

PCPC MAY NEWSLETTER



Loving Your Prodigal

by David C. Mauldin

Many believers know the pain of a grown child who rejects the gospel. Despite being taught the right things, going to church, and the example of Christian parents, the prodigal chooses the far country. Some prodigals grow up to be everything their parents could have wished, except they do not believe in Jesus Christ. Others both reject the gospel and choose a lifestyle at odds with biblical values. Still others choose a path of self-destruction—drugs, crime, etc. What's a Christian parent to do?

First, know that you are not alone. Man in the Mirror, a men's ministry, has gathered some alarming statistics about men in America. They report that 9 out of 10 men in church will have children who leave the church. If that figure is even close to accurate, you have lots of company.

Given the culture we live in, I am not surprised. Our children are bombarded every day with values and ideas that, if not examined, corrode faith. That's why we need to examine them and teach our children to also. We need to teach them to look for the angles. What's the message here? Who says so? And, why? Teach your children to be savvy about the hidden messages and values they consume.

Second, don't beat yourself up. You are not God, so you can't be a perfect parent. Even if you were a perfect parent, that's no guarantee your children would always choose the right path. Once they grow up, children become responsible for their own choices.

So long as your children are under your authority, you should be critical of yourself: Am I doing what I am supposed to? Am I living a worthy example? Do I talk with them about my faith? Do I answer their questions? Do I make sure they are in church? Do we pray as a family? Make every effort.

At some point, though, they become responsible for themselves. They make their own choices. That doesn't mean your job is over, but it does mean you are not in charge. That is the time to give yourself grace. You did the best you could, and no one could have reasonably asked for more. You laid a good foundation, but your child must build on it. You are not responsible for what is not in your control.

What if you honestly believe that you could have done better? You laid a poor foundation, and you know it? Ask God to forgive you, accept his pardon, and resolve to do the best you can from here. You can't go back and

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

- FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH -

Want to join Palm City Presbyterian or just learn about membership? You are invited to our next New Member Class on May 19 in the church library. Please call the church office (772-286-9958) if you would like to attend. This is not necessary, but helpful so that we will have enough packets of information for each family.

BE IN THE KNOW

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing janet@palmcitypres.org.
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: palmcitypres.org.
- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



PCPC Youth

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fb.me/PCPCYouth



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- Take notes
- Reference the Bible



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HOW TO FIND US.

- 1) Make sure location settings are 'on'
- 2) Click the 'more' tab
- 3) Select 'events' to

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ANGEL OF THE MONTH

by Janet Sallman



I was trying to find one word that could describe our angel this month. I found it! It's the word **STALWART!** According to the dictionary, the first definition of stalwart is one who is physically and morally strong. The second definition is one who actively supports an organization or cause. Let me elucidate why I think both definitions fit our angel this month.

She has been a long-time PCPC member and has used her time and talents in so many capacities. One of the first roles she acquired was as a member of the worship team, which she served on for many years. She is currently a shepherd with her flock of PCPC members that she stays in touch with faithfully. And just recently as part of the membership team, she took on the role of helping to organize the photo sessions and update the membership information for our pictorial directory. That was a tremendous job, I might add. In yet another prominent role, as an elder, she has taken on the position of Clerk of Session in a highly efficient and exceedingly responsible manner. Through all of these roles, nothing slows her down. Even after having serious foot surgery, she still came to every meeting on her scooter with her foot hiked up and her arms laden down with her iPad, papers, and notebooks. It is very important to her to make sure that she does her fair share in contributing to the productivity of each meeting.

So the word stalwart really does suit her. It is the most vivid and accurate way I can characterize our angel this month. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Diane Graczyk here at PCPC.



Congratulations to PCPC member Jackie Smith, who was recently recognized for 35 years of volunteer service at Martin Memorial Health Systems!



Longtime PCPC member Jane Ferguson celebrated her 104th birthday on April 26th. She now lives in Virginia Beach, VA. God's blessings and joy-filled days, Jane!

