

Giving Life

Stories of how
God gives life
through our
generosity.



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BAPTIST CHURCH

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What an amazing year we've shared together as a church family!

As we look back on our 2018-19 year of ministry, we can see God has transformed our resources of time and energy, and collective gifts, into change lives. Only He can do that. The Ministry year kicked off with an incredible summer of VBS, mission trips, camps and a walk through the Ten Commandments. During the fall, we celebrated our Happy Church and 40 baptisms outside in front of our Sanctuary to proclaim the grace of Jesus to all around. We journeyed together through Rediscover Park Cities, reconnecting with our mission and values, and casting new priorities for prayer, worship, family ministry and leadership development. Our weekly prayer gatherings have become the "boiler room" of the church and place of power and anointing before each worship service. Our church family sent out mission teams to South Texas, Guatemala, the Caribbean, South Asia, the UK and Africa. Here at home, our partnership with the Vickery community and Jack Lowe Elementary continues to soar. In the New Year we kicked off The Year of the Bible and hundreds are reading through the Bible with the help of the Read Scripture app. Then, over and above our regular giving, we came together to raise over \$250,000 to fund Scripture translations for people groups in South Asia who have never seen or held God's Word in their own language!

We often think of inviting Jesus "into our lives," when in reality He is inviting us into His life and what He is doing in the world. We have joined Him and He is breathing life into our church family in miraculous ways. I'm seeing a renewed passion for prayer and His Word, and it is stirring within us an urgency and innovation that are giving life to those who do not know our Savior. This is the focus of our *2019-20 Ministry Report: Giving Life*.

An amazing new ministry year now lies before us. Thank you for leading the way through your generosity! God is moving like never before. I am so excited to be on this lifegiving journey with you, as we follow Him every day.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff" with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

a Year!



2018 Outdoor Baptism Celebration



With Terri Heard
at Jack Lowe
Elementary



With the late Martha Howard on her 99th birthday



Back to School
Blast, benefiting
Vickery Meadow

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To the glory of God, WE EXIST TO MAKE



IN 1939, a conversation on the steps of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church led to a dream that would soon gain momentum. First Baptist Church's larger than life pastor, Dr. George W. Truett, gave it a "larger than life" push with his famed line, "There ought to be a church in the Park Cities."

The vision of just a few became the biblical, missional foundation that anchors us still today.

From the church's first offering, given solely to missions, to an intentional strategy that drives our expansive ministry budget these 80 years hence, thousands of lives in our community and around the world have been changed through the lifegiving generosity of Park Cities Baptist Church.

CELEBRATE OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY!

September 8	Outdoor Baptisms
October 6	Vision Sunday
TBD	Lunch on the Lawn

**DISCIPLES BY RESCUING ONE ANOTHER
FROM CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY TO FOLLOW JESUS EVERY DAY.**

A church for your whole life

Tom Stickney's connection to Park Cities is as long as it is intricate—a single, bright thread woven through the fabric of his life.

Tom's parents were on staff at Park Cities in the late '70s. "We lived in a little red house where the Great Hall now sits," he remembers. "When visiting PCBC, we park a few stories under where I used to sleep as a kid!"

It was in these halls and rooms where he grew up, graduated high school, and got married to his wife, Kerry; where he prayed and served, and eventually, became the launching point for his ministry as the leader of **African Christian Outreach** (ACO). The organization was founded by his parents and now has indigenous full-time staff in Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Malawi.

PCBC partners with ACO through financial support, prayer, and the sending of volunteers for various ministry opportunities.

In 2017, a team from PCBC traveled to Rwanda to serve alongside



Kerry and Tom Stickney

Cradle

ACO. Their focus was to mentor college-age adults and help them prepare to enter the job market through seminars on resume building, starting a business, and integrating faith with work. Professionals from our church proclaimed the Gospel and shared their own business experiences.

We caught up with Tom to hear a little bit more about how God is working through ACO and PCBC to advance the Gospel.

**What do you love the most about what you do?
What's the hardest part?**

I love seeing our Indigenous Staff Team take hold of a God-given vision and run with it in ways I would of never imagined. They run further, faster and with more vigor than I ever could have dreamt.

Mission work can be lonely. We miss our family. We miss sweet moments, like singing hymns

with our church family and the hugs and handshakes we receive in the Sanctuary or Great Hall.

What has it looked like to partner with PCBC to further the Gospel?

PCBC has been instrumental in coming alongside ACO as we moved onto the Islamic coast and into Rwanda. Park Cities has been a catalyst in our little endeavor to Engage with Gospel, Equip through Discipleship and Empower in life-on-life Experiences!

What is your hope for the future of your ministry and for PCBC's role in its growth?

Funding is a key part of what PCBC does in coming alongside ACO, but that is not the jumping off point. Having a connection to PCBC through prayer and regular communication is the cornerstone of our relationship. I pray that more Connect Groups are able to pray specifically for needs in ACO and rejoice and celebrate when God answers.

DID YOU KNOW?



In July 2019, 25 volunteers from PCBC will accompany Pastor Jeff Warren to Kenya

to work again with ACO and lead a pastor's conference, build a church, and provide medical services such as cornea transplants.

Through your generosity,
PCBC partners with
ACO to mentor young
adults in their faith,
professional skills, and
life management.

to Calling



A Stranger's



Worship En Español
brings vibrancy and
beauty to our Sunday
mornings at PCBC!



