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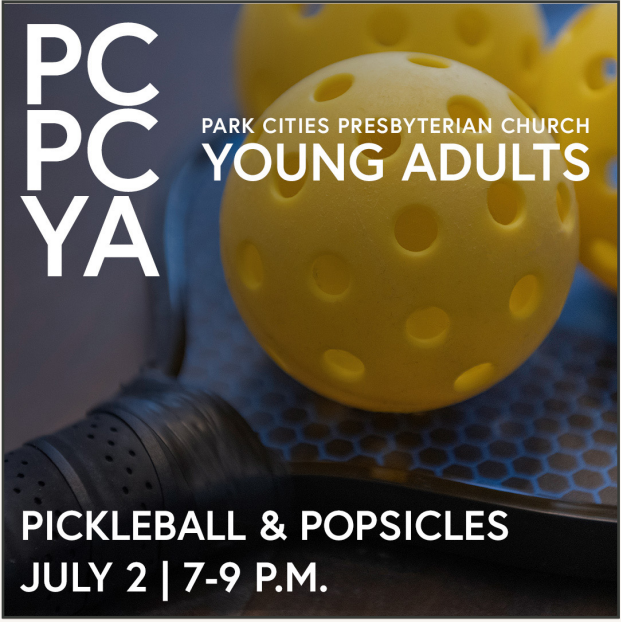
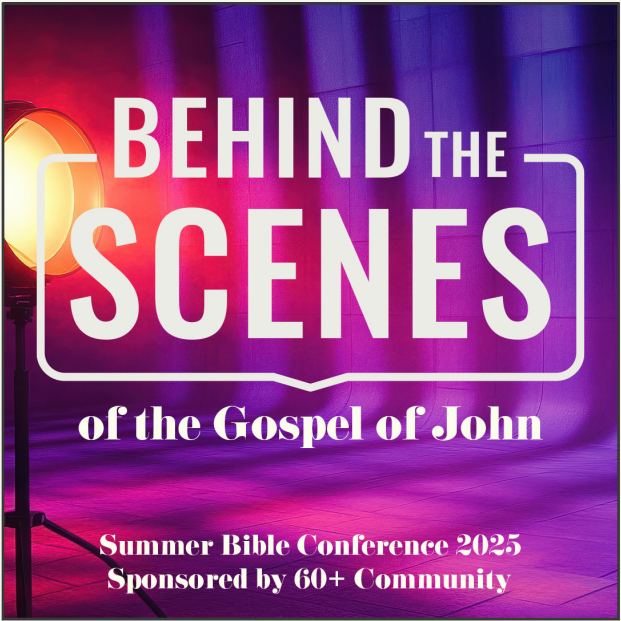
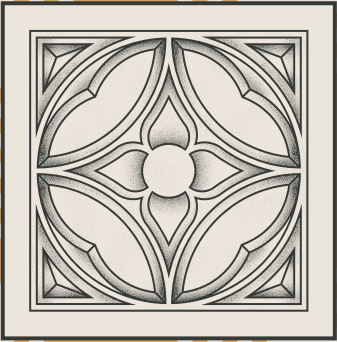
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“When the Spirit of truth
comes, He will guide you
into all the truth,
for He will not speak on His
own authority, but whatever
He hears He will speak, and
He will declare to you the
things that are to come.”

John 16:13



CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

YOUNG ADULT PICKLEBALL & POPSICLES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 | 7:00 P.M. | WILLIAMS PARK

Enjoy a few casual games of pickleball and great popsicles while connecting with new and old friends in our ministry.

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60+ COMMUNITY SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

FRIDAYS, JULY 11–AUGUST 1 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Take a deep dive into the rich historical background and powerful context behind John 16-18. Discover the incredible details that will illuminate some of Jesus' final words—and make Sunday's sermon two days later come alive in a whole new way! Lunch provided. Registration required Tuesday prior.

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THE WALK

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 9-30 | 6:45 P.M. | ADULT CLASSROOM 12

Please join us for a 4-week journey into Ephesians 4. We will gather weekly for large group teaching, followed by small group discussions. We understand that summer schedules can be challenging, so feel free to attend whenever you are able.

