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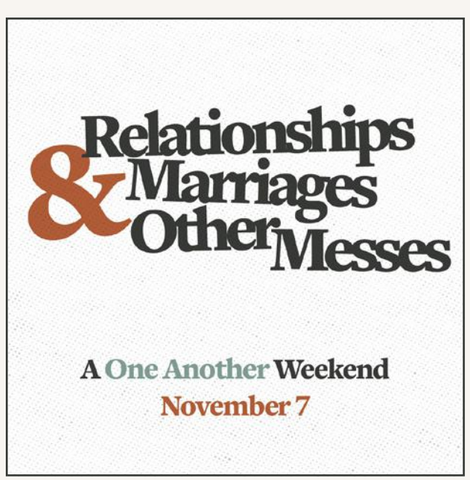
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"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Ephesians 6:10-11

PCPCNEWS

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CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SHOWCASE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | GRAND HALL

Walk through the Grand Hall and learn about the short-term mission trips for 2027. Celebrate how the Lord worked through PCPC in 2026 and look to the future!

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RELATIONSHIPS, MARRIAGES, AND OTHER MESSES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | PCPC

"One Another Weekend" is an encouraging and redemptive Saturday for anyone who wants to better understand the beautiful, complicated, and sometimes messy relationships God has placed in your life. With biblical wisdom, honest conversation, and practical tools, you will be moved beyond surface fixes and toward deeper healing, stronger connections, and relationships that reflect the grace and truth of Jesus.

pcpc.org/one-another-weekend

DR. DAVY ORGAN CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC's Dr. Nathan Davy presents an evening of dramatic music for the organ, including one of J. S. Bach's most profound pieces, the *Chaconne in D Minor*, and the virtuosic *Suite, Op. 5* by Maurice Duruflé.

pcpcconcerts.org

SERVE SATURDAY: HELPING HANDS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | MEET AT OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and volunteer to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs around their homes. If you need assistance, please email ***Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org***.

pcpc.org/opportunities

RUF-INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Welcome SMU international students with an American Thanksgiving dinner, games, and fellowship. Please sign up to bring food by contacting ***Sarah.Morrison@pcpc.org***.

EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

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

etcdevo.org

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY | PURCHASE ONLINE BY NOV. 23
- YOUNG ADULT PICKLEBALL | NOVEMBER 5
- PRESCHOOL POP & PLAY | NOVEMBER 6
- FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND | NOVEMBER 6
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14
- YOUNG ADULT SOLITUDE SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14
- MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS FRIENDSGIVING | NOVEMBER 18
- HIGH SCHOOL: THE GATHERING | NOVEMBER 18

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GENEROUS GIVING

by Jeff Barber
Executive Director

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world. This powerful mission statement is being significantly fulfilled through the generosity of His people. At the conclusion of PCPC's fiscal year on June 30, surplus funds in the amount of $2,737,577 were available from our congregation's generous giving and from actual expenses being lower than budgeted.

Our session, supported by our committees and staff, has approved the allocation of the surplus funds. To extend the Kingdom, $947,691 is being used to fund ministries like Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), the PCA's Mission to the World, City to City church-planting movement, and Covenant Seminary as well as community ministries like Casa Del Lago, Mercy Street, Our Calling, and Union Gospel Mission.

Generous giving is funding necessary infrastructure improvements for our 70-year-old Sanctuary. Our chandeliers, aisle lights, and production lighting for the pulpit and choir are being upgraded out of necessity from obsolete incandescent to more efficient LED bulbs, and the entire electronic switching system is being rebuilt and upgraded – fortunately all behind the scenes without interrupting worship services. The cost of the Sanctuary improvements is $1.1 million for the year-long project.

In 2022, as part of a restructuring of total compensation, PCPC purchased a manse/parsonage for our senior pastor's residence. The $1.8 million purchase price for the church-owned house for the Davis family's use was funded through available reserves. To partially replenish those reserves, $454,886 is being used from the surplus funds.

And finally, reserves of $235,000 are being retained for possible new pastor positions and leadership development opportunities prior to inclusion in next year's budget.

Extending the Kingdom at home and around the globe, enhancing our worship by maintaining our Sanctuary, and caring for the needs of our pastors are all made possible through the generosity of our people. As stated in PCPC's Principles of Stewardship, *generous giving is a grace given by God which He provides us the opportunity to participate in His work*. The overflowing generosity evidenced by these funds, I trust, will bring joy and celebration to the hearts of our people.