Generosity

The beginning of Park Cities En Español

In the fall of 2003, Park Cities received word that an extraordinary estate gift had been left to the church. The contribution was peculiar in that it originated from someone we had never met or contacted before—the Wise family from Jacksonville, Florida. The family had designated half a million dollars in their estate to Park Cities, all for the purpose of missions.

After much prayer and deliberation, God led us to consider an outreach only a stone's throw from the church doors... in the Vickery community that so many of us here have come to know and love dearly. As one advisor involved remarked after visiting the area, "If we can't reach out to a serious need this close to our church where our members can be directly involved in ministry, we need to ask ourselves: what are we here for?"

The following year, Park Cities began a partnership with Buckner International. Program Director, Sam Silva, soon realized that although the Hispanic families who visited Park Cities enjoyed

the worship and the church activities, the language and cultural differences were a barrier to genuine understanding. "We started meeting on Sunday mornings with only two adults and three children in the mission house," Sam remembers.

Over the course of fifteen years, our En Español ministry has grown and flourished, averaging between 150 and 200 worshippers in the gym each week. Many Spanish-speaking members have taken on important leadership roles within the ministry and throughout the church, and several have been ordained as PCBC deacons—all possible because of one family's extraordinary act of generosity.

DID YOU KNOW?

■ Following the retirement of Sam Silva in 2018, the Español Pastor Search Team meets and prays faithfully for God to bring their next Pastor—to cast a new vision for the future.

■ Members of Worship en Español are valued members of the PCBC family and participate in all aspects of PCBC life—Kids Ministry, church leadership, serving in the community, and much more.

■ Those in the Español worship family regularly bring their family members who come to know Jesus in a personal way.



■ Your generosity helps support our vibrant Español ministry, which encourages all our members grow in their faith as they follow Jesus every day.



Expanding



Next Steps for PCBC Kids and Students

Look in any direction at PCBC

and you'll see babies, kids and students filling our hallways, in growing numbers! It's no surprise, given the incredible ways that kids and students can be involved and learn to follow Jesus every day:

- Preschool Ministry
- Kids Ministry
- Children's Choir
- Awana
- PCBC Day School
- Sports Outreach Ministry
- Middle School Ministry
- High School Ministry

Through weekly gatherings on Sunday morning like Kids Worship, CREW on Wednesdays for Students, Children's Choir and Awana—to seasonal programs like Upward Basketball & Cheerleading, VBS, Summer Fun Camps, Student Camps and much more, God is growing and expanding our reach to kids and students! We are making plans to match this growth with expanded staff leadership positions, approved by our Personnel Committee.

Here's a look at some upcoming positions we hope to fill in each of our age-group areas:

Preschool-Kindergarten:

Associate Preschool Director

1st-5th Grades:

Sports Outreach Director
Children's Ministry Assistant

6th-12th Grades:

Girls' Minister

All Age Group Areas:

Additional interns

Please stay tuned for details and begin praying for those God would send our way for these positions.

These are such exciting days as we pray and move forward together to serve our families and attract new families to PCBC. Your generosity allows us to continue to fulfill our mission to live on purpose by making an impact in our neighboring community!

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It's a great privilege to serve in the High School ministry, and we look forward to what's ahead! The high school years are so crucial, and we love having the opportunity to walk alongside students as they develop a faith that is beyond just something their parents do, but something that defines them. The youth ministry I grew up in was so impactful and important to me, and I know Amanda can say the same about her experiences here at PCBC as a student. Our prayer is that students come to know and love the Lord on a personal level in the midst of a community full of fun and laughter. — Judd Mullinix



Kids Worship is wonderful for our younger kids who are just learning what worship is about. Jay and his team have done a great job of incorporating the traditional elements of worship (praising the Lord, prayer, message, offering, etc.) into ways that our little ones can understand and participate fully in. My second grader looks forward to it every week!

— Lauren Stewart



1,200
kids on campus
to hear about
Jesus at **VBS**



2,200
kids in
Sports Outreach
Ministry programs



200
students
at **DNOW**
and again at
Thee Camp



1,350
PCBC Babies, Kids,
Middle School
& High School
Students



115
kids in
PCBC Day
School

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Master Plan: Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future



Who are we and where are we going?

These are questions that we must continually and prayerfully ask ourselves here at Park Cities. Every vision—every church—needs to look forward in order to flourish.

Park Cities' "Master Plan" initiative exists to continually provide a live, integrated, and visionary blueprint for the present and future growth of our church.

"It is a comprehensive look at all our potential capital projects as we look towards the future and what our ministry needs might be 20 to 30 years in the future," explains Greg Boyd, Director of Capital Studies and Projects. "Omniplan, a large and respected Dallas architectural and planning firm, is assisting us in this effort."

Some of the committee's main goals are to:

- Identify PCBC's present and potential facilities needs on all church properties
- Prioritize these needs according to their importance and urgency
- Build an innovative, holistic strategy for their successful completion

Considerations of the Master Plan could potentially include—but are not limited to—facility upgrades, additional structures, deferred maintenance needs, augmented security and other needs in the children and young families ministry areas, additional parking solutions, and appropriately blending PCBC's structure and layout with the urban areas surrounding it.