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SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Summer is a great time to get more involved as students connect to Christ and one another, abide in Christ, and extend Christ to the world. High School students meet for fellowship and worship at The Gathering on July 16 (7:15-8:45 p.m.) and have a Pickleball Tournament on July 23 (7:15-8:45 p.m.). All Middle School students will meet for Dodgeball on July 23 (4:30-6:00 p.m.), and Middle School Girls will have Pickleball and Bubbas on July 30 (6:00-8:00 p.m.). For more information, contact youthadmin@pcpc.org or sign-up at pcpc.org/newsletters/ for the monthly e-news.

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MOMMY & ME CO-OP DAY CAMP

TUESDAY, JULY 29-THURSDAY, JULY 31 | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. | PRESCHOOL AREA

We are piloting a new summer opportunity for moms & children ages 4-10. Come enjoy 3 hours of directed play involving sports, art, crafts, and reading WITH your child during one or both of these weeks listed below. Cost: \$100 per child for the three-day camp. Childcare for children ages 3 months–3 years available.

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EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

Subscribe to PCPC's Friday morning email devotional today! *Every Thought Captive* is a weekly reflection with various authors on the most recent Sunday sermon to extend our worship and meditation through to the end of the week.

etcdevo.org

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- SUMMER RUF | JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | JULY 26
- YOUNG ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL | JULY 26
- PROJECT WORKDAY: WDCS | AUGUST 9
- COMMUNICANT PARENT INTRO MEETING | AUGUST 24 OR 31
- MISSIONARY LUNCHEON WITH TAYLOR & BRETT RAYL | AUGUST 24

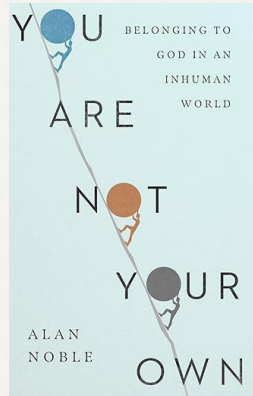
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LOOKING FOR A GOOD SUMMER READ?

Here are a few recommendations available in the PCPC Bookstore!

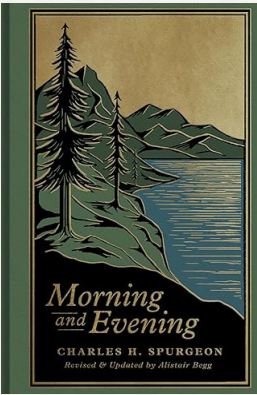
YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN *Belonging to God in an Inhuman World*

As the *Heidelberg Catechism* puts it, "I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ." Alan Noble explores how this simple truth reframes the way we understand ourselves, our families, our society, and God.



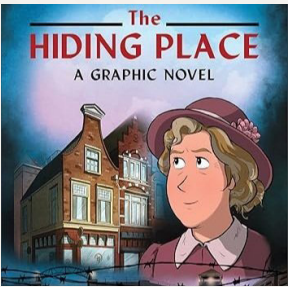
MORNING & EVENING *A New Edition of the Classic Devotional*

For over 100 hundred years, Christians have started and ended each day with Charles Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* as a companion. In this revised edition, Spurgeon's lasting message is made even more accessible by pastor Alistair Begg's careful modernizing of Spurgeon's English and by using the English Standard Version as the scriptural text.



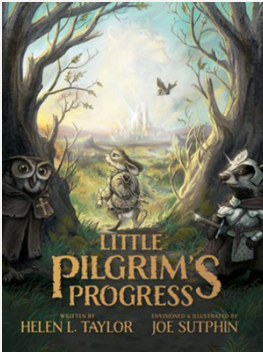
THE HIDING PLACE (A GRAPHIC NOVEL)

The story of Corrie ten Boom and her close-knit family is now a graphic novel. With more than 1,500 illustrations, this real-life heroine comes to life—showing how even in the most desperate, loneliest, and darkest of times, faith, hope, and love will ultimately triumph.



