

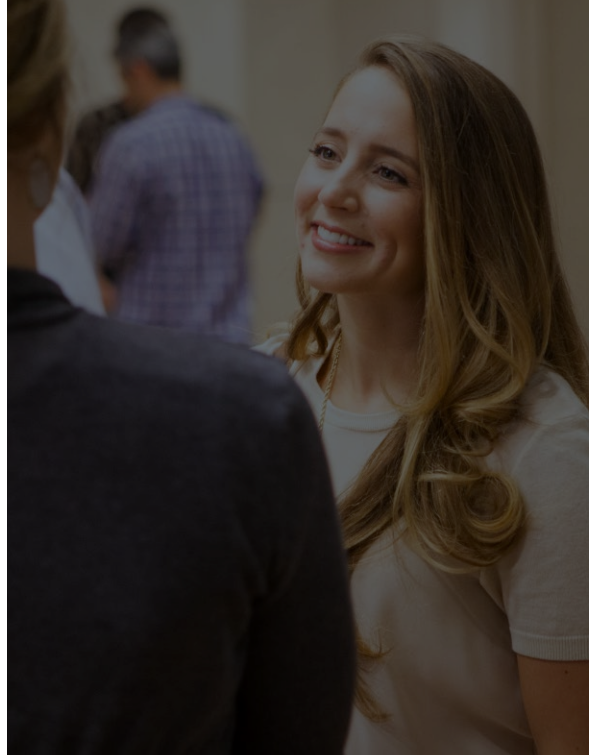


FALL 2019 GUIDE

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH








WELCOME TO PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are a casual inquirer, a regular visitor, or a committed member of Park Cities Presbyterian Church, we are grateful to God that you are here! We hope this Fall Guide will be helpful to you as you explore ways to engage in what we will be doing as a church in the coming months.

In all that we do together, we aim to glorify God the Father, grow in the image of Jesus Christ, and go into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. At PCPC, we describe these things with the headings of Worship, Formation, and Mission. We believe that healthy, fruitful Christians will be active in all three of these areas through their local church. So, as you browse the following pages, please consider how you and your family can engage in Worship, and Formation, and Mission together with us this fall.



A dimly lit church interior with a pastor speaking to a congregation. The pastor, an older man with glasses wearing a dark robe, stands in the center, holding a white card. He is addressing a large group of people seated in wooden pews. The church has high, arched stone ceilings and walls. The lighting is soft, creating a solemn atmosphere.

*For as in one body we have many
members, and the members do not all have
the same function, so we, though many,
are one body in Christ, and individually
members one of another.*

ROMANS 12:4-5

A photograph of a church interior, showing a congregation seated in pews. The background features large, ornate stained glass windows with intricate designs. The lighting is dim, creating a solemn atmosphere. The text 'WORSHIP' is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters.

WORSHIP

Worship is the response of our whole being to the beauty of God and His mercies in Jesus Christ. We worship God when we gather together on Sunday mornings and when we offer the entirety of our lives to Him in faith.



Being a member of the Chancel Choir as part of the Worship Ministry has broadened and deepened my understanding of Biblical, God-centered worship. The beauty of music and liturgy help us as a congregation to “bow down” before Him. Worship is for God.

Lynnora Ratliffe

Corporate Worship

Three services held Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary:
8:00 A.M. Communion, 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Midweek Vespers

Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:00 p.m., we gather in the Chapel for a brief evening prayer service that features a contemplative liturgy of prayers, Scripture readings, hymns, and Communion. The service is led by our pastors and is open to all.


Choirs

Our choirs are filled with people who love God, love to sing, and love to help others sing. We welcome new members, kindergarten through adult.

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*But now, O LORD, you are our
Father; we are the clay, and you
are our potter; we are all the
work of your hand.*

ISAIAH 64:8



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Spiritual formation describes the way a person grows by His Spirit to look more like Jesus Christ and mature in Him. God forms us through worship, the study of His Word, and prayer. It is both personal and relational. He grows us to go into the world to share His gospel of grace and be His agents of mission and redemption.



