

PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

# PATHWAY

BUILDING FAMILIES

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## PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

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Sunday worship services at  
9:00am and 10:30am

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Patterson Park Church is to glorify God by KNOWING Christ, GROWING in Him, and GOING in service to Him.



KNOW



GROW



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## FAMILY NEWS

### BIRTHS

Michael David Grisco, September 25, 2010  
*Grandparents: David & Janet Allen*

Cody Lee, February 8  
*Parents: Travis & Sherry Masters*

Andrea Renee Shaeffer, February 27  
*Grandparents: Alan & Pricilla Stock*

Joseph Keith Turner, March 12  
*Grandparents: Joe & Patti Turner*

### DEATHS

Mildred Black, January 21  
*Mother of Susan Brian, PPC's missionary with Operation Rebirth*

Mildred Finley, January 23  
*Mother of Jay Finley*

Ardyth Hobbs, January 25  
*Mother of Sue Opalek*

Michael Walsh, February 6  
*Father of Cass Paul*

David Smith, February 10  
*Husband of Shary*

Carl Borgwald, February 11  
*Father of Greg*

Don Mahan, February 13  
*Father of Carol McFadden*

Alice Lupinske, February 14  
*Wife of Jim*

Miriam "Rusty" Winchester, March 13  
*Longtime member of PPC*

Sheila Massey, March 16  
*Missionary to India*

Willard Jones, Jr., March 18  
*Father of Glen*

Rose Petry, March 19  
*Mother of Janet Flexman*

### NEW MEMBERS - January 30

Bryan and Christine Harris  
Steve and Patty Paine

### BAPTISMS - February 13

Carissa Knoblauch      Aliya Moss  
Emma Johnston          Abbie Evans  
Emily Riddle

### DEDICATION OF HOMES - February 6

Ryan Cox                      Vincent Tellez  
Ryan Henderson          Caleb Thigpen  
David Quick                  Claire Whitlock  
Anna Quick

## PATHWAY FAMILY

Is there a better feeling than hearing the words, "You're like family to me?"

It's easy to understand why that sentiment is so touching. God created us for relationship, with Him and with others. From creation, man wasn't meant to be alone (Genesis 2:18). We are, from conception, created to be in relationships: Babies grow in the womb in relationship with their mother's body, and even then, God is involved, knitting together that new being.

God's plan is to bring us into His own eternal family through a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. *Yet to all who received [Christ], to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.* (John 1:12). In His mercy and grace, God welcomes believers to be a part of His eternal family. We are more than "like family to Him"—we are His children!

What, then, are our responsibilities as part of His family? He is a God who calls His children to care for one another, for everyone, as we would want to be treated ourselves. So who is our family? Does building a family for God's glory stop at our front door? Certainly, when we think of family we begin to think of our husbands or wives, our children, parents and siblings. But the Bible paints a broader picture of family that one could ever capture in an Olan Mills 8x10—your immediate family, extended family, church family and neighbors, from one next door to a stranger in a village on the other side of the world.

### IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Our immediate family could consist of one or both parents. It can also include both biological and adopted children. We can't talk about God's plan for the immediate family without talking about Biblically-based courageous parenting. Scripture tells us that the primary responsibility for discipleship starts right here in the immediate family. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 11:18-20). Pastor David Boucher writes about courageous parenting, and church member Debbie Sain shares how God has created a mission field

for her family in parenting more than one hundred foster children!

### EXTENDED FAMILY

Grandparents and other extended family members can be a significant influence in our homes. What role should these extended family members play in our lives...and what responsibilities do we have in theirs? The Biblical mandate to *Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth* would certainly apply to our grandparents as well. (Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:2-3). Church member Holly Kistler encourages grandparents to get involved!

### CHURCH FAMILY

Whether a small group, a home Bible study, or a Sunday school class, the Bible is very clear about the important role of the church family. The church could very well be the only family many elderly people and single adults will ever have. The church has the potential to nurture close relationships through worship, Biblical instruction, meaningful conversation, fellowship and community outreach. This is the reason we are told, *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage each other—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* (Hebrews 10:25). Church member Kathe Bricker, whose family has moved several times with the military, shares how the church has served as family.