Randy Perry, Chairman of the Fellowship of Deacons and member of the Master Plan Committee sees the initiative as an opportunity to live out one of Park Cities core values—courageous innovation.

"PCBC has a good facility in a fabulous location. The facility is older and we find ourselves tasked with trying to bring it up to date. Demographics change, society changes, technology changes and ultimately, so does the way we do church."

Stay tuned for updates on our Master Plan projects!

God's Word

in Every Language

Bible poverty—having no access to Scripture one can easily understand—is an overwhelming issue around the world.

In partnership with the Seed Company (a part of Wycliffe Global Alliance), our PCBC church

family came together to “Give Up To Give,” a collective initiative to invest in the vital work of Bible translation for four specific people groups who do not yet have the New Testament in their language.

Individuals, families and Connect Groups galvanized in fun and creative ways, in some cases

choosing, in the spirit of Lent, to forgo creature comforts like coffee, online shopping and Netflix in order to meet our goal.

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday 2019, our members gave **\$294,795.89**, going above and beyond their normal giving to bring God's Word to “New Shoots” people groups located in the densely forested hills of South Asia.

These funds will help provide 21 experienced translators with the resources to work on four distinct language translations, focusing on portions of the New Testament. These efforts will result in giving 176,660 people access to the Gospel in their native language for the very first time!

**GIVE
UP TO
GIVE**



TOTAL GIVING:
\$294,795.89

WHAT'S NEXT?

■ All additional funding raised above the original \$250K goal will be allocated for future Bible translation projects.



■ The Missions Committee will work alongside trusted partners to identify new people groups in need of the scriptures in their own language.

■ As a result of our realized savings in the current budget, \$100K is being recommended specifically for ongoing scripture translation.

Chasing



Joy

Caroline French's headaches were getting worse.

What started out as a mild complaint by the 6-year-old in the late spring of 2018 quickly escalated to a daily problem that deeply concerned her parents, Stacey and Dr. Dan French.

After passing two neurological exams, it was an MRI taken in July that would reveal the source of Caroline's condition—a large tumor lodged in the back of her brain.

No parent can prepare themselves to receive this kind of news about a child, but today, nearly a year since Caroline's diagnosis, Stacey sees that God was with her family from the start.

"When I taught VBS last summer, one of the worksheets we used in our lessons was a Joy All-Star roster," she remembers. "It included scripture references about joy and the difference between joy and happiness. The week we went into the MRI, we went through it together with

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and in the
small things."**

the kids at the breakfast table. The Lord specifically used it to prepare us. Knowing He will turn our wailing into dancing—it gave me a foundation. We learned that joy doesn't have to be remotely happy."

From that day on, through an 11-hour surgery and months of recovery, Caroline and her family were surrounded by prayer, support and love from their church family.

"It's hard to experience the Lord's provision and feel His peace in such palpable ways without being in such a state of dependence," says Stacey.

PCBC friends, classmates, staff and strangers prayed with them in waiting rooms, during deacon-led

prayer, through online prayer chains, and home visits. They brought meals, hosted Caroline's three older brothers, sent gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement. A friend from Caroline's Connect Group even made a video of her classmates wishing her well before surgery.

Ten days after surgery, Caroline began three months of physical therapy. And to everyone's surprise, she made it back in time to start school and join her friends in ballet.

"The Lord is faithful. He is faithful in the big things and in the small things. Any parent walking through illness—we know our children are His, not ours. We have to let others help carry our burdens. Don't block people's chance of blessing you! Let them come alongside you to pray and serve. It allows the body of Christ to do what it's supposed to do."



After walking through a significant time of need and experiencing overwhelming generosity from his church family, Dr. Dan French—a deacon and member of our Generosity Committee—brings an invaluable perspective to PCBC's leadership. From left, Dr. Dan French, Stacey French, Brady, Caroline, Graham, and Henry.

The Call to Mu



The Seekers Connect Group was adding to its numbers weekly—and had been for some time.

“Our smaller group was fast becoming a larger group, growing by leaps and bounds,” recalls class leader, Steve Stutsman. “While this was exciting on the one hand, we also noted that we were beginning to lose the intimacy of a smaller group.”

The idea of starting a new group from the original “Seekers” class was gradually discussed over the course of a year. Admittedly, this was an uncomfortable thought for many in the class—why change a good thing? Why upend a dynamic that was working so well and creating strong relationships?

Still, the class continued to pray about the matter, ask questions,



Multiply

listen to hesitations and worries, and carefully weigh the pros and cons. When there were no easy answers, their focus returned to PCBC's ministry strategy—the “how” that explains what we exist to do: Worship, Connect, Serve, Multiply. And the last of these—multiplication—is often the most challenging.

Eydie and John Ginn, the couple asked to lead the new group, were hesitant at first themselves. “We really had no thought of leaving such a wonderful group,” John remembers. “But here’s the thing—when God calls us to salvation, He also calls us to discipleship. Our main focus must always be on expanding the Kingdom.”

In September of 2018, Eydie and John’s new class, “EN-Joy” (“Empty Nesters Enjoy”) was officially instated. The room

was full, and each transferring “Seekers” member heard and felt the support of their old classmates. Carla and Scott Robinson and Stacy Warren each agreed to take on on key leadership roles for EN-Joy, laying a firm foundation for the weeks and months ahead.