The Shepherds of Souls (SOS) class played a pivotal role in bringing me back to life after a traumatic trial. I have never felt more loved and supported. The wisdom of the multiple generations that comprise the SOS class blesses me beyond measure.

Ashley Willis

Sunday Morning

Join us in an adult Sunday Morning Community. You'll find welcoming folks who study the Word of God, pray, and serve together.

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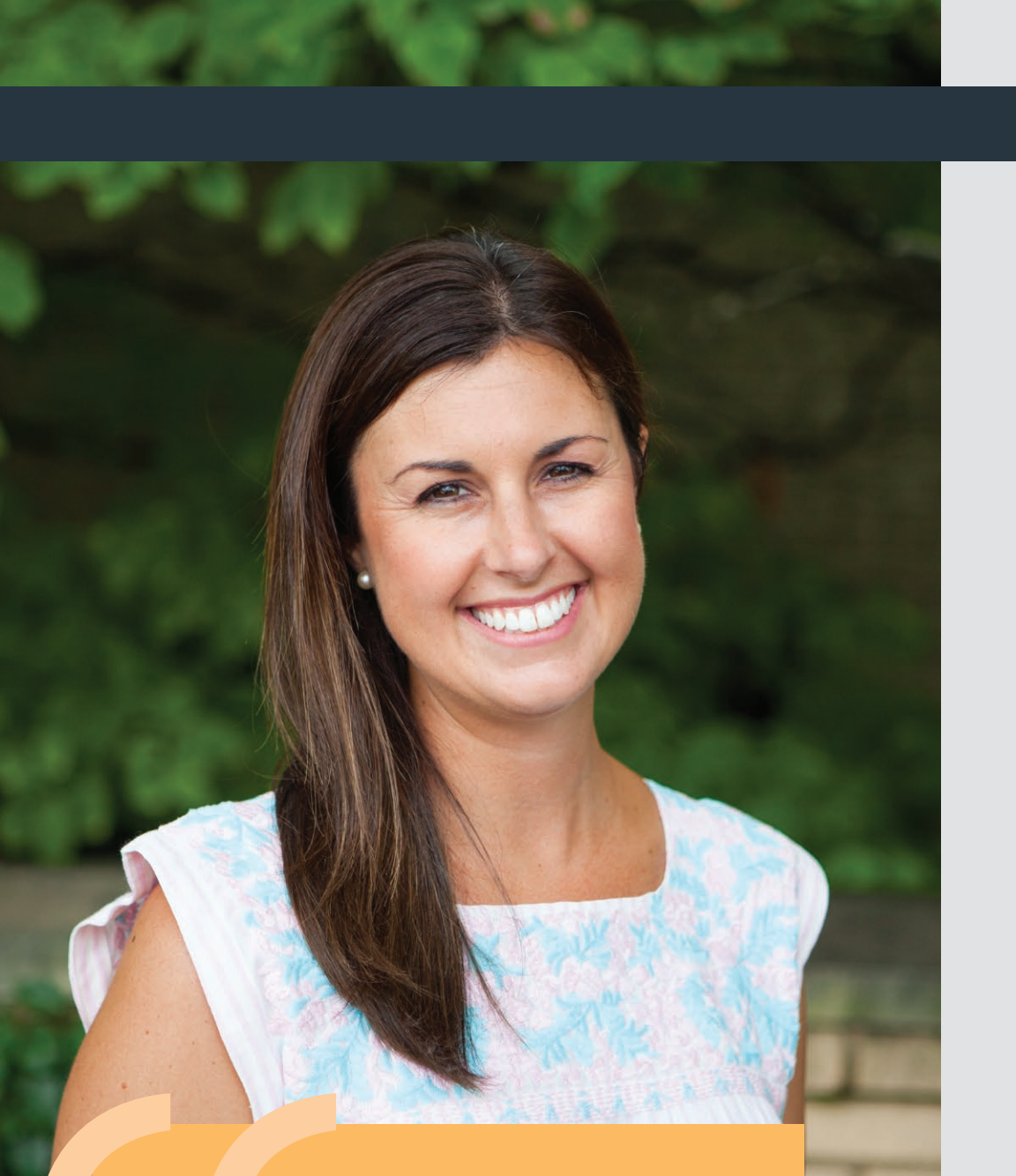
New Member Class