LITTLE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Helen Taylor has adapted *The Pilgrim's Progress* for young readers—hoping to bring its treasury of wisdom nearer to children's hearts and minds. The book portrays the characters of Bunyan's tale as animals living in a woodland realm and helps children see the trials and triumphs of faithfulness, leading them to declare along with Christian, "I am going to the King!"



The PCPC 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 Amy Tassos at bookstore@pcpc.org.

MARCH ON WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Jane Edson
Communications Specialist

This year's Boot Camp Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held from June 3-6 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCPC) with over 800 kids, youth volunteers, and adult volunteers participating. For four days, kids explored how God's Word, prayer, following Christ's example, and the Holy Spirit arm us to "march on" and "stand firm" in Christ every day. "We are all soldiers and face daily battles in this world, but the victory is already won for us in Christ's work on the cross," said Heather Squibb, PCPC VBS Administrator.

The worship and song time focused on hymns illustrating spiritual warfare. Katie Haring and the Brian Piper Band led worship, with motions led by Amela Ericson. Hymns included "Stand Up for Jesus", "Lean", and "O Church Arise." You can check them out on PCPC Kid's Spotify channel.

During VBS, kids also enjoyed craft time led by Allison Ellis and a team of volunteers. Kids decorated bags, made paratroopers and canteens, and labeled dog tag necklaces. The dog tags were labeled prayer, Bible, and the theme verse Deuteronomy 20:1. When asked about the significance of the dog tags, VBS volunteer and PCPC missionary Kathy Ragan noted their vital role in establishing identity within the U.S. military. "If you're in battle, your dog tag reminds you to tell others who you are. You don't go anywhere without your dog tag, so you know who you are in battle." Similarly, the dog tag crafts will remind kids of their identity in Christ, that we belong to Jesus and have power through prayer and abiding in God's Word to access the throne of grace. No matter where our children go or what they face, they can know the Lord is with them.

This year's VBS brought back memories from previous years when Backyard Bible Clubs were the format. From the 1990s up until 2008, PCPC's VBS was held in homes during various weeks of summer all over Dallas. These 5-day clubs had attendance ranging from 12 to 35 kids per home, aged preschool to 4th grade. God was using PCPC members in cooperation with friends in their community to truly reach neighbors in a fun and meaningful way. PCPC provided the materials, and the volunteers provided their homes and talents and invited the guests. After many years of fruitful Backyard Bible Clubs ministry, PCPC decided to move on campus for the first church-wide VBS in 2008. That year,



the theme was VBS Boot Camp, just like it is this year!

We asked a few PCPC members to share their memories about how God was at work during that Backyard Bible Club time prior to 2008. Here's what they had to say:

"One memory that sticks out is when we had the opportunity to invite a friend who lived down the street and did not know Jesus. As a young child, it was a very tangible way to learn how to evangelize, through the avenue of songs and stories about Jesus! I am so excited to be a part of VBS this year and am bringing my son, niece, and nephew. I am even serving in the Missions Room where I volunteered as a teenager."

– Michelle Castillo (Backyard Bible Club attendee and current VBS parent volunteer)

"Backyard Bible Clubs were very organic and homegrown. It was sweet to invite all our neighbors and families. Many parents who brought their children had never heard the gospel as adults, and therefore their children had never heard the true gospel." – Renea Conser (hosted Backyard Bible Clubs for three years in the University Park area)

"Backyard Bible Clubs were amazing because all my neighbors were so receptive. They were just excited to have something to do during the summer! My family and I felt like God had us in that neighborhood and at that school for a reason."

– Darian Reichert (hosted Backyard Bible Clubs with Preston Hollow Elementary attendees)

"I found Backyard Bible Clubs to be an incredible way to get to know my neighbors better and to serve them. I also love how hands-on and intentional it required my own children (and me) to be with running everything ourselves. I loved the curriculum too." – Carri Case (hosted Backyard Bible Clubs for three years in the East University Park area)

These were just a few examples of how VBS truly is a multigenerational way to spread the gospel. We hope these memories encourage you to continue marching on and spreading the love of Jesus, whether on campus at PCPC or in your homes, workplaces, and communities!

"When you go out to war against your enemies...you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you..." Deuteronomy 20:1