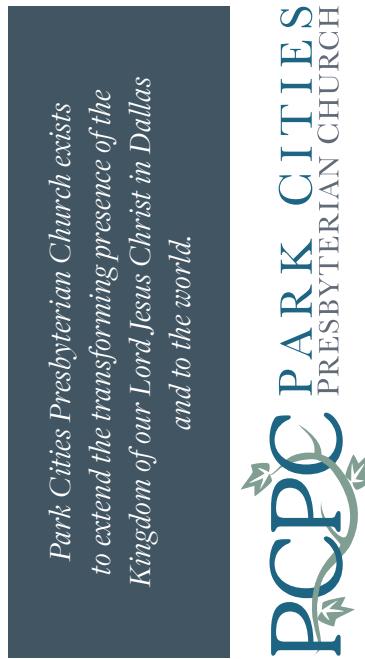


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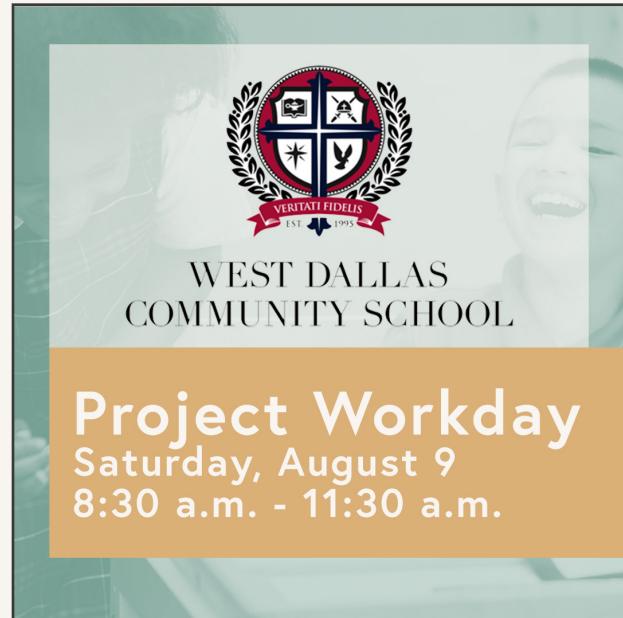
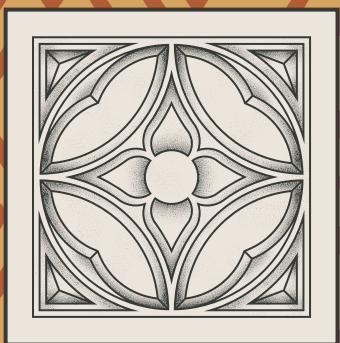
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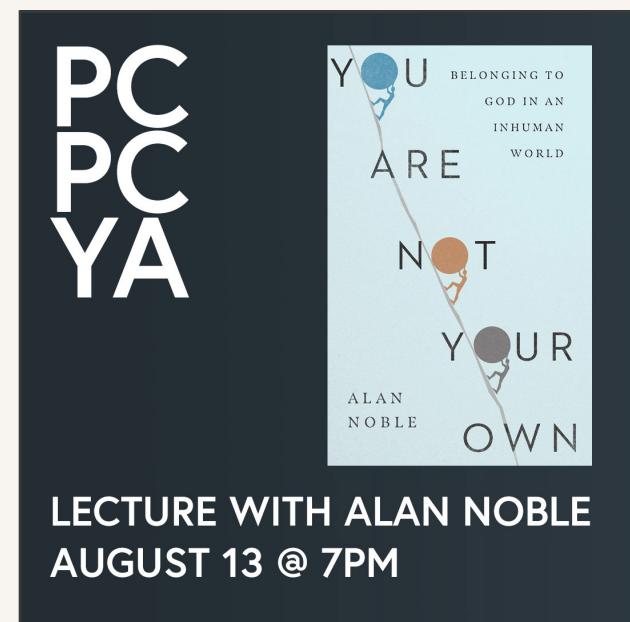
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“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:30-31



**Project Workday**  
Saturday, August 9  
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



**LECTURE WITH ALAN NOBLE**  
AUGUST 13 @ 7PM



Sunday, August 24 | 12:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### PROJECT WORKDAY: WDCS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 | 8:30-11:30 A.M. | 2300 CANADA DR., DALLAS

Looking for a service project to kick off the school year? Join City Missions for our yearly back-to-school service project at West Dallas Community School. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Please sign up online to attend.

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

### LECTURE AND Q&A WITH AUTHOR ALAN NOBLE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 | 7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Join us for a brief lecture and Q&A with author Alan Noble, where he will discuss his book, *You Are Not Your Own*. All are welcome, whether you take part in our young adult summer book study or simply want to participate. No registration required.

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### COMMUNICANTS: REQUIRED PARENT INTRO MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 OR 31 | 11:00 A.M. | CHAPEL

We will offer Communicant classes (Sept. 7-Oct. 26) for children 3rd-5th grades, middle, and high school students. This meeting is a pre-requisite for parents of children 3rd-8th grade and highly recommended for parents of high school students who seek admission to the Lord's Table at PCPC.

[pcpc.org/worship/communicants](http://pcpc.org/worship/communicants)

### MISSIONARY MAILING & LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us for lunch to hear from Taylor & Brett Rayl about Kingdom work in Japan through Christ Bible Institute (CBI). Lunch will be provided; donations appreciated. Look for tables around the church to write notes of encouragement to our missionaries around the world!

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### WOMEN'S NIGHT OF WORSHIP & PRAYER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

We will pray for our church, city, and world, and we will glorify God through singing His praises. We hope you can join us as we begin the fall season.