This class meets on Sunday mornings in the fall and spring and serves both as an introduction to our church as well as a guide towards membership.

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Psalm 126:3 says, "The LORD has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Serving in the Children's Ministry at PCPC has brought our family great joy! We consider it a privilege and high calling to teach the truths of God's Word to the next generation. It has also been a wonderful opportunity for our children to engage in service with us each Sunday and to see firsthand how the Lord purposefully uses, equips, and strengthens His people.

Heath Beasley

Children's Ministry

We want to provide a safe, loving environment as we introduce our youngest disciples to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Our hope is to partner with parents as they prepare their children for a lifetime of knowing Christ and making Him known. We have a nursery for newborns to 2-year olds, and classes for preschoolers (3 year olds - kindergarten) and elementary-age kids (1st through 4th grade). Additionally, we provide seasonal special events for children and their parents.

BIG EVENTS:

2nd Grade Bible, *October 6*

All second-graders will receive a name-engraved Bible during a special ceremony and will celebrate with their families before being recognized for this significant milestone during worship.

Preschool Pop & Play, *Various Dates*

A come and go fellowship for moms and their young children.

Song & Story, *Various Dates*

A sweet time for parents and kids, kindergarten and under, to sing songs, listen to stories, and have an exciting time.

Family Fall Night, *October 18*

A special Song & Story where the gospel is presented through the carving of a pumpkin. Stay afterwards for lunch and fellowship.

Family Advent Service, *December 1*

Celebrate the Advent season with the whole family at a fun and interactive family service followed by dinner, crafts, and fellowship for all!

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I knew volunteering in the high school would be a lot of fun and I hoped that the Lord might use me to allow students to grow in their faith, but I wasn't prepared for how the Lord would humble me, show me my need for Him, and draw my heart closer to Him through time with these students. What a privilege it has been to grow in the Lord together!

Hannah Obenchain

Middle/High School Ministry

We believe that relationships are crucial for discipleship, so we offer multiple ways for students to build relationships with one another and with our team of staff and volunteers. Our middle school and high school communities meet on Sunday mornings and in smaller groups throughout the week. We also emphasize serving others in our city, as well as sharing the Gospel globally through world missions.

BIG EVENTS:

Middle School - Sunday Mornings

5th – 8th graders meet at 11:00 a.m. in the main building, upstairs in Rooms 302/304 above Fellowship Hall.

High School - Sunday Mornings

9th – 12th graders meet at 11:00 a.m. in the main building, upstairs in Room 301 above Fellowship Hall.

Middle School Fall Retreat, October 4-6

All fifth through eighth graders will head to Pine Cove for a weekend of great teaching, fun games, and awesome adventures to kick off the new school year.

Snacks of Blessing, September 21

PCPC Youth! Come join us as we fill snack bags to bless PCPC Ministry Partners, small churches, and families in the Dallas area. Lunch will be provided, as well as transportation to and from the BCW packing location.

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It is always a blessing to study God's Word with my PCPC sisters, and I am grateful for the teachers in our midst whom God has gifted. I love walking alongside the young moms at Mother's Heart in our shared journey of motherhood and sisterhood in Christ. And even though I am not a "morning person," it is a joy to arrive, coffee in hand, at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings to be spiritually fed at the Early Morning Bible study! I am thankful that PCPC provides opportunities for each member to learn, grow, serve, and fellowship with one another.

