

PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

# PATHWAY

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

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## PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

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Sunday worship services at  
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### 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.



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## FAMILY NEWS

### BIRTHS

James Phillip, August 15  
Parents: Joe & Erika Lindsey

### DEATHS

John Yelley, June 28  
Husband of Jeanny  
Father of Malessa Blair

Walter Miyamasu, July 11  
Brother of Sam Miyamasu

Marc Edwards, July 30  
Husband of Amy

Neale Mansberger, August 1  
Brother of Lynn Sterkenburg

Mariana Durr, August 3  
Mother of June Madden

Mary Hirsch, August 14  
Mother of Ginny Daniel

Doie Abney, August 20  
Husband of Cindy

Don Barker, August 26  
Father of Ken Barker

Nancy Sagherian, September 20  
Husband of John

Agnes McLaughlin, September 23  
Mother of Penny Miller

EldaJean Garner, September 27  
Mother of Julia Blair

Mary Clark Scott, September 29  
Grandmother of Gordon Scott

Susan Myers, October 6

Mary Bailly, October 8  
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Pathway. In this issue we are focusing on building relationships for God's glory. Were you in service a few weeks ago to hear the Target Dayton choir? What a blessing to worship with them! One of the soloists shared, "We were the people the world had turned their back on. Target Dayton came in and loved us when no one else would. Then they showed us Christ." Her words expressed so beautifully the power of the Gospel and of building relationships for God's glory.

When we examine our lives, do we find that we have also turned our backs on someone? A family member? An old friend? The stranger you always see at the coffee shop? The neighbors who complain about your lawn? The person sitting across the church aisle every Sunday? What boundaries stifle authentic, Christ-honoring relationships in your life? Denomination, race, age, politics, past hurts? Sometimes it's something as trivial as Ohio State versus Michigan. Other

times it's a hurt so big that it seems easier and safer to not deal with the issue at all.

But Jesus calls us to love. As David Faile reminds us in this issue, Jesus said, *A new commandment I give to you. That you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)*

The key to building God-honoring relationships is to first have a relationship with the Father. All other friendships blossom or heal from there, as we love as He loved us.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if one of those strangers in your life someday soon said, "I was the one the world had turned its back on. But YOU came through the door and loved me when no one else would ... Then YOU showed me Christ." ■

-The Pathway Staff

CELEBRATE  
*Recovery*

Every Friday evening  
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Childcare provided



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

During the first three weeks of November, our deacons are collecting non-perishable food items to give to families in our church. Please place your non-expired non-perishable food items in one of the yellow barrels in the lobby.

# BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

“AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”

BY DAVID FAILE

As we consider building relationships in this issue of the Pathway, let's revisit some of the things we've learned over the past weeks at our Sunday morning study in the Gospel of John.

Building relationships requires a Christ-honoring love. Jesus said, *A new commandment I give to you. That you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)* What makes this commandment different from similar commands we've heard in Scripture? The command to love one another was not a new commandment. In the Gospels, Jesus talked about this kind of love often, and in Matthew's account, He even extends this teaching to include our enemies. It was also mandated in the Old Testament. (Exodus 20:12-17; Leviticus 19:18, 34; Deuteronomy 6:5) So how is this a “new commandment?”

The newness of Jesus' command was rooted in the Gospel. The disciples may not have understood this at the time because His crucifixion had not yet taken place. The new kind of love will be patterned after the love we all have received from Christ on His cross. Believers would now be called to love others based on Jesus' sacrificial love for them. It is a love that would change the world forever. Our single motivation for loving others will be based on His sacrifice. We will love, not because of what the law demands, but because of what He did. Jesus was adding a relational element to this command that had never been there before.

He went on to say, *By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)* Not only will this Christ-like love help us survive in a hostile

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world, it will also be a wonderful testimony to those around us. When a person looks at the relationships we are building at Patterson Park Church, there should be no question that we belong to Christ. Just as Jesus was a living example of God's love, we are to be living examples of His love demonstrated to us on the cross.

Building relationships is not an easy job, especially when it comes to getting along with people who require more grace than others. Who said building relationships was going to be easy? Like building anything, it will take work. Why should relationships be any different? But the beauty of this work is that it has already been accomplished on the cross. Jesus did it all! He'll do through us what we're unable to do ourselves.

Who's the enemy anyway—a person or an opinion that's different from ours? We would all agree that the real enemy is Satan who uses many different strategies to divide God's people. Jesus said, *I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. (Matthew 16:18)* Let's build relationships by loving each other, the way He loved us. ■

## HOW DO I NURTURE MY Relationships With Others?

BY T.L. DRAKE

First, love others by looking for ways to serve and thus nurture your relationships. Serve others by demonstrating your Christian faith with compassion, gentleness and patience with them. Look for ways to share God's promises with them while putting into action God's words of encouragement.