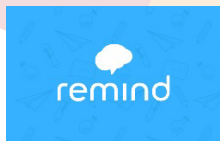
YOUTH NEWS, May 2019

-Jason Pridmore

CLASS of 2019

Graduating Class of 2019, we want to recognize you. If you or someone you love is graduating this year from high school (or college), we want to acknowledge and congratulate you. Most of you will be connected through youth group, but even if not, we want to know where you are graduating from and where you might be headed to in the future (college, grad school, work, military). Please email me with the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from, where they will be attending next year and their major (if known), and also a picture of your graduate: jason@palmcitypres.org, by May 12. Senior Sunday will be May 19. Please be in attendance so we can recognize you and let you know how proud we are of you. Early congratulations, Class of 2019!

For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



text "@pcpcyo" to the number "81010"



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To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.
Email: Jason@palmcitypres.org
Call or Text: (714) 809-5065

"Envelope" our youth with your love & support.

125 ENVELOPES

A Fundraiser for the Puerto Rico
Youth Mission Trip

Our youth will be traveling to Puerto Rico this summer to continue to help a community rebuild from Hurricane Maria (2017). Want to support them? Grab an envelope! Here's how it works:

Throughout the month of May, 125 envelopes will be posted on a board in the church narthex & the lobby of the Huizenga Family Life Center. Simply grab an envelope off the board, fill it with the amount that corresponds to the number on the outside, and turn it in. (Example: If you grab envelope #16, give \$16...or more if you like!)

Also, please pray for us. PRAY FOR:

1. Puerto Rico
2. the community we go to serve
3. our team



Those who "go" on mission trips are never successful without those who "send" them on mission trips. We thank you in advance for your support. For any questions, contact Jason @714-809-5065. Checks can be made out to PCPC.

Mother's Day Photo Booth



On May 12, Mother's Day, our youth will be hosting a FREE photo booth. Come to church with your mom or bring your family and have your picture taken...it's on us! Happy Mother's Day!

Upcoming Service Opportunity

If you or your student have a heart for feeding the needy, serving the community, or are just in need of service hours, come and join PCPC and the youth group on Saturday, May 18 as we help the Treasure Coast Food Bank distribute food from their Mobile Food Pantry at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Meet us there at 8:30 a.m., wear closed-toed shoes and be ready for rain or shine. Call Jason with any questions: 714-809-5065.

There will be no Middle School Youth Group Wednesday, May 22. May 29 will be our final middle school youth group before we begin summer programming.

There will be no High School Youth Group Sunday, May 12 in honor of Mother's Day. May 19 will be our final high school youth group before we begin summer programming.

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. for games, fun, food, and conversation.

High School Youth Group meets Sundays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (all the same as Middle School youth, with twice the fun).

In His service and yours,

Jason Pridmore
Youth Ministry



May Book Review

by Carolyn Hermann

Come and meet Roman and Grace. One is an artist who lives two lives, and the other a single mom struggling to make ends meet—two very different people with very different challenges in their lives. As they begin to untangle their past, can they find a way to move forward in life with meaning and purpose? God is the only way to make real and lasting changes in people's lives. Will Grace and Roman get a chance to realize this before it's too late? This Christian fiction title is full of flashbacks, real-life stories, God's grace, redemption, love, suspense, and art. Francine Rivers has written a book that is hard to put down, and will encourage even the most skeptical person that a relationship with God is the only relationship worth pursuing. I can't wait to pick up another Francine Rivers novel!



Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6 at 10 a.m. in Langill Hall. Please plan to attend for a time of snacks and fellowship. We will be having a presentation from Todd Weissing titled "Our Waters—Past, Present, and Future." Hope to see there!

lay a new foundation, but you can be a positive witness in your child's life. Also, recognize that you have not put God in a hopeless situation. He is not sitting around wringing his hands, saying, "I was going to save that kid, but his mom and/or dad did such a poor job that now I am utterly helpless!"

Third, never give up. God works in people's lives in so many different, surprising ways. You never know what God might do. You must trust him and keep on praying. Never stop praying. I have heard of parents who prayed for years before their children came to faith. Some parents do not live to see the transformation God brings in answer to their prayers. But they will see it in eternity.