Ready Bateman

Women's Ministry

PCPC Women offers many places for women to grow in Christ through studying the Word of God, praying boldly, serving the poor, and sharing the Gospel. Gatherings like The Bridge and the fall Bible studies offer opportunities to hear stories of faith in intimate settings as women of all ages grow into the image of Christ together.

BIG EVENTS:

The Bridge, *September 24 & November 12*

The Bridge is a gathering to encourage women of all life stages to come together and form cross-generational friendships while hearing about the power of God's grace in the life of a Christian woman. Come have dinner and listen to a story of encouraging faith.

Silent Retreat, *September 26-30*

The Women's Silent Retreat to beautiful Ute Trail Colorado is an extended time in which each woman seeks to be alone with the Lord to listen and be transformed by His Word and Spirit. At a specific place for a specific amount of time, she retreats from her everyday routine and relationships to meditate on God's Holy Word and then do what His Word says.

Advent Prayer, *December 3*

This time of prayer and worship of Christ our King reminds us to worship Him with new passion this Christmas. As we set the tone for the season through our time together, we will be reminded yet again of the hope that is ours in Christ, and our hearts will be filled with joy.

Bible Studies

We want YOU to be part of growing in God's family with us this year! We have studies throughout the week, morning and evening. Please visit pcpc.org/women for details.

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The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study has been one of my most enriching activities at PCPC. The material is top notch and truly displays the beauty and truth of God's Word. The small group time afterward is the easiest way for a young 20-something like myself to gain wisdom from men older than me. Whether it is a battle with cancer, fighting lust, dealing with work issues, or becoming a father, our small group has walked side by side with guys in the trenches of life.

Kyle Cantrell

Men's Ministry

PCPC offers opportunities for men to study God's Word, share life, and serve others. We are especially interested in helping men internalize the Gospel for themselves and integrate the life of Christ into all of life. Bible studies meet weekly. We also want to connect men with other impactful ministries at PCPC.

BIG EVENTS:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, *September 10 – December 3*

This study is open to men of all ages, in all places of their spiritual journey. Join us for great teaching, table fellowship, coffee, and donuts. The fall semester's theme is "The Supremacy of Christ."

Helping Hands, *November 16*

Join the deacons to extend helping hands to our single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness who have asked for assistance around their homes.

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Couples Silent Retreat

At a specific place for a specific amount of time, a person retreats (stops) from their everyday routine and relationships to meditate (listen) on God's Holy Word and then do what His Word says (follow). Join us for a long weekend in beautiful Ute Trail, Colorado.
(pcpc.org/silent-retreats/)

Marriage Ministry

We long to see vibrant relationships that reflect God's love for us in the Gospel. Our marriage ministry serves pre-married, newly married and established married couples through classes such as UNION, our premarriage course, and re|engage, a course for all married couples. Additionally, we offer small groups for newly married couples and an annual Couples Silent Retreat.

BIG EVENTS:

UNION

UNION is a marriage preparation class for seriously dating, engaged, and newlywed couples. This course covers topics such as the Biblical meaning of marriage, expectations, communication, in-laws, roles of husband and wife, money and stewardship, conflict management, forgiveness, and intimacy. The format includes large group instruction, followed by discussion in small groups.

re|engage

re|engage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit, whether you are struggling to get along, your marriage is broken, or you simply want to grow closer together as a couple. re|engage examines God's design for marriage and applies principles from the Bible to guide couples towards growth in their relationship with each other. The 15-week study includes chapters on love, brokenness, grace, humility, forgiveness, commitment, communication, conflict, and intimacy.

Foundation Groups

Newly married couples are encouraged to join a small group community to study and discuss Biblical marriage and the tools you need to be successful in your relationship. These groups are typically 5-6 couples and are facilitated by a seasoned married couple. They typically meet weekly for 12-18 months to focus solely on marriage themes.