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (Colossians 3:12-13 ESV)*

Second, be honest in all you do.

*Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:9-10 ESV)*

Third, communicate well. The first step of communication is to listen! Listen carefully and don't interrupt. Although it is common to listen and then to quickly give your own examples on a topic, it is not always necessary or helpful to add to what your friend has just said. God reminds us that when we speak to Him, He will listen! We need to listen to others so we can understand and then offer guidance.

*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. (Jeremiah 29:12 ESV)*

Finally, be willing to forgive others in your life when you have been wronged.

*For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (Matthew 6:14 ESV) ■*



**TOYS  
2 GO**  
DECEMBER 11, 2011  
one day... one toy...  
100 families  
9:00am and 10:30am

The poster features a collection of colorful toys at the bottom, including a teddy bear, a ladybug, a butterfly, a horse, and a car.



Women's Ministries  
presents...  
**“Take a Break”**  
Friday evening, November 4  
7-9 p.m.  
Enjoy a relaxing time with friends  
Make gifts for yourself  
or someone else!

The poster features a red autumn leaf at the top right and a white envelope with a gold seal at the bottom.

# INFLUENCED OR INFLUENCER?

BY JOSH HOWARD

“No Peer Pressure.”

That was the response of a 102-year old woman who was asked, “What do you think is the best thing about being 102?” The truth of the matter is that all of us struggle with peer pressure, no matter our age. Researchers have tracked peer pressure all the way back to preschool. I remember when I was in fourth grade; I French-rolled my pants above my ankles, and it looked like I was preparing for a flood. Why? Because I saw high school students who did the same thing and wanted to be like them.

Adults know peer pressure is something we struggle with as well. We all want to belong, to be liked and accepted. After all, it is a part of how we were wired, how God created us. How do we work through this struggle, and find meaning and purpose in life, while still pursuing Christ and living a holy life? One of the things we talk about with our students is that every person falls into one of two categories. They are “influenced” or an “influencer.” Understanding how we are wired in that aspect should play a huge role in our pursuit of relationships. Are you prone to mimic behaviors you see? When a conversation goes a certain direction, do you find yourself diving right in or do you find yourself standing up for what you know is

right? Does the approval of others drive and motivate you?

This very idea of influence was a major aspect of Christ’s prayer for His disciples and those who would follow behind. John 17 tells us that Christ’s desire was not to keep His disciples from having relationships with those who were not like-minded in faith, but rather that they would be protected and set apart as they engaged or influenced their culture for Christ (15-19). Herein lies the key to choosing friends.

If a person does not demonstrate a set-apart life, he will have difficulty engaging his culture for Christ and therefore should surround himself with people who can have a strong influence on his life, those who provide positive peer pressure. On the other hand, one who has a firm grip on what he believes should be prepared to influence those who need to be influenced. God can use positive peer pressure in a major way, if we understand how we are wired and submit our relationships to His control. Read the book of Acts and you will see this lived out time and time again! Influenced or Influencer, something we all need to understand about ourselves! ■



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR Building Relationships

BY JOE GODWIN

Patterson Park Church provides numerous opportunities for building relationships. Our members, from children to adults, are finding friendship, accountability and support by attending Sunday School classes, Harbor small groups and Bible studies.

**Sunday School:** Children, youth and adults have opportunities each Sunday morning to meet in a variety of Sunday School classes. Classes meet at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. More information on each class can be found on the church website or at the Sunday School display in the Family Life Center Lobby.

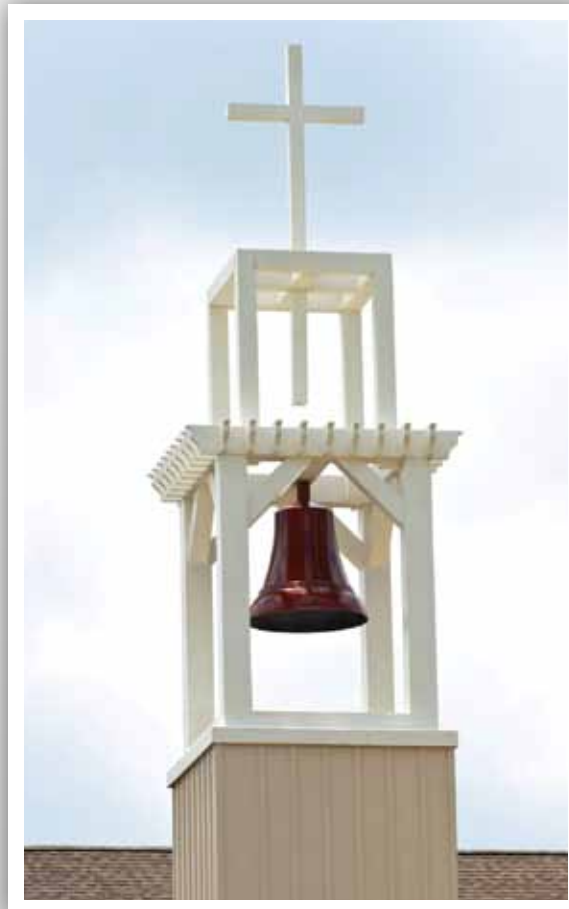
**Harbor groups:** Harbor Small Groups consist of groups of eight to 15 people meeting regularly for prayer, service, Bible study and encouragement. It is an opportunity to connect in meaningful community with others. It is a place for you to experience real life change. It is a chance to live out your faith, wherever you are, with friends. More information on each Harbor group can be found on the church website or at the Harbor display in the Family Life Center Lobby.