“Our class has grown exponentially since the first day and our room is consistently filled,” says John. “The entire exercise was dependent upon the assistance of the members of our existing Connect Group. Each of them committed to pray with us and several were willing to give up the comfort of the group and join us in the early days to ensure that we had a sufficient seed group to begin.”

For growing Connect Groups who find themselves in the same dilemma, John has some parting encouragement: “Following God to

see what comes next is the most exciting part of the Christian walk—what better way to do it than with a new Connect Group and new friends?”



In a world where beauty is only skin-deep, it takes something special for many women to feel truly beautiful, valued, and seen—from the inside and out.

For the women of Vickery Meadow, this can be especially difficult. Feeling beautiful can seem like a luxury when you are focused on meeting basic needs. These are women whose lives have been deeply shaped by transition and adversity. Many emigrated from their home countries to flee violence and pursue a better life for their families. Some suffer from domestic violence. Most carry the burden of trauma.



The women of PCBC saw their sisters and wanted them to feel—even for just a few hours—the gift of undivided attention and love. This is what the True Beauty event—the first of its kind to be held at PCBC—was designed to do. Thirty-five women from the Vickery community were invited to spend a morning at the church shopping,

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getting pampered, and worshipping alongside women who cared for and supported them.

To prepare for the event, which took months of coordination, PCBC ladies came together to donate their own “lightly loved” clothing, jewelry and shoes, and designed a boutique style shop.

PCBC member Angela Borden, who attends our En Español service, saw the event as an opportunity to serve. “God has used this event and serving others to help me realize that I have worth. It has helped me reframe my outlook, and turn my focus back towards Him.”

Every guest was paired with a Park Cities woman and a translator in order to make their experience seamless from the moment they walked through our doors. They shopped, got their hair and make-up done, worshipped in Spanish, and heard a simple presentation of the Gospel.

Afterwards, each woman brought her children (who were in PCBC-provided childcare) back to be photographed together by Park Cities member and professional photographer, Jess Barfield.

“I wish you could hear how happy they are,” says Blanca Lerma, who helps lead ministry to Vickery Meadow women alongside PCBC deacon Terri Heard. “Thank you so much to PCBC for this special event. The women are still so excited and haven’t stopped talking about the experience. Many of them have said this was the first time that they felt spoiled in their lives.”





STILL FEELING BEAUTIFUL

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Tag Teams

Girls and Boys Clubs at Jack Lowe Elementary

Park Cities' love for the students and teachers of Jack Lowe Elementary is certainly no secret! What you might not know about is the great lengths our Men's and Women's Ministries have gone to ensure the relationship continues to flourish.

When asked how PCBC could better serve her school, Principal Sandra Barrios didn't hesitate to answer. What the long-time educator wanted to see most was a purposeful investment in her 5th grade girls and boys as they prepared emotionally, socially, and spiritually for the daunting transition into middle school.

"So Royalty"

Eager to help, a committed group of PCBC women partnered with Jack Lowe teachers to create the "So Royalty" club, a play on word "sorority," to emphasize the importance of sisterhood and to communicate that, as daughters of the King, the girls could, too, enjoy the privileges of royalty, belonging, and worth.

"It's a game changer," says PCBC deacon, Terri Heard, who serves as a facilitator between the women's ministry and Jack Lowe. "These fifth grade girls are sponges soaking up God's love and His high opinion of them."

The "So Royalty" Club meets once a month, where the girls are taught short lessons on resilience, emotions, friendship, beauty, giving to others, bullying, making wise decisions, and more.

"This club has meant so much to me," says mentor Laurel Looney. "The girls remind me of the childlike joy I should have on a daily basis and I have seen them grow so much in the short time we have been together."

Teachers at Jack Lowe have also noticed a difference in the girls who participate, from the ways they interact among themselves, to the confidence they've gained in the classroom.

At the end of the year, each "So Royalty" girl will receive a journal with handwritten entries from their mentor as a keepsake—a reminder of the depths of God's love for them, and the forever-bond of sisters in Christ.

Boys Will Be Men

The ritual end of week meals shared between members of PCBC's Men's Ministry and the 5th grade boys of Jack Lowe have fondly become known as "The Friday Boys Club."

In coordination with a handful of dedicated teachers, the lunches are designed to serve as a simple, accessible time for our mentors to eat, laugh, and relate to their mentees, many of whom do not have a consistent male role model in their lives.

"You can tell that it's a highlight and a treat for them," explains mentor Ryan Hefton. "We serve lunch and share stories about our families, our jobs, our hobbies, etc., and give the boys opportunities to share about their lives as well. My hope is that we can get some of those young men to attend VBS this summer."

"By the second lunch, I had been invited to come watch soccer games after school," recalls club mentor, Keith Beasley. "It was clear how very little it takes in the way of involvement to earn these kids respect and love. If you can spare one or two Friday's each month to jump in with us—and seriously, you know you can—then come on!"





DID YOU KNOW?



In our three years of involvement with Jack Lowe Elementary, the school has gone from the bottom 50 schools in the state to achieving a Blue Ribbon Nomination, ranking higher than schools in Allen, Frisco, McKinney and Plano! Principal Sandra Barrios says the reason is simple: PCBC joining hearts and hands with her team—
“I wish I could scream it to the top of the world how grateful we all are at Jack Lowe!”