### OUR NEIGHBORS

In Luke 10:25-37, a lawyer asked Jesus a question to test him. Who's my neighbor? Jesus then told him a story to answer his question. Our neighbor isn't necessarily the person who lives right beside us. Like the story the Good Samaritan illustrates, our neighbors are people who could be very different from us. At Patterson Park Church, this is what motivates us to know, grow and go. We see God's kingdom as one big happy, very different looking family. It may not fit in an 8x10, but it sure fits the way we love God the Father who loved us first and sent us His Son to prove it! Liz Wigglesworth shares how God has shaped her notion of family well beyond her husband and sons. ■



# Parents ... Be Encouraged! BY DAVID BOUCHER "PASTOR BOO"

My family bought a GPS system for our car the week after we got lost on the back roads of Missouri trying to find our way to Wichita, Kansas. Our goal that dark, rainy night was to get off the main highway and save time by avoiding all the traffic that had backed up. We had a destination in mind, but we had no idea where each turn would lead or how to get where we were going. Sometimes as a parent you may feel the same way I did that night. You want your children to grow up and trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord. You want them to grow in their faith and become a mature follower of Jesus. But you may feel lost, without a spiritual GPS system and wonder "How do I get there?" My wife, Janet and I have had many conversations with our children reminding them we have never been parents before. We are learning as we go! Our desire is to ask God for wisdom in the choices we make each day, and trust Him and His Word when it comes to parenting our boys.

Parents ... Be encouraged! God is faithful! He has given us instructions on how to love Him and mentor our children as we teach them His Word each day.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 reminds us, *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.* Our love for God must be what we are all about. With all our hearts, soul, and strength we are called to live out a love relationship with the one true God.

What does that look like when it comes to parenting? Deuteronomy 6:6-8 says, *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

God has entrusted us to **take His Word and impress it on our children.** Look at the simple ways God gives us to accomplish this. He calls us to action! When we sit, walk, lie down and get up, we are called to make sure we are talking, impressing, tying and writing His Word on our children's hearts.

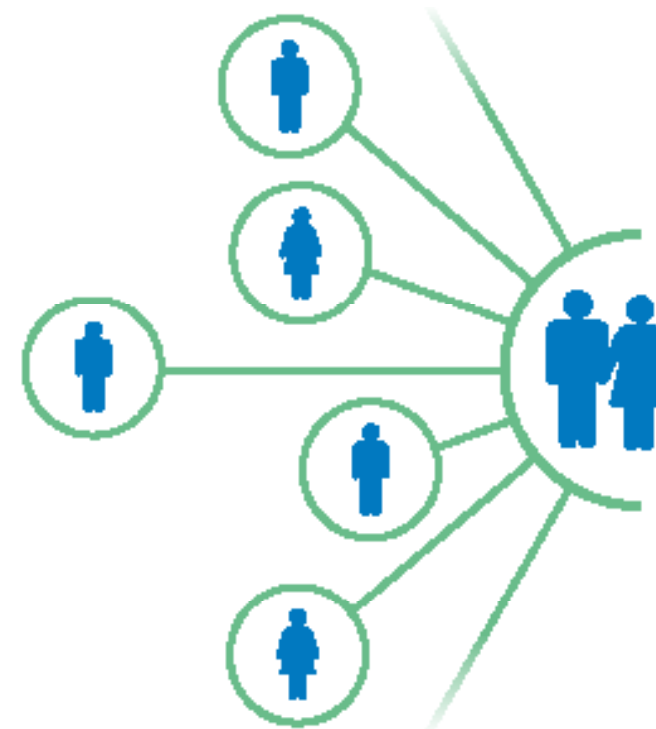
This can only happen if as a parent you are truly intentional. Making the time in whatever you are doing each day to teach the truths of God's Word to your children is vital. Discipling your children is a great responsibility. God's Word is the power to salvation for those who believe. God's Word will transform our children's lives. So Dad and Mom, be "Courageous Parents!" Live the Gospel and teach God's Word to your children so they can see what it means to have a real, eternal, love relationship with Jesus.

Remember, God is the greatest Father of all. We need to depend on Him if we plan to make an eternal difference in the lives of our children. ■

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF  
**COURAGEOUS**  
HONOR BEGINS AT HOME  
*"BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD." JOSHUA 24:15*  
**Courageous Parenting Conference**  
October 7th and 8th at Patterson Park Church

# WHO ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS?

BY LIZ WRIGGLESWORTH



When you think about your neighbors you probably think about the person who lives right next door to you, or the people on your street. However, in this age of technology it's so easy to have people all over the world you talk to and even see (via computer) on a regular basis.

As Christians, we are called to minister to our neighbors. In our immediate family that means those next door, as well as those "neighbors" in a foreign country. We have begun a relationship with our unchurched neighbor and are showing her the love of Christ. She hears about our involvement in church and has slowly begun to open up about the possibility of bringing her children to a church event. Hopefully their family will reconnect with a church as we minister to them on a regular basis.