**Bible studies:** Our women’s ministry offers Bible studies throughout the year. Several men’s groups also meet throughout the week for Bible or book studies, prayer and fellowship. Information on the Bible studies can be found on the PPC website or by calling the church office.

**One-on-one mentoring:** One-on-one mentoring or discipleship opportunities exist as well. Ladies who are interested should contact our women’s ministries director, Ginny Hollins (ghollins@pattersonpark.org), and men should contact Joe Godwin (jgodwin@pattersonpark.org).

**RUSH Student Ministries:** Our teens often connect through the junior high and high school ministry called RUSH. They meet from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Sundays. During RUSH, students celebrate God with a live band, hear a talk from God’s Word, connect in small groups and build relationships through games or just hanging out.

**PrimeTimers:** This ministry is for adults 55 and older to build relationships with one another and the Lord through events and activities. ■



# Thanks & Recognition

We are very appreciative for the generous investment of time and resources of many people to bring us to the place we are now with our facility expansion. Many who are part of the Patterson Park Church family have given time to meet and develop plans to get the project completed. Each committee has played a vital role. We are greatly indebted to our friends at HiFive Development Services, Church Group Division, for developing an attractive design and functional space while keeping the project affordable. They have generously invested in our church expansion project, and have taken a personal interest in making sure it was done well. They caught our vision to build an attractive facility for ministry to be used to glorify God in our community.

Many people within the church body have participated in this project. To the right are some of the committees who served. We are truly thankful for the part each person played in this project. ■

## Capital Campaign Committee

- Phil Black
- Anita Christensen
- Jerry Flexman
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# A Life Remembered

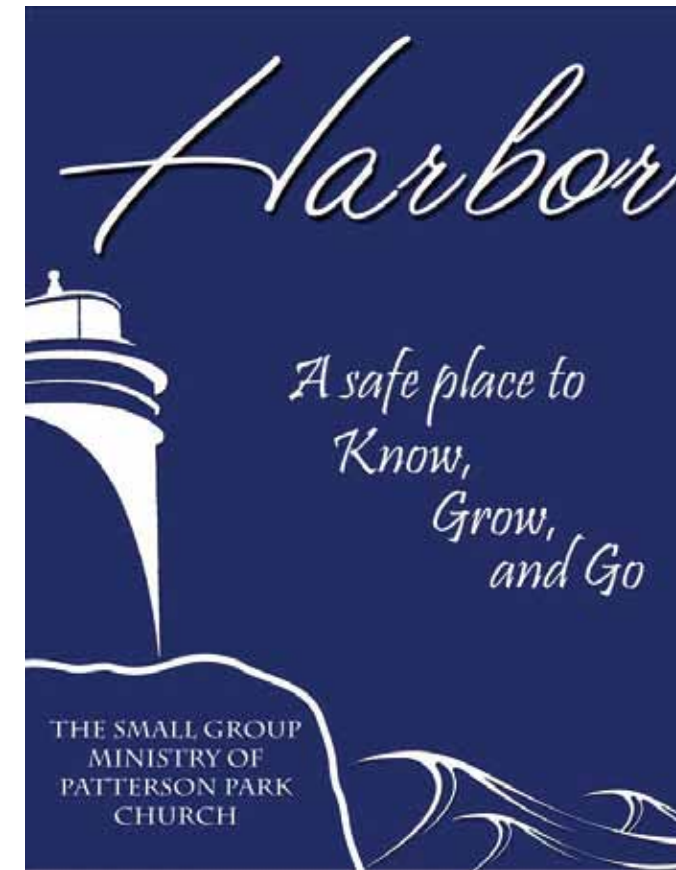
NANCY L. SAGHERIAN

Nancy L. Sagherian, 58, went home to be with the Lord September 20, 2011, after battling ovarian and pancreatic cancer for 15 months. She is survived by her husband, John and their children: daughter Thia and husband Alistair; son Jay and wife Lisa and both parents.