May God bless
the children at
Jack Lowe ♡
Lavinia Lambert



Group Hug!

Serving Together Changes Lives

When families, individuals and groups come together to serve their neighbors, something amazing happens: **love multiplies**. Working alongside others who share a common passion reinforces the bond we have in Christ and strengthens our relationships—with those we serve and with one another. Here's a glimpse at how this dynamic is changing lives at PCBC and throughout our city.



The Leavell Family: “¡a jugar!” at Jack Lowe Elementary

Laura Leavell and her two sons, Pearce and Donny spend the first Thursday afternoon of every month at Jack Lowe Elementary (JLE) doing what kids do best in every language—playing! The family is a part of our Kids Ministry’s partnership with the school to host an after school program for students that is designed to highlight the fun of following Jesus every day. Volunteer families like the Leavells build relationships with JLE children through sharing in games, activities, and simple, Gospel-centered lessons. “I am always looking for volunteering opportunities where I can bring my kids,” says Laura. “I want to teach my children the value of giving back to their community at an early age. We have enjoyed getting to know the sweet students at Jack Lowe. They meet you at the door with a hug or a high five!”

Cornerstone Class: Tasby Middle School

Every year, the Cornerstone Connect class hosts a soccer tournament for Tasby middle schoolers and their families. Volunteers work together to organize teams, provide coaches, and serve concessions, all while enjoying the atmosphere of fun and competition. “We enjoy meeting them in their own environment

with a sport they love,” says class member Hilary Atkinson. “Personally, my favorite part is the look on their faces when they realize the concessions are free and limitless. They can’t even believe it! It is a tangible way to show overflowing generosity.” Working on the tournament together is

one meaningful way to invest in relationships with classmates outside of church. “Everyone is busy, and giving up a Saturday morning to serve can be hard,” adds Hilary. “But I don’t think anyone in our class who has served has walked away regretting it. This is how close relationships are built.”



Men’s Class: Men of Nehemiah

One by one. That’s how PCBC’s Men’s Connect class became dedicated supporters of Men of Nehemiah (MON), a local addiction and recovery ministry. Through a series of introductions, several members of the class began to get involved individually with the program. “I was not looking to get involved and was skeptical until I walked through the door and fell in love with what God was doing there,” explains class leader Brian Fant. Rick Morgan and Walker Harman began a Tuesday evening Bible study that has become a fixture of the week for PCBC men and MON participants and alumni. Many PCBC men also attend a Sunday morning service MON opens up to the community. “From the homeless to the wealthy, men and women black, white, brown from North Dallas to South Dallas are sitting together singing together and praising God,” says Brian. “If you want to know what heaven looks like and sounds like, you can find it at Men of Nehemiah.”



Love Beyond

PCBC members, Dr. Karen and Stan Kwan, weren't sure what to expect as they made their way to El Paso.

The ambiguity wasn't for lack of planning—the Southwestern Christian Fellowship (SCF), the campus ministry at UT Southwestern Medical Center which the couple now leads has historically sent teams to El Paso for 25 years to serve in medical missions. But this time would be different.

There was—and still is—a humanitarian crisis on our southern border.

The Kwans' El Paso contacts knew firsthand the urgency of the situation, and that it would require the group to shift their original focus. Instead of responding to the partnering churches' own under and uninsured parishioners, the Kwans and their team redirected their resources to address the influx of refugees—scores of desperate travelers, mostly from Guatemala and Honduras. These families were awaiting asylum hearings and were being shuttled to assisting El Paso churches by the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).





and Borders



The Kwans previously assembled team of 50+ medical students and volunteers—a handful of whom are PCBC members—were eager to respond to the overwhelming needs. These teams worked together over four days to treat 456 patients, 15 different church locations for various ailments, including dehydration, infections, viruses, gastrointestinal illness, and symptoms of physical and emotional trauma.

“It was overwhelming to see the human suffering up close, and especially to see the very young children who were enduring what many of us would find insufferable,” says PCBC member and social worker, Candace Hamilton. “The students were exceptional and consistently demonstrated the love of Jesus. They were so willing to touch, sit with, listen to, care for and pray with people very different from themselves without hesitation.”

PCBC’s partnership with Texas Baptists and their Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) helps finance medical mission trips like these every year.

“Several PCBC members participated in the trip this year, prayed for us, and gave financially so that we could distribute English & Spanish Bibles,” explains Stan. “With the ongoing crisis at the border, God has blessed PCBC with resources to aid—and continue to aid—our fellow human beings who are suffering great loss. It was humbling and rewarding to demonstrate the love and kindness of Christ to them.”

Following Jesus Day

Even before our South Asia mission team left the comforts of home in March, the PCBC family was praying about the state of uncertainty in the region where they were to visit and work. As they had feared, there were security concerns as this area has become increasingly hostile to Christians and the Gospel.

Indeed, the trip did turn out very differently than planned. Team members dealt with illness and some of projects were not able to be done. And yet, God daily led and provided new opportunities to bring hope.

The team was able to visit Beem, a church planter, and his family in a remote area where three years ago, a PCBC team helped build the pastor's house and a small meeting room for his church. Beem led the team on prayer walks in the village and they encountered many believers who were so encouraged by their visit.