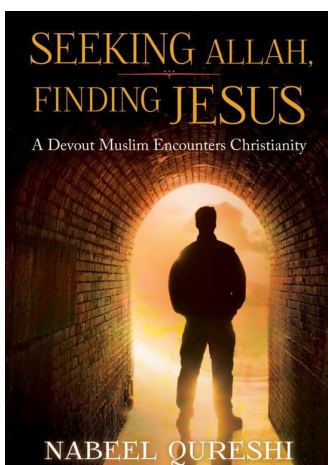
Fourth, maintain a good relationship with your prodigal. Billy Graham, who knew something about this, wrote, "Let them know you still love them, even if you don't approve of the way they are living. They know where you stand; you don't need to keep criticizing them or reminding them of what they should be doing. Remember the Bible's admonition: 'A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.' (Proverbs 15:1)."

You may have occasion to ask questions that will make them think. You may be able to point them to some sign of transcendence that will cause their heart or mind to open just a crack. Or maybe all you can do is love them. God set an example for Christian parents because he never gave up on his people. Complaining, rebellion, idolatry, and even terrible evil—we have done it all. God exhorted, he pleaded, he disciplined, but he never rejected us.

Ruth Bell Graham, Billy's wife, raised five children with him. She too knows all about this. She wrote a little poem:

I will—
Encourage.
Keep communications open at all times.
Let them know they are loved and welcome at home, *always*.
Permit the children to disagree with me, provided they do it respectfully.
(And I find occasionally they are right and I am wrong).
Make a clear distinction between moral and nonmoral issues.
Encourage.

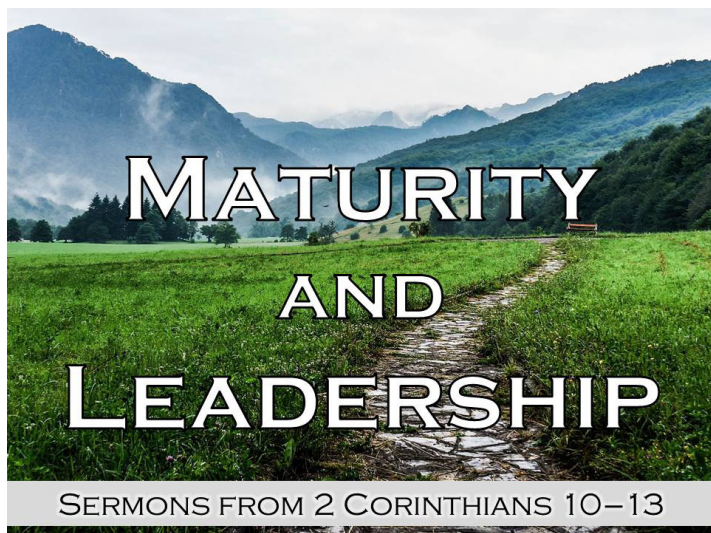
She offers this advice, "We mothers must take care of the possible and trust God for the impossible."



On April 24, Pastor David started leading a video-based study, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. The course is going to run a total of 8 weeks, concluding on June 12. Each week we will watch the video then discuss it. Here is how the press release describes it:

"Building on the powerful story and arguments he shared in *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*, author Nabeel Qureshi takes viewers deeper into apologetics and evangelism among Muslims with this complete video lecture course. In eight sessions of about 30 minutes each, he explores Muslim culture, the most common Muslim objections to Christianity, and the core doctrines upon which Islam stands or falls. Compassionate and clear, Nabeel's lectures will be a useful training tool for pastors, outreach leaders, and any believers wanting to winsomely engage Muslims in spiritual conversations.

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus Video Study develops in further detail the objections to Islam and case for Christianity that Qureshi introduced in *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. When used with the accompanying *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus Study Guide*, this accessible course is perfect for adult classes, small groups, segments in college or seminary courses, and motivated independent learners alike."



May 5
 “Paul Comes Out Fighting”
 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

June 2
 “A Thorn in the Flesh”
 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

May 12
 “Paul on the Defensive”
 2 Corinthians 10:7-18

June 9
 “The Concerns of a
 Mature Leader”
 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

May 19
 “A Little Foolishness”
 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

June 16
 “The Test of Leadership”
 2 Corinthians 13:1-10

May 26
 “Paul’s Trophy Case”
 2 Corinthians 11:16-33



May Prayer Theme

by Judy McDonald

Unanswered Prayer?