She and her husband, John, served with Youth for Christ in Beirut, Lebanon since 1978. Even though Beirut was a war zone most of the time, they never quit! In the night, when the air-raids came, they huddled on a stairway for safety. Utilities were uncertain and they never knew when they would have electricity or water. When the State Department ordered all Americans out of Lebanon, Nancy and John chose to stay. Telling teenagers about Jesus was more important to Nancy than being safe or comfortable. She and John provided high school assemblies, held camps, retreats and Bible studies. Nancy counseled precious girls who lived in this war zone. She was a light in the darkness and no matter how dangerous and difficult it was, she just kept on shining! Well done, good and faithful servant—enter into the joy of the Lord! ■



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**SUNDAY NIGHTS**  
6:00 PM



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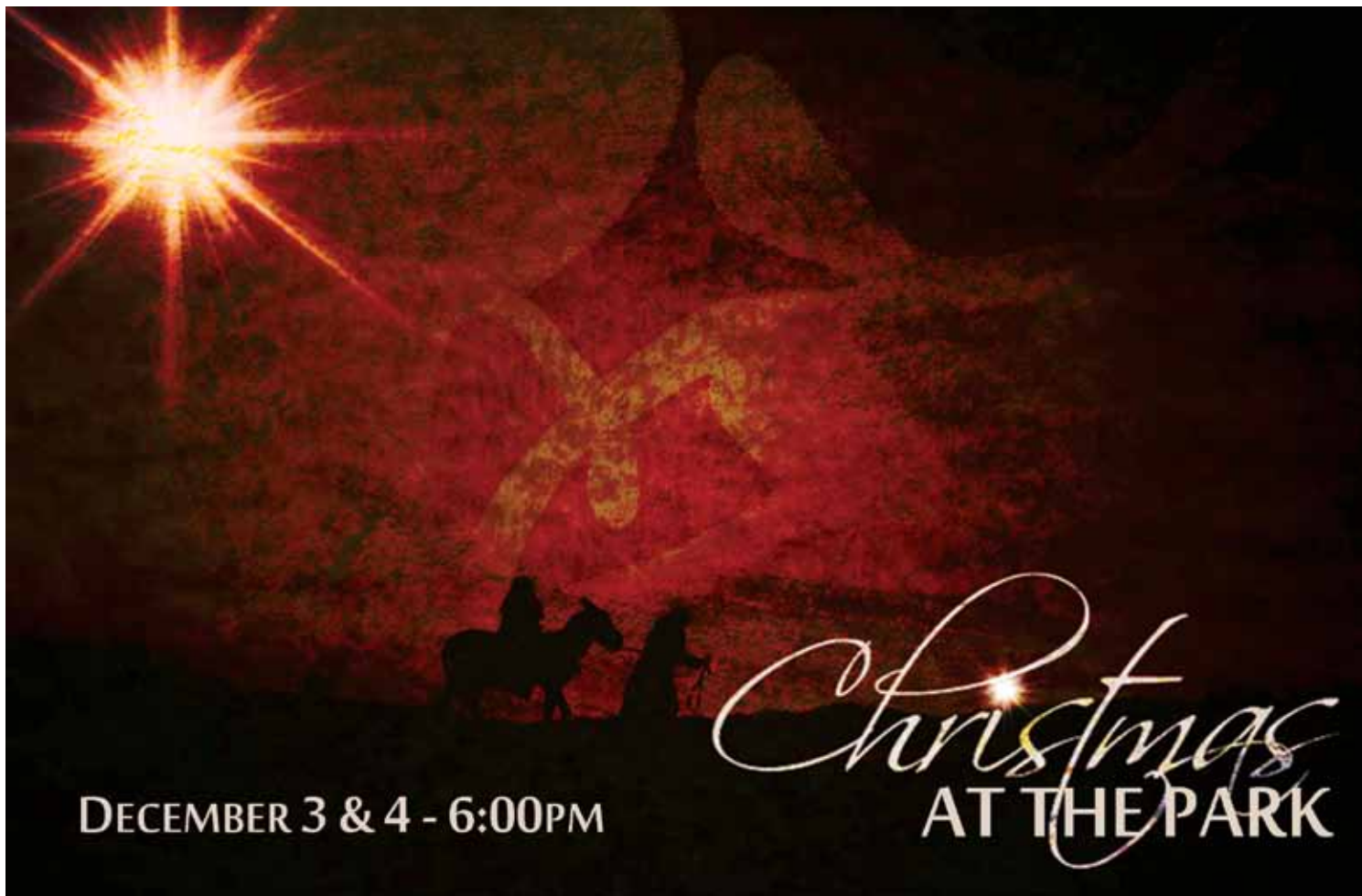
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