"I was a little nervous about the trip," team member Cynthia Dashiell said. "I had never been so far from home, was leaving my husband and kids for eight days during school and didn't know the other team members well. But it was a joy to meet our Christian brothers and sisters in South Asia and make new friends from PCBC. It was awesome to learn this village has grown from four believers in 2001 to over 180 churches across the region!"

Praise God for His work in South Asia that continues through our mission-minded church family!



by Day in South Asia

How we praise God for using our generous church to win so many to Christ over our years of work in South Asia. This year's team members included (below) Keith Beasley, Anna and Damon Berry, Cynthia Dashiell, Cathy Dietze, Laurie and Jerry Ewing, Nancy and David Rockwell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



■ Beem and his family as they work to reach the lost in this area. Around 20 people have trusted Christ and two churches (separated by several miles) are meeting each week!

■ Believers facing discrimination from their predominantly Buddhist villages because of their decisions to follow Christ.



Baptist Partnerships

One Year Strong

The birth of the Baptist Partnerships Committee this past year was a creative response to our simple, longstanding vision: to be a church that multiplies for the sake of the Gospel.

The goal of the committee is to evaluate and strengthen existing partnerships within Baptist life—to join hands with those in our denomination to advance transformational work already taking place in our city, state, and beyond.

PCBC committee members collaborate with our strategic partners—Texas Baptists, (formerly the Baptist General Convention of Texas), Dallas Baptist University, Truett Seminary and more—to learn about different opportunities for Park Cities to prioritize and integrate into our financial giving.

“I am really excited to come alongside other Baptist groups like the Dallas Baptist Association, and to see and be a part of what they are doing in our city,” said Matt Sibley, Committee Chair.

The 2019-20 budget proposal for Baptist Partnerships also reflects a commitment to increase financial support that provides training and educational opportunities for future Hispanic leaders and ministers.

Another exciting new funding venture with Texas Baptists, aptly named “The Opportunity Fund,” exists to expand support for initiatives around our state. PCBC is the first church to take part in this endeavor, and will be working with Texas Baptists over the course of the year to identify and select projects to

pursue through the Opportunity Fund. They have generously pledged to match every dollar Park Cities gives towards the fund!

The importance of investing the next generation of spiritual leaders through Baptist Partnerships cannot be overstated. One of PCBC’s newest deacons, Juan Valdez, is a prime example of how this type of generosity directly shapes the lives of those who receive it.

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Through PCBC’s support of the Baptist University of America, Juan received scholarship funds to complete his studies at Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor.

At the time, Juan had never been in contact with, or attended, PCBC. But God used the gifts of strangers to forge a connection that would eventually come full circle.

“Whenever there was a moment of doubt about seminary, I remember that God called me to be a minister and that He had put in the heart of someone (from PCBC) to support

a seminary student,” remembers Juan. “I knew PCBC was not only investing in me but they were investing in the Kingdom of God.”

Juan and his wife moved to Dallas after seminary, and God led them to PCBC and Español worship.

“The hope for the future of my ministry starts with simply being a part of this thriving congregation,” says Juan. “From there, I want to help develop and equip leaders at Park Cities to share the good news in our city.”



WHO DO WE SUPPORT THROUGH BAPTIST PARTNERSHIPS?

- Texas Baptists (Baptist General Convention of Texas)
- Dallas Baptist Association
- Baptist Student Ministries at UT Pan Am and UT Southwestern
- Truett Seminary (Baylor University)
- Dallas Baptist University
- Logsdon School of Theology
- Baptist University of the Americas
- Hispanic Seminary-Dallas
- Other Baptist Causes





Park Cities member Jeff White knows what it takes to achieve success in one's career. He's been a Chick-Fil-A Operator for 22 years.

But after seven years of operating three restaurants, he decided, respectfully, to give one of them back. The decision came with a wake-up call—and an opportunity.

"I realized I was not in a good place spiritually. I was working too much and my stress level was causing me to behave in a way that was out of my character. I wasn't being the man God was calling me to be." Jeff knew he needed to make some changes.

He redirected his energy to mentoring and discipling young men who worked for him, prompting yet another realization—the men at Jeff's own church would benefit from meeting together weekly in small groups, living life together.

"I felt God was calling me to do something more. I saw a need at PCBC for our men, and took a risk and asked the church if I could coordinate a couple of Bible studies a year. I really want to create a place where men can be transparent

and vulnerable where we are encouraged by each other, to become the men we were designed to be—humble, faithful, courageous, loving, good husbands and fathers."

Jeff didn't waste any time generating accessible options for men to get plugged into smaller community groups. Multiple times and locations were offered to accommodate work and family schedules. He also designed an in-house curriculum with the help of Dr. Warren and several other laymen that was simple, practical, and resonated with the men he knew.

As a result, this past series, "Act Like Men," had over 20 small groups, with a total of approximately 150 men meeting each week to share and pray with one another. Some are still continuing to meet in between sessions to keep the momentum going.

Jeff's goal is to increase attendance numbers by 50 percent over the next year.

"When I think about growth, I think about individual growth first. If everyone is willing on their own to live life on purpose, they can come together to do even bigger things for the Kingdom."



GROWING STRONGER!

■ Fueled by time spent in study, prayer, and building each other up in the faith, the PCBC Men's Ministry reaches beyond our walls to touch lives in our local community and around the world.