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I truly credit Alpha with a large part in bringing this sardonically “recovering catholic” to actually recover his faith. It is my experience that Alpha has so much to offer the open-minded, regardless of where on one’s faith journey one might find oneself.

Roberto Somavilla

Young Adults

This ministry serves three different life stages—singles, couples, and families—who are primarily, but not absolutely, in their 20s to late 30s. As a unified group we hope to grow, serve, and gather regularly to know Christ more and to make Him known together, maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Explore faith at Alpha or connect in a Sunday Morning Community or Small Group.

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Small Groups

Our small groups meet throughout the week all over the city for spiritual growth in the context of deepening relationships. We would love to help you find a small group that is currently open to new participants.

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Counseling & Care

We believe that the Church is God's instrument to care for people as they really are, in all the unique ways God has created each person as an individual, and in all the difficult ways that brokenness, doubt, and frustration has come to bear on his or her story. We have a Tackling Fear & Worry class, DivorceCare, and other groups that help bear the burdens of hurting hearts.

BIG EVENTS:

Tackling Fear & Worry, *September 16 – December 2*

Do you struggle with fear and worry, or have a friend or family member who does? The Counseling and Care ministry at PCPC will be addressing these issues by offering a twelve-week class this Fall. The class will once again walk through Ed Welch's book, "Running Scared - fear, worry, and the God of rest." Join in on this great opportunity to tackle two great robbers of our freedom and joy, and let's tackle them together. Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Childcare provided.

DivorceCare, *September 11 – December 11*

PCPC recognizes increased divorce and separation rates as a growing challenge, so we desire to offer this ministry to the community.

DivorceCare works to help those affected by divorce or separation to face the challenges and move towards rebuilding life. Don't try to go through this alone. Here is where you'll find caring people who understand the issues, begin the healing process, and receive God's comfort and support. Wednesday evenings from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

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Senior Adults

The focus of this ministry is on the more mature and experienced in life and faith who have a need for learning, fellowship, and sharing with others in ministry. Activities include luncheon programs, a Bible conference, Bible studies, and great gospel music. Care for the less active and homebound are important as well.

BIG EVENTS:

State Fair Trip

Join us for our annual trip to the fair! Entrance is free for senior adults. Carpool with us and enjoy the fair on your own schedule.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Don't miss our Thanksgiving luncheon and Book Review by Nella Phillips on November 15 in Oak Lawn West from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.


Christmas Luncheon

Join us for a delicious lunch followed by Jenni Rasberry and her vocal students bringing us a lovely Christmas concert on December 6 from Noon – 2:00 p.m. in Oak Lawn West.

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*Not neglecting to meet together, as is
the habit of some, but encouraging one
another, and all the more as you see
the Day drawing near.*

HEBREWS 10:25



MIDWEEK

Midweek is an opportunity to rest from your usual weeknight routine, and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of worship, food, fellowship, and learning. You can find out more information and register for classes at pcpc.org/midweek/.



Find out more about Midweek Classes at pcpc.org/midweek/.

Midweek Classes

The Call - *Men's Bible Study*

The Call exists to provide a safe venue within which each participant may enjoy the blessing of wrestling with Jesus, the very Word of God. This fall the group will walk through "Jeremiah and Lamentations - A Prophet's Pain, Purpose, and Promise".

Focus - *Men & Women's Bible Study*

Focus Bible Study seeks to lead women and men of all ages to an in-depth look into God's Word. Together we focus on seeing Christ in all of Scripture and respond to Him in love. This study is great for couples to study the Word together! Women and men will meet separately in small groups before gathering for a group lecture, where Kay Gabrysch, Mark Fulmer, and Matt Fray will alternate teaching.

