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In Him you also,  
when you heard the  
word of truth, the gospel  
of your salvation, and  
believed in Him, were  
sealed with the promised  
Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 1:13

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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### FAMILY LEGACY FOOD PACKING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | PCPC GARAGE

Join us for Serve Saturday by volunteering to help pack 50,000 meals for children in Zambia! Two shifts are available on Saturday morning, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This event is open to all, including families. Please note that childcare is not provided, but children of all ages are welcome to serve.

[pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events)

### UNION

TUESDAYS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17 | 6:45 P.M. | THE LOFT

This course is open to seriously dating and engaged couples. We will cover topics such as the biblical meaning of marriage, expectations, communication, in-laws, biblical roles of husband and wife, money and stewardship, and intimacy. We will meet February 17 through April 14. The cost of the class is \$30 per person to help offset the cost of materials.

[pcpc.org/marriage](http://pcpc.org/marriage)

### LENTEN ORGAN SERIES

TUESDAYS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24 | 12:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy these 30-minute noon concerts each Tuesday during Lent from February 24 through March 24.

[pcpcconcerts.org](http://pcpcconcerts.org)

### MISSIONARY MAILINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us and write notes of encouragement to our missionaries. Lunch will be provided, donations appreciated. Questions? Contact [emily.leonard@pcpc.org](mailto:emily.leonard@pcpc.org).

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### FLORIDA TRIP (HIGH SCHOOL)

MAY 23-29

All incoming 9th-12th graders, join us for an incredible week of fun, sun, worship, and teaching. PCPC members register February 2-6 and non-members register February 9-12 (rising seniors start on Monday followed by each grade by day).

[pcpc.org/florida-trip](http://pcpc.org/florida-trip)

### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- 60+ FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP | FEBRUARY 6
- FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND | FEBRUARY 6
- POP & PLAY AND SONG & STORY (PRESCHOOL) | FEBRUARY 6 & 20
- YOUNG ADULT BIG GAME PARTY | FEBRUARY 8
- MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS GALENTINES | FEBRUARY 11
- RUF-INTERNATIONAL LUNAR NEW YEAR | FEBRUARY 20
- THE GATHERING (HIGH SCHOOL) | FEBRUARY 25
- RESTORE: WOMEN'S SEMI-SILENT RETREAT | FEBRUARY 26-28
- YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OF PRAYER | FEBRUARY 26
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 28
- THE BRIDGE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON | MARCH 10
- TENEbrae CONCERT | MARCH 12

[pcpc.org/calendar](http://pcpc.org/calendar)

# SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

Have you been thinking and praying about how the Lord may be calling you to give, pray, and go in 2026? Perhaps you attended PCPC's Global Missions Conference, listened to Jonty Rhodes' sermons online, and can sense the Spirit stirring your heart. Maybe you've even begun to pray if the Lord might be calling you to participate in a mission trip this year.

PCPC Missions staff want to remind you that short-term mission applications are open. Now is the time to apply! Step out of your comfort zone, grow in your faith, and make a difference in a community that needs to hear the Good News.

**Applications are open online for the following trips:**

## COLOMBIA WOMEN'S TRIP (APRIL 22-28 - Apply by February 20)

Serve missionaries Lauren and Peter Dishman by hosting a women's conference for the Spanish speaking Presbyterian churches in Bogota (with translators).



## MIDDLE EAST TRIP (JUNE 13-20 - Apply by March 13)

Host a community kids camp, participate in evangelism, and serve a local church in meaningful ways. Step out of your comfort zone and grow in your faith!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DALLAS (JUNE 15-18)

Rising 6-8th graders, serve local city mission partners for four days of missions, community, and fun! Afternoons will include Dallas area activities.

## GERMANY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 19-28 - Apply by March 27)

Prayer walking trip for singles or couples in partnership with MTW Munich. Partner with PCPC missionaries, Ben and Anna Graber, and spend time praying for and getting to know the city.

## HIGH SCHOOL SENEGAL TRIP (JUNE 19-27 - Applications are closed)

Once again, this trip will partner with a Presbyterian ministry in Djilas, Senegal, and serve local Muslim kids by running a VBS day-camp.