■ Learn how to get involved at pcbc.org/men

Like Men



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Serving Between the Lines

Cathie LeDoux's penchant for behind the scenes details makes her work largely unseen by most church members, but her joy and devotion are ever visible.

By 7:45 am every Sunday, Cathie is already bustling between the Narthex and Sanctuary, immersed in the routine tasks she was asked to adopt as a part of PCBC's ushering team.

Cathie knows the difference first impressions can make. She sets up the Narthex for the greeting team to receive members and guests, keeping church literature stocked and ready to welcome and inform new arrivals.

"I want to help create an environment where each and every guest feels like they belong—to be seen and guided, not wandering around, having to navigate these halls alone. That is so important to me. Even if it's something small, it's important to someone."

From there, she walks the aisles of the Sanctuary, from floor to balcony, setting up offering plates for the ushers. She takes extra care to supply the Choral Hall and church office with bulletins so they can stay up to date with all that's happening in the church. As she completes the final touches, the Sanctuary Orchestra keeps her company with their pre-service rehearsals, which, for Cathie, sets the tone for worship in her heart.

"Sitting down to soak up the orchestra rehearsal before members and guests arrive makes my morning! I so appreciate the fact that PCBC has a traditional service with a Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. It's so rare, these days, to find all of those components in a church, and I love being a part of the traditional service as a choir member."



SERVING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART!

What do your gifts equip you to do on campus at PCBC? As Cathie discovered for herself, there's a job just for you. Generosity is a



lifestyle! Pray about your own involvement and then follow Cathie's advice: "Don't be timid. You will be blessed by stepping out! Any help you can provide is a worthwhile endeavor and vital to the church. Serving makes your heart happy."

THE JOURNEY

Reaching the Community through Courageous Innovation

The Journey was a dream from last year's Ministry Report that became a reality, thanks to the vision and hard work of our Family Ministry Team.

In the months leading up to Holy Week, volunteers from all lifestage areas in the PCBC Family Ministry drew up plans, built sets and gathered materials to be loaded in—transforming Lower Level Collins into a self-guided journey through the final week of Jesus' earthly life, concluding in His victorious resurrection over death.

Each station provided introductory text, an authentically prepared encounter and ways for the experience to be related to children.

Here's what some of the participants had to say:

"The Journey made a big impact on our kids and washing each other's feet was so moving!"

"This was such a humbling reminder of Jesus' great love for us."

"Knowing what Jesus did for me has always been important and special. 'Walking' through each experience was beyond words!"



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Over 1,000 people of all ages from the PCBC family and surrounding communities came through The Journey between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- Several PCBC Connect Groups experienced The Journey together.
- Many families attended The Journey and Good Friday Silent Lord's Supper together, providing a meaningful opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday.
- Watch for information about The Journey 2020!





Outdoor Baptism *Celebration*



Sharing the Gift of New Life with the Community

It's not every day that you drive down Northwest Highway and see a giant pool out in front of a church. It happens annually at Park Cities, and it's one of the most treasured Sundays of the year.

Why would we want to have a baptism service outdoors, when we have a perfectly beautiful baptistry inside our Sanctuary?

It's unique, worshipful, and festive in every way. New and recent Christ followers of all ages are able to "share their faith" with their family, friends, and our neighbors through declaring Jesus as their Lord and Savior and following Him in the public display of baptism.

It has brought newcomers to our church who have witnessed the celebration as they drove by and said, "I want to be a part of a church like that!"

It shares the real-life picture of a happy, healthy, multigenerational church. That's what Camille Dameron found when she joined and was baptized in the 2018 outdoor celebration. "People were so warm and kind. I saw seven-year-olds worshipping alongside 85-year-olds, and that felt like my family—multigenerational, but everyone close."

The two ordinances that Jesus instructed His church to carry forth are the Lord's Supper and baptism.

For 2,000 years, His church has observed them. Since 1939, faithful believers at Park Cities Baptist Church have, too.

In celebration of our 80th year, the 2019 outdoor baptism celebration could be the most special one yet. We'll reflect on the generosity of generations who have lived, worshiped, communed and baptized to proclaim the Gospel to our nearest neighbors and furthest friends. Don't miss out on the celebration – and if you have not yet been baptized, may that be the day!



MORE ABOUT OUTDOOR BAPTISM...

■ Our 80-year anniversary celebration will kick off with the outdoor baptism service on September 8, following 10:45 am worship. It will be a celebration for all the ministries of the church, as we make disciples who follow Jesus every day!

■ Learn more about baptism at one of our upcoming classes—which will be announced on our website and in church publications.

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Next Generation

We are living in an extraordinary season of growth in the life of our church! Your consistent financial support, week in and week out, provides PCBC with the fiscal stability needed to support life-changing initiatives, programs, and ministries within our walls, throughout our local community, and across the world.

This past year was exceptional because so many of you took your generosity one step further—giving above and beyond our budgetary needs, which has resulted in \$800K to \$1 million of funding that positions us to dream for the future.

As part of the proposed budget planning process, the Finance Committee also makes projections for realized savings at the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Realized savings is made up of the generosity of the church's members by giving beyond the needed requirement, plus underspending in the ministry areas.