Gospel and Grace: Discovering the Heart of Discipleship


Have you ever been discipled? Disciples are not mass produced in a program or a classroom, but in community. Gospel and Grace is a small group discipleship format for people who want to commit to a season of growth. Participants will learn to apply a foundational understanding of the gospel of grace in their daily lives through Bible study, reading, discussion, and application. Gospel and Grace is an ideal first step for anyone who is considering PCPC's THRIVE program for potential missionaries, though anyone is welcome, and is taught by MTW Southwest Director, Jerry Gibson.

Watchmen (*Women P.M. off-campus*)

Wednesday Watchmen is a community of women of all ages coming together for worshipful singing, teaching, and supportive small groups. The small groups discuss the book and pray together.

Young Women's Study (*off-campus*)

If you are in your 20's or 30's, married or single, and looking for a way to study the Bible and meet other women your age, we would love for you to join us. We begin with teaching and then break out into small groups for discussion and prayer. The small groups help us form deeper relationships, find support and accountability, and pray for one another as we seek to apply God's truth to our lives.

A photograph of a woman with long, wavy brown hair smiling warmly as she hugs a young boy from behind. The boy is wearing a white polo shirt and has his head bowed. The woman is wearing a blue t-shirt with a white palm tree and letter design. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with some structures.

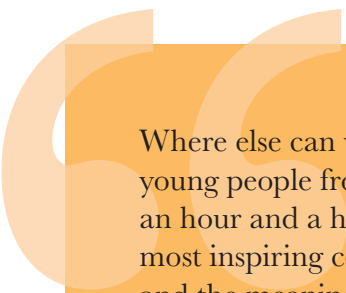
*Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for thereby some have
entertained angels.*

HEBREWS 13:2

A young boy with a joyful expression is in the foreground, slightly out of focus. He is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting, likely a park or schoolyard, with a blue and white structure and greenery visible. The overall image has a dark, semi-transparent overlay.

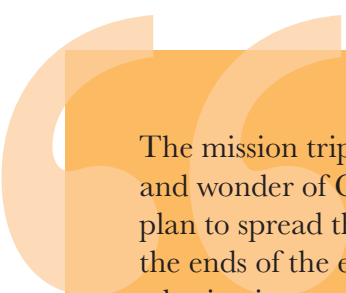
MISSION

Mission expresses God's gracious call to join His work in the renewal of all things. As we look outside of ourselves, we find opportunities in our neighborhoods, culture, workplaces, city, and around the world to extend the transforming presence of Christ in our words and actions.



Where else can you sit at a table with young people from all over the globe for an hour and a half sharing in the deepest, most inspiring conversation about faith and the meaning of life? International RUF students are in the midst of the most transformational period of their lives. Many fresh off a plane with no friends, a Hollywood view of American culture, and little to no concept of the Gospel. To embark on a semester/year long journey exploring the grace of Jesus Christ while navigating the angst of higher education in a completely foreign place is the most humbling, refreshing experience I have ever had. You don't have to travel abroad to have an impact in global missions, the seeds can be planted right here in our own back yard.

Brian Garoutte, *volunteer with RUF-I at SMU (attends weekly Global Café with students)*



The mission trips have deepened my awe and wonder of God's good and perfect plan to spread the good news of Christ to the ends of the earth. The trips have had a lasting impact by giving me an increased desire to engage people of different cultures in my own community.

Jennifer Hanson

World Missions & Church Planting

“What goes deepest to the hearts goes widest to the world.” At PCPC we envision a church where every member is a world Christian who understands the “global-ness” of the Church’s mission, laments over those who have no hope of hearing the Gospel and is eager to serve the purposes of God globally.

BIG EVENTS:

Missionary Mailing

October 6 from 12:15–1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Write handwritten notes of encouragement to our missionaries around the world. Lunch and children’s supplies provided.

Monthly Prayer for Missionaries

Join us the second Sunday of every month to pray through the Missionary Prayer Request Booklet. We meet in the PCPC Parlor (near the Chapel) at 8:15 a.m. Stop by for a few minutes or for the entire time!