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

### FALL KICKOFF

Connect with one another this fall at PCPC! Be sure to find a weekday care group or Bible study for couples, women, men, children, and youth beginning September 7-12. Wednesday Word & Table at 12-noon, Children's Choirs, and Midweek Dinner will begin September 10. Registration and more info will be available on the PCPC app and website at [pcpc.org/events/](http://pcpc.org/events/).

### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- MIDDLE SCHOOL RANGER GAME | AUGUST 6
- HIGH SCHOOL: THE GATHERING | AUGUST 6
- CHANCEL ADULT CHOIR | BEGINS AUGUST 20
- YOUNG ADULT POOL PARTY | AUGUST 20
- RUF-I WELCOME PARTY | AUGUST 22
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | AUGUST 23
- MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT | OCTOBER 3-5

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# A BEAUTIFUL THING

by Brett Bradshaw, Director of Christian Formation

*She has done a beautiful thing to Me....*

*She has done what she could.*

Mark 14:6,8

*If you want to know what love is then look  
To those whose affection has grown young  
In old age, like a wife who cannot help but laugh  
At the vigil she keeps, for what he says makes  
No sense. He grows afraid and draws back,  
Fearing what he has forgotten, which is himself,  
All his children, all the precious ones, and her.  
She speaks tenderly now and moves slowly  
Toward him. She sits at his side, takes his hand,  
Soft as dough, folded and creased. She runs  
Her fingers over the gold band he wears,  
Worn thinner than before. She gives what she can,  
Which is the one beautiful thing stronger than disease.  
She sings the Shepherd's Psalm.  
His mouth murmurs the words beneath memory,  
Hidden within the mystery of time past age,  
Untouched by transience and the waste stalker.  
She listens and gives him his story back.  
And though he will forget, she says once again,  
You're OK. I am here now.  
I love you, always.*

For my wife while we are still young.

# MARRIAGE MINISTRY MATTERS

by Jane Edson  
Communications Specialist

Why does "doing it right" from the beginning matter in marriage? How can we help couples at PCPC establish their marriages in the gospel and in deeply rooted community? We sat down with Tommy Overton, Pastor of Marriage at Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCPC), to talk about these important marriage-related topics for this month's issue of PCPC News.

Did you know that people come from all over Dallas to attend PCPC's premarital class called UNION? While it may fall under the radar of those not about to walk down the aisle, UNION is actually a big outreach ministry at PCPC. Many young couples find PCPC by simply Googling "premarital counseling near me." They find our website and then sign up! "What a great opportunity we have to love them and get them involved in the church," said Tommy. UNION classes are not all PCPC members; in fact, many UNION attendees are people who don't have a church home. PCPC's Marriage Ministry staff desires for couples, after they complete the UNION class, to stay and grow in Christ together. This ties into the purpose of PCPC's Marriage Ministry to proclaim the gospel, encouraging men and women to sustain and nourish their marriage through Christ and His Word.

"We hope that couples don't just 'do UNION' in order to get married, but that they 'do UNION' to get into community as a married couple. When a couple makes that hop after they get married into one of our Foundation Groups, it's truly life-saving and life-giving. We've seen PCPC community come around people during difficult seasons of marriage and extend Christ's love to them. In those cases, there are too many people who are loving on them and who are for them to let their marriage fail," said Tommy.

How can couples do that, and why does it matter? PCPC members Jacqueline and Philip Carson, currently on the leadership team of the Cornerstone Sunday Morning Community (SMC), shared their experience with us as an example:

**How did you get involved with PCPC Marriage Ministry?**  
"Since we met at PCPC, we both had a community at the church. So, when we got married, it was a pretty natural shift for us to be involved in PCPC marriage ministry. For others new to PCPC, I think UNION, Foundation Groups, and Cornerstone are great places to start since they're established ministries. We also really enjoyed re/engage! Using any of these ministries as a starting point is the perfect entry. From there, it's just important to seek other couples, both in



*a similar life stage and older/wiser, to continue growing in community in a way that works for your family.*

*We also hosted a small group in our home on Sunday evenings for a couple of years. We started with zero kids in the group and, by the end, there were eight babies, which made it challenging to continue on Sunday evenings. However, this was also a catalyst for the Cornerstone SMC and a place for us to grow deeper in community at PCPC."*

**How does being involved in community within the body of Christ equip and establish you in your marriage?**

*"Being in community with others in the same life stage has been a huge blessing for us. We're able to learn from other couples what to do or what not to do and identify areas of opportunity in our marriage by hearing how others are investing in their marriages. This stage of early-ish marriage and parenting littles is humbling and refining. It's so encouraging to know we aren't alone and to be encouraged and encourage others with biblical truths."*



**What would you say to someone on the fringe who wants to get involved?**

*"Visit the Cornerstone SMC on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.! Cornerstone is home to 20 or so young marrieds on any given Sunday morning which is so special. It's not always the same people every week, given the busy season of life we're all in, with travels, babies, and so on. We have new couples attend probably once a month, so it's a very welcoming atmosphere to meet others. Since we talk through the sermon questions from the previous week, you aren't jumping in mid-study either."*



*By God's faithfulness, there are many other stories like Jacqueline and Philip's within our congregation. The Lord is at work through His design for marriage!*

*We hope you will join us this fall in PCPC's Marriage Ministry. Opportunities will include UNION (marriage preparation class), Foundation Groups (newly married couples 1-3 years), and Cornerstone (Sunday Morning Community for newly married couples in their 20s and 30s). Other marriage enrichment programs or events*

*will be posted on the website this fall. For more information, please contact Melissa Hecht, [melissa.hecht@pcpc.org](mailto:melissa.hecht@pcpc.org).*