Is there such a thing as unanswered prayers
 or do we not like the answer?

The answers we receive are either

Yes, No, or Not Now.

Yes - We are always thankful and joyful over blessings bestowed on us.

Not Now - Wait for God's Timing.

- **Hannah.** Hannah was barren for many years and prayed for a son. She promised she would give her son to the Lord all the days of his life. After waiting, she gave birth to Samuel.
- **Abraham and Sarah.** Abraham, promised to be the father of many nations, had no children. He and his wife were old and beyond childbearing years when Sarah conceived and bore a son called Issac.

No - The hardest answer to accept.

- **Paul** was given a thorn in the flesh and prayed three times for it to be removed. His answer was, "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Corinthians 12:7)
- **Jesus.** "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.'" (Matthew 26:39)

As believers, we are commanded to pray always.

- “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

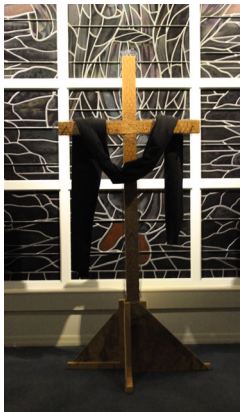
Holy Week

-by Lynn Church

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, a service of prayer and praise was held in the Huizenga Family Life Center. Music was provided by our praise band, Cornerstone, who also led attendees in singing. A short sermon was given by Pastor David. It was based on John 17 and Jesus' prayer while in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Lord's Supper by intinction was celebrated. Following communion, members of the Stephen Ministry and Deacon Prayer Team were available to pray with anyone who desired a private prayer time. Many people availed themselves of the offer.

On Friday, April 19, the Chancel Choir and 5 members of the Chamber Orchestra presented *Requiem* by John Rutter. John Milford Rutter is an English composer, editor, arranger and record producer, of mainly choral music. He was born on September 24, 1945 in London. Rutter was a prolific composer from the age of 5. He composed *Requiem* in 1985. The musical setting has parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms and biblical verses in English. *Requiem* was directed by Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich and accompanied by our wonderful organist, Joanne Raulin. It included solos by Kerry Rocks and Megan Krinsky, as well as a beautiful quartet consisting of Megan Krinsky, Kerry Rocks, John Slivon and Lee Schilling. It was a beautiful work; no doubt inspiring all who heard it.

Both of these services led up to the culmination of Easter week when we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is risen! He is risen, indeed! To God be the glory!



Chris Bell

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ART IS IN

When school is out ART - IS - IN!

Frick and Frack Music's performing arts ministry ART IS IN is returning to PCPC to put on another fabulous VBS Drama Camp with our children! Camp will be held daily June 17th - 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$125.00 for the week. (All participants receive a T-shirt. Snacks are provided; please bring lunch.)

This year's production, *Journey to Tahinoahu*, is a musical South Seas adventure about the amazing love of God. Camp participants will put on a free performance for the public on the evening of Friday, June 21st in the Huizenga Family Life Center.

Registration forms are available in our church office and on our website: www.palmcitypres.org. Online registration is also available. Space is limited; register as soon as possible.

Please direct questions to our interim Children's Ministry Director, Becky Nicholson. becky@palmcitypres.org (772) 286-9958



A MUSICAL BY PHILLIP W. LANIER & NEESA HART



The scouts and families from Cub Scout Pack 822 held a clean-up day at PCPC on Saturday, April 13th. For two hours, they worked hard clearing fronds and brush and doing other jobs around our campus. Great Job Scouts!