ADVENT AT PCPC

pcpc.org/advent

WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Come prepare your heart to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. This will be a beautiful time of praising God, followed by fellowship and desserts.

ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

This is a time to remember and honor your loved one who died this year and to find healing for your heart. Join us for worship and reflection.

BOXES OF BLESSING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 8:30-11:30 A.M.
BCW WAREHOUSE - 6100 CEDAR SPRINGS RD

Bring your family, small group, and friends to help us extend Christ's Kingdom to our city by filling 11,000 boxes of food.

FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC Children's Ministry invites all families to attend a special evening to celebrate Advent. Please reserve dinner online by December 3.

CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 4:00 OR 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

This year, our Christmas Candelight Concert will be held on two days with three concert times. Join us for our new Monday concert! A free ticket is required for entry. Tickets will be available online starting on **Monday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m.** Visit ***pcpcconcerts.org*** for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 4:00 P.M. OR 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Who will you invite? The Christmas Eve Family service is at 4:00 p.m. We will have a special children's message and music. And the Christmas Eve Evening Service is at 8:00 p.m.

pcpcmissions
from the NEIGHBORHOOD to the NATIONS

As a church, Christ calls and sends us into the world. As His disciples, wherever we go at home, in our relationships, workplace, or across the globe, we can choose to embrace our identity as sent ones.

Last summer, PCPC sent several short-term mission trips to extend the gospel and the Kingdom of Christ among the nations. We've asked John Lovell and Aaden Jones to share what they experienced on trips to the Middle East and Colombia.



We hope these stories encourage you to pray for missions and to consider whether God may be sending you on a short-term trip in 2027.

On November 1, PCPC is hosting a Short-Term Missions Showcase from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Grand Hall, where you can learn more about how to become involved. Read on and join us!

God is Moving in the Middle East,...
by John Lovell, PCPC Member

From June 12-20, 2026, PCPC sent 15 members to evangelize and support a local church in the Middle East. The region we visited has a deep history of Christianity; today, however, only 0.5% of the population profess a Christian faith. Many people in the region don't actively practice Islam but still associate to it culturally. As the government has increasingly promoted Islam, many have an active distrust of all religion. The need for the gospel is strong.

Opportunity to share God's love abounded on the trip:



• We practiced evangelism by striking up conversation in public spaces, listening, and sharing before initiating talks of faith. To those who seemed curious, we handed out translated copies of the New Testament. We invited them to read and be ready to receive something from God.

• We invited those who were interested to attend an event we were co-hosting with a group from Texas A&M. We ate, danced, played games, and continued conversations about Jesus.

• We put on a camp for children of local church members and spent time playing games, praising God in song, teaching God's Word, and forming relationships with kids from all over the world.



• We visited the third largest city in the region, spent the day with members of the local church, and visited their new ministry center.

There were so many encouraging stories of how God reaches people: scenes from "Ben-Hur", strange dreams of a man in white, and even a Bible left lying around. We met a believer who told the story of coming to faith two years ago after discovering a New Testament amongst his father's belongings. Reading it changed him. He then told his girlfriend about what he read. Although she grew up in a religiously strict household and had strong opposition, she decided to give it a read. They were both recently baptized.

God has been faithful to bring many people to faith in the region, and this trip was further evidence of plentiful opportunity. While we may not know soon the full effect of our efforts, we rejoice to labor alongside our Savior.

...in Colombia, and Beyond!
by Aaden Jones, High School Resident

This year, I had the immense privilege of going to Colombia with our high school ministry! I think it would be an understatement to say that it has given me a new appreciation and love for this beautiful country, and more importantly, for sharing the gospel and teaching kids to do the same.



Each day and community was different, with beautiful people who were eager to welcome us into their homes and share the wonder and difficulty of their lives. It was amazing to walk alongside students and watch them experience, learn, and be challenged in this setting as they carried the hope of physical water through filters, but also spiritual water by bringing people to the well of Christ. It was an amazing, unforgettable, and paradigm-shifting trip, and I pray that every student at PCPC would have the opportunity to go on one.

Want to know more about PCPC's upcoming trips? Visit our website - ***pcpc.org/shortterm/.***