senegal 10 and 20 years ago. We praise God for 20 years of sharing in ministry and friendship.

Beyond Senegal, PCPC has served in Italy since 2012. PCPC's Japan ties began in 1998 when a group of elders visited Japan to scope out opportunities there. PCPC Young Adults (YA) used to regularly travel to Chiba University in Japan for years as well, and now YA visits Christ Bible Institute in Japan. Who knows how God might continue to use our history in these countries to continue to actively extend the Kingdom throughout the world?

Locally, PCPC has served through City Missions at North Dallas High School. "We are excited to start year two of our athletes' Bible devotional time at NDHS on Thursday mornings. As we have seen a growing interest in the Bible, we are starting a 'going deeper' Bible study for a smaller group of students who have more interest," said Sam Leopold, PCPC's Assistant Pastor of Missions.

Looking forward to 2025, there are many future opportunities to serve in missions through PCPC. On October 27, PCPC is hosting a Short-Term Missions event in the Grand Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. As congregants pass through the Grand Hall, they will have the opportunity to hear stories of past trips and learn about upcoming opportunities to go. Join us to celebrate how the Lord has been faithful and explore how you could be "SENT" this next year!

Thank you to the PCPC congregation for your continued support and prayer for PCPC mission trips. Should you have any questions about short-term missions at PCPC, please contact [courtney.squibb@pcpc.org](mailto:courtney.squibb@pcpc.org).

You can find mission trip opportunities at [pcpc.org/short-term/](http://pcpc.org/short-term/).