May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30p Dinner 5:30p M.S. Youth Group 6:00p Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus 6:00p Kids Klub 6:00p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	2 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Bells of Praise 6:30p CBS 7:00p Chancel Choir	3 9:00a Bulletin Stuffing	4
5 9:30a Pre-K to Elem Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Linger Longer 6:00p H.S. Youth Group	6 9:00a Hilltoppers 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	7 10:00a Staff Meeting 4:00p Deacons Meeting	8 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus 6:00p Kids Klub 6:00p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	9 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Women's Bible Study 4:00p P&A Committee 5:00p Bells of Praise 7:00p Chancel Choir	10 9:00a Bulletin Stuffing	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30a Pre-K to Elem Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Linger Longer	13 9:00a MOPS 5:00p Mission Committee 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	14 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30p Membership Committee	15 10:00a Finance Committee 3:15p Stephen Ministry 5:30p Dinner 5:30p M.S. Youth Group 6:00p Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus 6:00p Kids Club 6:00p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	16 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Women's Bible Study 9:30a Grandmothers & Others 5:00p Bells of Praise 7:00p Chancel Choir	17 9:00a Bulletin Stuffing	18 8:00a Treasure Coast Food Bank - Fairgrounds 2:00p Sue Scheitzow's Students - Recital
19 9:30a Pre-K to Elem Sunday School 9:45a Adult Sunday School TBA New Members Class 10:30a Linger Longer 3:00p Joanne Raulin's Students - Recital 6:00p H.S. Youth Group	20 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	21 10:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Worship Committee	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus 6:00p Kids Klub 6:00p Walk Aerobics 7:00p Session 8:00p Cornerstone	23 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Bells of Praise 7:00p Chancel Choir	24 9:00a Bulletin Stuffing	25
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Birthdays

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| 05/01 | Amber & Annabelle Ducote,
Charlotte & Isabelle Kadela, Matt Livings | 05/23 | Nadine Albert, Ed Coco, Jon Gottschalk,
Joseph John, Kate Kadela |
| 05/02 | Wesley Gamble, Julie Hockey | 05/24 | Bill Boswell, Al Hastings, Lois Hollinger,
Allen Scott |
| 05/03 | Tamas Zsoka | 05/25 | Robert Tatje |
| 05/04 | Bob Blake | 05/27 | Timothy Helderman, Barbara Mans,
Shirley Robertson, Janice Topping |
| 05/05 | Ginger King | 05/30 | John Hockey |
| 05/06 | Cathy Coco, David Kadela, Betty Lee,
Carolyn Livings, Jack Savarese, Patty Stewart | | |
| 05/08 | Kristi Austhof, David Pohndorf | | |
| 05/09 | Joan Hyde, Charlotte McIntosh, Jacob Schoner | | |
| 05/10 | Shirley Ens | | |
| 05/12 | Darlene Jones, Loretta Liljestrand | | |
| 05/13 | Karen Bartnick, Nathan Welmaker | | |
| 05/14 | Victor Forestier, Delores Stob, Patricia White | | |
| 05/15 | Joan Cromer | | |
| 05/16 | David Mauldin, Beth Welmaker | | |
| 05/18 | Troy Artman, Coulter Burns, Shama Johnson | | |
| 05/19 | Max Ducote, Marjorie Gunnell, Loli Lindstrom,
Connor Marino | | |
| 05/20 | Marck Bonk, Kelly George | | |
| 05/21 | Amelia Johnson, Rebecca Marino,
Paul Welling | | |
| 05/22 | Wanda Lee Gilmour | | |



Anniversaries

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| 05/01 | Trent & Tammy Steckler |
| 05/03 | Rick & Judy Thorpe |
| 05/07 | J.D. & Pepper Lewis |
| 05/09 | John & Nina Crotts |
| 05/10 | Michael & Sue Stutzke |
| 05/13 | Jeffrey & Megan Schoner |
| 05/17 | Joe & Shirley Ens |
| 05/21 | Richard & Connie Heidt-Bennett |
| 05/22 | Ed & Cathy Coco |
| 05/23 | Matt & Kari Bonk |
| 05/25 | Adam & April Day |
| 05/28 | Gary & Amber Ducote, Dick & Lois Giuffreda,
Greg & Beth Welmaker |
| 05/29 | Kevin & Donna Levengood |
| 05/30 | Harold & Janice King, Russell & Carlin Rykse |

Have something for the next newsletter? Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.

Worship Times

Traditional
8:30 Sanctuary
11:00 Sanctuary

Contemporary
9:30 HFLC

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