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Global-Local Missions

PCPC longs to be a community that is disciplined to be welcoming, teachable, and transformed through cross-cultural immersion with the nations that God sends to our doorstep. Our members are engaged in refugee, immigrant, and international student ministry in Dallas through relationships with Reformed University Fellowship International (RUF-I), For the Nations Refugee Outreach, Cristo Rey, Lao Presbyterian Fellowship, and our own English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

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City Missions

We encourage and equip PCPC members to enter into cross-cultural ministry and Gospel-centered relationships, especially with the least, the lost, and the lonely. We seek to raise awareness for issues faced within our city, serving alongside our ministry partners, and providing individual ministry opportunities.

BIG EVENTS:

Cost of Poverty Experience, *October 19*

COPE will provide an opportunity to walk in the steps of low-income individuals and families living in our community and experience the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact these families every day.

Dignity Serves Training, *November 8-9*

Dignity Serves is a deeply impactful experience that teaches participants how to both serve and be served with dignity in every aspect of life. The principles of the course are built on the foundation of Scripture and based on the idea that because every person is created in the image of God, every person possesses dignity.

Boxes of Blessing, *December 7*

Help us extend the Kingdom of Christ to our city by filling 10,000 boxes of food. These boxes are a wonderful gift to our ministry partners that allows them to minister to their communities in a unique way.

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PCPC@WORK

We seek to equip the church to think biblically about vocation and calling, desiring to connect the body to reflect corporately about how the Gospel impacts its spheres of influence. We mobilize our members to act strategically as God's ambassadors in their public lives.

BIG EVENTS:

Workplace Grace, *September 11 - October 16*

Whether we work on a construction site, a cramped cubicle, or a corner office, each of us can bring grace to our workplace. Even small things—a word of encouragement, a simple act of kindness, a casual conversation over a cup of coffee—can be used by God to help people along on their journey to Christ. Join us for a lunch and learn called Workplace Grace with Mark Davis, Bill Peel, and Bill Lamberth.

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MONDAY

9:30-11:00 A.M.
English as a
Second Language (ESL)

9:45-11:00 A.M.
Musikgarten
(Babies/Toddlers)

7:00-8:45 P.M.
re|engage
(Marriage Enrichment)

7:00-8:45 P.M.
Tackling Fear & Worry
(Care/Counseling)



For more, visit
pcpc.org/calendar



TUESDAY

7:00-8:15 A.M.
Men's Morning Bible Study

9:50-11:30 A.M.
A Mother's Heart (Women)

9:30-11:30 A.M.
Precepts (Women)

7:00-8:30 P.M.
English as a Second Language (ESL)

6:30-8:30 P.M.
Precepts (Women)

WEDNESDAY

7:00-8:15 A.M.
Early Morning
Bible Study (Women)

9:30-11:00 A.M.
English as a
Second Language (ESL)

9:30-11:30 A.M.
Watchmen (Women)

11:45-1:00 P.M.
Workplace Grace (@WORK)

4:15-4:45 P.M.
Carol Choir (Kinder - Grade 1)

5:00-6:00 P.M.
Chapel Choir (Grades 2-4)

5:30-6:00 P.M.
Midweek Vespers Service

5:30-6:45 P.M.
Midweek Dinner

6:45-7:45 P.M.
Covenant Choir (Grades 5-8)

6:45-8:15 P.M.
Gospel and Grace

6:45-8:15 P.M.
Spanish Bible Study

6:45-8:30 P.M.
Union (Pre-Marriage)

6:45-8:00 P.M.
The Call (Men)

6:45-8:45 P.M.
Young Women's Bible Study

6:45-8:30 P.M.
DivorceCare

6:45-8:30 P.M.
Focus (Co-Ed)

7:00-9:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

10:00-11:50 A.M.
Morning Bible Study (Women)

7:00-8:30 P.M.
English as a Second Language (ESL)





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to our neighborhood, our
city, and our world.

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