Taking our children on mission trips and visiting Trinidad several times teaches our boys what a lifestyle of devoted service can look and feel like. Our family continually ministers to our friends in Trinidad through phone calls and computer conversations, even if it is from afar, just as we minister to our neighbors right on our own street.

What's your plan for ministering to your neighbors? ■

**CELEBRATE**  
*Recovery*  
Every Friday evening  
6:30–9:00pm  
Childcare provided  
We've just begun our seventh year!  
Now is a great time to join.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Community Blood Center  
and donors. And Life Matters.  
Saturday, May 14, 2011  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
Patterson Park Church  
To make an appointment, visit [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)  
and enter sponsor code 889  
Receive a free insulated cup when you register to donate May 2-14!  
Visit us on the web at [www.GivingBlood.org](http://www.GivingBlood.org)  
Friend us on Facebook for the latest CBC news!  
[Facebook.com/CommunityBldCenter](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityBldCenter)  
Follow @blooddonor on Twitter!  
**REQUIRED TO DONATE:**  
A photo ID with your full name. Please bring your donor identification card with you if you have one. Must be at least 16 (16-year-olds must have a signed CBC parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health.

Call 1-800-388-GIVE Questions?

# GRANDPARENTS

BY HOLLY KISTLER

An old Welsh Proverb states that perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. Perhaps that is because our hearts have had several years to mature in Christ. From the moment we first hold our own child until the time the first grandchild arrives, we become shorter on criticism and longer on love.

Our grandchildren will see a time we cannot envision and will experience things we cannot foreknow. Yet the greatest gift we can share with them is the most comforting, the most strengthening, and the most rewarding blessing there can be in this life and the next: the love of Jesus Christ, who never changes. The common thread that weaves all generations together is the need for a Savior.

Sharing the love and truth of Jesus with our grandchildren is the one inheritance every child needs. Psalm 103:17 assures us that *the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.* What a beautiful promise—one that should make any grandparent smile. ■

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# Adoptive-Foster Family

BY DEBBIE SAIN

My name is Debbie Sain. I am married, have two birth daughters, five grandsons, three adopted children, two children with guardianship, and two foster children. Nearly one hundred children have been part of our family through therapeutic foster care. God has given me the privilege of working with children not able to be cared for by other moms. Children with severe behavior disorders, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, and chronic heart failure, children completely blind and deaf, those with scoliosis, Celiac Disease, food allergies, Autism, and shaken baby syndrome have come to us. I've cared for Crack babies, those with learning disabilities, Bipolar and reactive attachment disorders, and other mental disorders.

Many people ask me how I do it? Well, I can tell you that I don't do it. God has chosen me and my husband to work in the mission field of caring for abused and neglected children.

People often tell me I am a saint. I am no saint. I have been called by my Lord Christ Jesus. I also know that He hand picks every child who comes to our home. We have a unique family. I work hard helping our children learn what it is to be part of a healthy family. This is hard work for them. So, if you see them in the hall at church, please feel free to pat them on the back because they deserve it.

My husband and I have been very blessed with the adventure God has given us. It is so exciting to watch these children grow and learn how to love and be loved. ■



# HOW THE CHURCH HAS BUILT INTO OUR FAMILY

BY KATHE BRICKER



As a military family, we have had to start over with our lives a number of times because of moving to a different location. Many of the churches we joined have filled the role our extended family might have played if we had lived closer to home. When we move, finding a church family is the very first piece of the puzzle we put into place. We are very intentional about this because our individual and family friendships grow out of where we go to church.

Here are some nitty-gritty ways the churches we have been a part of have built into us over the years. They have....

- challenged us to grow spiritually by offering Bible studies to get us into the Word.
- provided safe friendships and "hang out" opportunities for our children, especially our teens.
- given us overnight childcare when we delivered a new baby or wanted to celebrate anniversaries.
- given us opportunities to have fun with our children like play groups, camp-outs, roller skating, and canoeing.
- brought us meals in times of sickness or surgery.

- cried with us when we had parents die, stood with us through a deployment, rejoiced with us in times of success.
- challenged our children to grow by placing them in positions of leadership appropriate for their age and skill levels.
- provided people to be accountability partners, prayer partners, and ministry partners. Admittedly we sought these out ourselves, but the people always came out of relationships from church.
- caused growth by entrusting us with leadership positions outside our comfort zones.
- stretched us to grow in grace and perseverance during times of church difficulty.
- produced a daughter-in-law to be. (Church is a great place to find a spouse!) We should know; our own relationship grew out of a church youth group.

