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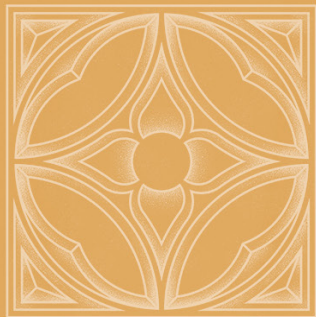
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For no one ever
hated his own flesh,
but nourishes and
cherishes it, just as
Christ does the church,
because we are members
of His body.

Ephesians 5:29-30



CHURCH in the CITY

Church Planting with Dustin Hunt
Sunday, October 18, 12:30 p.m.

2026 - 2027
PCPC WOMEN

The Bridge

Tuesday, October 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:30 A.M.

CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

60+ COMMUNITY FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one confidential, emotional, and spiritual care to individuals experiencing grief, divorce, or job loss. Hear about this exciting ministry that may be just right for you. Please make your reservation by September 29.

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THE BRIDGE: WHAT'S HER STORY?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Women of all ages will connect through food, friends, and testimony. We will hear PCPC Member Darian Reichert share her story of how Christ has moved in her life. A light dinner will be provided for \$5. No registration required.

pcpc.org/women

CHURCH IN THE CITY: CHURCH PLANTING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for lunch after church as Dustin Hunt, PCPC Pastor of Church Planting and Director of the Southwest Church Planting Network, casts vision for church planting in DFW and beyond. Lunch is free, but registration is appreciated.

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 5:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Geared for young worshipers and led by our children's choirs, this short time of prayer and praise engages the whole child – body, mind, spirit, and voice.

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YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 7:00 P.M. | MEET IN HOMES

Join us for an evening of fellowship and prayer in a family's home. Gather in smaller groups for prayer for each other, our neighbors, city, and world.

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RESTORE: SILENT RETREAT

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22-24

This women's silent retreat will be held at the beautiful Longhorn Mesa Ranch, tucked away between the small Texas towns of Glenrose and Hico. Come and experience rest for your soul as you leave behind the busyness of life and spend focused time alone with God. Registration costs \$125, and space is limited.

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THE GATHERING (HIGH SCHOOL)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 7:15 P.M.

All highschoolers are welcome to worship and fellowship once a month on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:45 p.m. at a host home.

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OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- POP & PLAY (PRESCHOOL) | OCTOBER 2
- FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND | OCTOBER 2
- YOUNG ADULT SERVE SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17
- SOLITUDE SATURDAY (MEN) | OCTOBER 24

FAMILY MINISTRY

THE PUMPKIN GOSPEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 5:00 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 Pumpkin Gospel presentation and a chili and corn dog dinner. We ask each family to bring one medium size pumpkin to use 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. This event is suitable for children ages toddler through elementary.



JEANIE'S PUMPKIN STORY

Story by Jeanie Cox, Ministry Leader of Preschool: As I sat on my back porch in East Dallas during the fall of 2000, I asked the LORD to show me how to make sense of Halloween with the teenage girls just across the railroad tracks who came to a weekly Bible study in my home. During a sweet time praying, the LORD called my attention to the pumpkin I was decorating.

Now, the pumpkins on my back porch were dead. They had been separated from the vine (John 15:5). They looked pretty good, but they would soon rot. They were powerless to do anything about it. Even if they wanted to, they could never jump up on my table and say, "Make me alive again" (Romans 3:23). In His mercy and grace, the Father sent His Son to bring me back into a right relationship with Him (Romans 5:8). Through the Word and the Holy Spirit, He pierces my heart and enlightens my eyes so that I know the riches of His grace to me (Ephesians 1:18). He dives into my yuck and cleans me out through the washing and rebirth of His Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). He removes the yuck that fills my soul and sends it as far as the heavens are above the earth (Psalm 103).



Now we know through Mary Flo Ridley (of Birds & Bees) that "Inside every living creature is the material to make another creature just like it." That applies to my sin as well. I can only breed more of me. Only God can remove my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh so that the seed inside me morphs to imperishable (1 Corinthians 15:42). This is the great exchange. I give Him my sin. He gives me His life, the Holy Spirit, and His Word to guide me (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Want to hear more and share this with your family? Join us at the Pumpkin Gospel on October 2.

BIRDS & BEES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 7:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Where do babies come from? How is that baby going to get out of there?

PCPC Women's A Mother's Heart Bible study, together with the Children's Ministry, invite all PCPC parents of young children to attend an evening with Birds & Bees. Mary Flo Ridley and Megan Michelson with Birds & Bees will lead a live program that encourages and equips parents to have age-appropriate conversations with their young children about sex. In today's sex-saturated culture, the idea of "the talk" at age 13 is too late. Birds & Bees' goal is to replace that one talk with several smaller talks so that your kids can hear your voice and values. They want parents to be prepared for when these questions start, because it will be sooner than you think!



This program walks you through the six-step strategy that takes you from early preschool years to pre-adolescence. Many parents come nervous and intimidated about the topic and leave feeling encouraged and powerful to share God's beautiful design with their children.

You can find these opportunities at pcpc.org/news-events/.



STORIES OF FELLOWSHIP

by Natalie Debter and Jane Edson

At Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Sunday mornings are the highlight of our week as we gather to worship together and are reminded of who we are as the family of God. But our life together as a church is not meant to pause during the week. We are made for community and relationships that extend beyond a Sunday morning and into the everyday places where we live. By the grace of God, Parish Ministry at PCPC creates opportunities to live out that calling.

This month, PCPC members will host Parish Dinners in homes around the city, gathering young adults, singles, couples in all phases of life, and children. These Dinners are a simple but meaningful way to gather around a table, share a meal, build friendships, hear one another's stories, and pray together.

How well do you know people in your Parish? Have you taken time to invest in the people that God has placed around you? Parish Dinners are a great way to step in! Here are a few stories of how God has been at work in Parish Dinners at PCPC.

Raymond, a single man in Uptown, heard about Parish Dinners and signed up last spring. "I signed up because I knew maturing as a Christian man doesn't happen alone. I made connections and began building relationships. I would encourage everyone, no matter your stage in life, to seek fellowship and community within the local body of Christ that's around you."

Similarly, Mary and Charlie, along with their son, experienced community at a Dinner in their neighborhood in Love Field. "We signed up because we knew a handful of our neighbors at PCPC and wanted to meet more of the people living right around us," said Charlie. "What surprised us most was how multi-generational it was. Young families and empty nesters at the same table, all there for the same reason. We made



several new connections, went deeper with friends we already had, and left encouraged."

Cindy in Addison-Carrollton-Farmers Branch said that she "especially appreciated meeting people she might not otherwise have the chance to talk with on a Sunday morning".

Being the family of God reminds us that our fellowship starts now but stretches into eternity. Through Parish Dinners, we get a foretaste of the fellowship God intends for His people.

"As we study Ephesians together as a church, we have seen the theme of walking with one another consistently come up. The idea is not to be isolated or alone. We are not on this walk alone but are doing it with one another as members of the body of Christ," said John Paul Schulze, Director of Community Formation & Young Adults.

Ephesians 2:19-22 says, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

With that Scriptural admonition and in effort to walk together in grace, we hope you will join us for a Parish Dinner near you! For more information, visit pcpc.org/parish/.



PARISH DINNERS OCTOBER 11-31

Scan the QR code to sign up for a Parish Dinner near you!