God has impressed upon our hearts—led through the diligence and vision of the Finance Committee—to use \$600K of these extra funds to invest in the future—Park Cities' next generation. The majority of the



“Next Gen” funding will be used to conduct a thorough refreshment of our facilities, creating a welcoming, high quality environment for children and young families to thrive. The remaining \$100K will be placed in a separate fund that can be readily dispersed for ongoing programming and curriculum needs.

“The Great Commission is to make disciples of all nations, says Finance Committee member, Jonathan Adams. “We have an amazing opportunity to accomplish part of that Commission by investing in and supporting our PCBC families. The Next Gen initiative is just the start of what we all can do.”

Stay tuned in the coming year to hear more about how these Next Gen initiatives are becoming a reality. Thanks to your generosity, the future is bright!



tion Giving





Overflowing Generosity

OUR CHURCH

budget is the practical way we manage

the generosity of

God's people at PCBC.

The proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$16,220,158.

The proposal includes:

■ **\$13,600,000** that will depend on the continued faithful giving of PCBC members.

■ **\$1,585,374** will come from ministry fees for summer camps and other activities.

■ **\$1,034,784** from designated gifts previously given.

The proposed budget—a slight increase from the 2018-2019 budget—reflects an effort by the Finance Committee to align giving and spending through a comprehensive 12-month planning process. As planning is a year-round activity, so are the needs of the Church. Please consider this time as a reminder to faithfully support PCBC with your financial gifts throughout the year.



Ways to give

- **Online:** pcbc.org/give
- **Mobile:** Download our PCBC app and select "GIVE"
- **Weekly offering:** In Worship or Connect Group

* Donations by ACH from your bank account cost PCBC only 0.4% of the donation amount.

Legacy giving

As you plan your future, consider being a blessing to PCBC for generations to come through your estate plan. Consult your financial planner to structure the plan that is best for you, with contributions such as:

- Stock gifts
- Charitable trusts
- Designated funds
- Property gifts

More than 115 PCBC members serving on seven committees, help plan and allocate resources for PCBC's ministries every year, which represents 51.7% of the church's fiscal year budget. The remainder of the budget, 48.3%, provides the compensation and benefits of our church staff and is approved by our Personnel Committee. The total budget is then reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, the Fellowship of Deacons and by the congregation at the June Church in Conference.

"Our church has a long history of faithfulness in our tithes and offerings and our time and talents. It is the duty of the Finance Committee to develop a budget that is reflective of our unique gifts as a church and which recognizes Overflowing Generosity as one of our core values. We believe this proposed budget promotes responsible stewardship of kingdom resources by investing in important ministries on our campus, around our city and across the globe," John-Michael Kretz, Finance Committee Chair, said.

PCBC 2019-20 BUDGET VOTE

Sun., June 2, in the Great Hall

4:45 pm Call to Prayer

5:00 pm Church in Conference

PROPOSED FY 2019-2020 BUDGET

Planned expenditures		FISCAL YEAR	
		2019 – 2020	2018 – 2019
Planned expenditures		\$ 16,220,158	\$ 16,814,183
Partially offset by fees collected		1,585,374	1,559,985
Remaining expenditures to be funded		\$ 14,634,784	\$ 15,254,198
Designated funds requested to be used		1,034,784	1,804,198
Net budget request that is dependent on faithful giving		\$ 13,600,000	\$ 13,450,000
Breakdown of net budget request		Dollars	% of total
Compensation and benefits		\$ 6,574,421	48.3%
Other planned expenditures		7,025,579	51.7%
Total		\$ 13,600,000	100%
Planned expenditures by ministry area	Dollars	% of total	% Increase/ (decrease) over prior year
Pastoral leadership	\$ 1,299,275	8.0%	-5.9%
Communications	1,114,715	6.9%	8.4%
Worship	939,250	5.8%	2.3%
Ministries on our campus	4,229,899	26.1%	0.2%
Missions	3,104,222	19.1%	5.0%
Administration	5,532,797	34.1%	-12.3%
Total	\$ 16,220,158	100%	-3.5%
Net budget request by ministry area	Dollars	% of total	% Increase/ (decrease) over prior year
Pastoral leadership	\$ 997,275	7.3%	-1.6%
Communications	1,097,340	8.1%	6.7%
Worship	912,320	6.7%	7.0%
Ministries on our campus	2,909,261	21.4%	4.9%
Missions	2,428,472	17.9%	6.6%
Administration	5,255,332	38.6%	-4.5%
Total	\$ 13,600,000	100%	1.1%
		FISCAL YEAR	
Planned expenditures for missions	2019 – 2020	2018 – 2019	% Increase/ (decrease) over prior year
Community ministries	\$ 273,000	\$ 252,500	8.1%
Jerusalem ministries			
Vickery	123,250	86,950	41.7%
PCBC en Español	48,150	53,100	-9.3%
South Dallas	246,000	289,000	-14.9%
Judea and Samaria			
Guatemala	107,000	106,000	0.9%
Caribbean	182,000	185,000	-1.6%
South Texas	218,000	208,550	4.5%
Church planting	78,000	75,000	4.0%
Missionary sending	73,000	67,000	9.0%
Ends of the Earth	685,550	642,550	6.7%
Baptist Partnerships	541,250	541,250	0.0%
Compensation and benefits and other	529,022	448,098	18.1%
Total	\$ 3,104,222	\$ 2,954,998	5.0%

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