These blessings continue to this day. What we have received, we turn back around and give freely for God's glory. Hebrews 10:24-25 ■



**SUNDAY NIGHTS**  
**6:00 PM**

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

*Class of 2011*



**PPC ANNUAL  
GOLF OUTING**

Saturday, July 9

Locust Hills  
Golf Course

TEE TIME IS 7:30AM  
COST IS \$50 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES LUNCH AND PRIZES!

FRONT DOOR



**PURSuing  
HOSPITALITY  
FOR THE  
GLORY OF GOD**

PPC Hospitality Ministry

**Front Door is our new Hospitality Ministry!**  
In Romans 12:13 we are encouraged to pursue hospitality. If you are friendly and would like to serve on our team as a greeter, usher or parking lot attendant, please call the church office.

## Sheila Massey

ABSENT FROM THE BODY, PRESENT WITH HER LORD

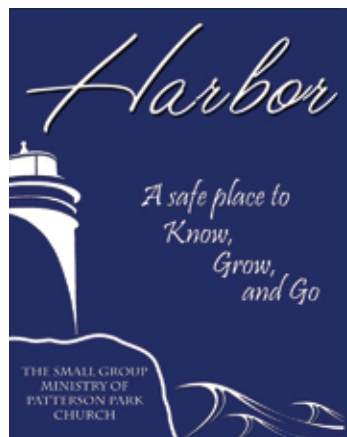
On March 16, 2011, Sheila left the hardships of living in India, a third world country, filled with spiritual darkness, poverty, insects and disease to be welcomed by the Savior she loved.

Discipled by Ray Harrison, she became the face and voice of International Needs all over South Asia. Sheila was equally at home with the Princess of Bhutan, wealthy businesswomen in Hong Kong, and uneducated village girls who had never used table service to eat. She was a gentle person who knew that women needed a personal touch, and the fragrance of her love won them to Jesus. Sheila believed prayer was the key to unlocking the power of God. Her passion to "reach more souls for Christ" was demonstrated by her sacrificial lifestyle. She was known all over South Asia as an evangelist, a disciple maker and as one with a compassionate heart for hurting people

As Director of WINN-INDIA, she established sewing centers, computer classes and counseling centers where women could come for enrichment. Sheila reached hundreds of people and many are involved in ministry today. The legacy of this godly woman lives on. ■



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of her love  
won them to Jesus.*



Harbor is the name we have given to the Patterson Park Church small group ministry. Closely related to our church mission statement, a Harbor is a safe place to know, grow and go. A typical PPC Harbor group consists of 8-15 people meeting frequently in a variety of locations for prayer, Bible study and encouragement. It's not just another meeting; it's not just another group; it's an opportunity to

connect in meaningful community with others. It's a place for you to experience real life change. It's a chance to live out your faith, wherever you are, with friends.

How can I get into a small group? Pick up a Small Group Registration Form at the Harbor display in the main lobby, fill it out and turn it in ... then a leader will follow up with you.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
May 8

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
June 19

## Parents' Café Coming This Fall

BY BILL GLENNING

As parents we understand that raising children is our responsibility, but we do not always know how to accomplish this mandate from God. This fall we are offering a Parents' Café to share and discuss ideas around raising our children to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

We plan to study and discuss some books with ideas for parenting. *God's Grand Vision for the Home* by Rob Rienow offers key ideas about God's purpose for your family, and practicing family worship as we set out on this new emphasis on families together. Another great resource we plan to read and discuss is *Raising a Modern-Day Joseph* by Larry Fowler. The author proposes five Master Life Threads critical to developing the type of character we see in Joseph's life.

If you are interested in working through these and other related topics, stay tuned for additional information coming the next few months. ■



# Building Update

BY DAN SIETMAN

Despite the unusually cold and wet winter weather we are making great progress. We hope to begin worshipping in the new sanctuary in July, with a dedication service tentatively planned for August 21, Good Neighbor Sunday!

In January we reported that if we maintain giving to the Building Fund at the same rate as the past year, we will be able to complete the entire project, including the Phase 3 classrooms, within our \$2.5M construction loan limit. With the goal of completing as much as our funds will allow, we have developed a plan to break Phase 3 into three separate pieces.

In addition to the Building Fund, we must also closely monitor our operating budget. We estimate, beginning this October, our monthly expenses will increase by nearly 18%, due to the mortgage payment, increased operational expenses, and our desire to increase our mission budget. These factors will weigh into our Phase 3 decisions as we closely manage our expenses.

So, "Thank You" to all who have been faithfully giving to the Building Fund! Let's continue to trust the Lord to meet our own personal and family financial needs, praying for wisdom and continued strong giving for both the ongoing operations of the church and the building project. ■

<< TWO THOUSAND TEN

TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN >>

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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June 12-16  
6:15-8:55pm  
3 yr olds-5th graders