## HIGH SCHOOL COLOMBIA TRIP (JUNE 20-27 - Apply by May 10)

Spend a week in Cartagena distributing clean water filters and sharing the gospel in partnership with our local church planting partners.

## ITALY TRIP (JUNE 25-JULY 5 - Apply by March 11)

Calling all summer camp lovers! Partner with PCPC missionaries, Hillary and Terrance Luker as well as Ben Hamner, to help with a summer English camp for teenagers.

## BAHAMAS FAMILY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 26-JULY 3 - Apply by April 20)

Host a children's camp in the Yellow Elder area with missionaries Christiana and Julian Russell. Enjoy going to the beach, fellowship with other families, and bringing the hope and love of Jesus to the kids of the Bahamas!

## SENEGAL FAMILY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 26-JULY 4 - Apply by April 6)

Enjoy fellowship with church leaders in Senegal. Ruling and teaching elders train West African pastors and run a VBS for their kids.

## PERU MEDICAL MISSION TRIP (AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 7 - Apply by February 15)

Participate in a medical trip to work alongside a MTW missionary clinic in Peru.

Questions about Short-Term Missions and upcoming trips? Find out more at [pcpc.org/short-term/](http://pcpc.org/short-term/) or contact Kevin Joseph at [kevin.joseph@pcpc.org](mailto:kevin.joseph@pcpc.org).



# EMBRACE GRACE

by Kimberly Leopold

*"I can't believe how many doors have opened for me since I joined Embrace Grace! The Lord truly is answering so many of my prayers, and I can't believe it!"* Allison (name changed for privacy) began attending our Bible study for single pregnant moms last spring when she found out she was unexpectedly pregnant. When I first met Allison, she was reserved, quiet, and reluctant to share...yet she kept showing up! Over the course of the semester, she began sharing her questions about Christianity. Through time spent around the dinner table at Midweek, time spent in the Word, and babysitting while Allison napped, walls gradually came down.



This fall, Allison has returned to Embrace Grace with her baby in tow. She has been our biggest recruiter for Embrace Grace this fall and spread the word about our group to three other ladies. Because of Allison, each of these ladies was able to hear the gospel preached in word and deed every week. Allison is almost unrecognizable from the first time I met her, with a smile, confidence, and softness of heart. It's amazing to see the Lord continuing to work in the lives of the women who attend this Bible study.



Embrace Grace, a 12-week support group for single, pregnant moms, started at Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCPC) in 2023 with two ladies in attendance. Now in the fall of 2025, we just finished our 4th semester with 10 ladies attending. Each Wednesday, we gather for dinner at Midweek, study the Bible, and pray with and for one another. Each of the moms who attend is coming from diverse backgrounds—some are believers, others are seeking or atheists. Some are on their own, while others have supportive families and partners. Some have a stable housing situation, others do not. Some have multiple children, and for others, this is their first pregnancy. The women who get involved typically find our group through pregnancy resource centers,

word of mouth, or online. It takes such courage for them to show up on the first week at a huge church building, not knowing a soul. By the end of the 12 weeks, these ladies leave as friends, many of them staying to continue being a part of the group after their babies are born!

Of course, a ministry like Embrace Grace does not come without its challenges. How do we come alongside a woman facing homelessness? How do we support a woman coming out of sex trafficking? How do we help provide for the very real childcare needs presented when the mom needs to go back to work? How do we love a mom who is facing the guilt of having an abortion in her past? How do we get the women to attend the group when many of them do not have reliable transportation? Each of these questions reminds me that I cannot do this in my own strength. We truly need the Lord's guidance and discernment when handling each unique situation with care.



It's been beautiful to see the body of Christ at PCPC come alongside each of these ladies and serve the ministry of Embrace Grace. From the ladies in the nursery who watch the children while we study the Bible, to the members who donate to the baby shower at the end of the semester, to the women who faithfully share the gospel in the Bible study, it truly takes a village to pull off something like Embrace Grace each week. It's been a joy to see PCPC be the hands and feet of Jesus to families all over the city of Dallas.



If someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, we would love to invite them to Embrace Grace. Interested in getting involved? We are looking for individuals to host baby showers for moms-to-be and to cover this ministry in prayer.

Contact [jessica.fikkert@pcpc.org](mailto:jessica.fikkert@pcpc.org) for more information.