



SHARING THE PEACE

A Newsletter from Peace Church Presbyterian

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Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the word of God, to become fully devoted to God.

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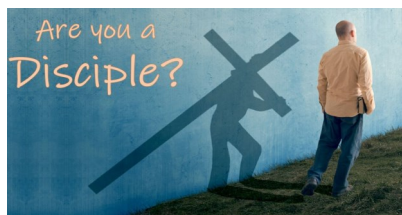
May 2024

What IS a disciple, anyway?

The other day I was driving one of my Uber customers, who was probably 30 years old. I picked her up from her job at Target and took her home. I asked her how her day was, as I usually do, and she said it was ROUGH! She was quiet most of the way to her apartment, but when we got there, she had a hard time getting the app on her phone to open the gate. She apologized and said she was distracted because she was listening to this incredible song that was making her rough day better. She said it was called, "The Promise", by a band called "When In Rome". I said I knew it well and loved it! I told her that it reminded me of my best friend growing up, Mindi, because the song is about being there for someone no matter what. Mindi made a mix tape that included that song for me (in like 1990!) and it was really comforting to me after my dad died. Those were very formative years for me in my early teens and that song and Mindi's friendship were crucial to God forming me to become the disciple of Jesus that I am.

We've all been there. Identity formation is an integral part of the maturing process for teenagers. I would argue that identity formation continues until the day we close our eyes for the last time. There are so many factors that shape who we are, but ultimately, God has chosen and created us for the

identity he ordained for us before the beginning of time. All other factors can help shape us into who he wants us to be, or lead us astray into some other identity. What is the most important aspect of your identity? I would argue that it is as a follower of Christ, if you have claimed him as your savior and lord.



No other aspect of who you are is as eternally and temporally important than your faith in Christ. God has created you in his image and for a purpose, and following Jesus is the most important purpose for all of us. That identity affects everything about our lives. Or at least it should. The way we talk, the way we treat people, how we do our jobs, how we raise our kids, our interactions with our friend, everything should reflect who we are in Christ. If I'm honest, I have to admit it doesn't always work out that way. I am not always the best reflection of Jesus in my life.

So we all can do better in living out our identity in Jesus. That process of learning who we are and living it out is called discipleship. It is the process of learning and living who

you are as a follower of Jesus. As part of our denominational renewal process, our Discipleship Ministry Team has developed a definition of what a disciple of Jesus looks like. They have prayerfully discerned and articulated several traits of a disciple. Last year I preached a sermon series in May and June that presents and explained those traits. This year we, the leadership of Peace Church, have decided to make discipleship our number 1 priority. I made that clear to the Session at our retreat in January, but I am realizing I have not made it clear to the whole congregation! Our emphasis on discipleship is why we did the small groups on "The Chosen" TV show for Lent, why I've emphasized reading the whole Bible through in 2024 using the Youversion app, why we took a youth retreat to go camping, and why ALL of my sermon series this year will have that focus. I encourage you all to be praying for God to more clearly reveal to you his love in Christ and your identity in Christ as we embark on this journey of discipleship discovery. In that way we will all be able to say we are disciples of Jesus Christ first and foremost! Remember, you are a disciple: it's who you are MEANT to be!

In Christ,
Scott Cummings, Pastor
John 8:31-32

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| Thurs. May 2 | 8am Nation Day of Prayer |
| Sun. May 5 | 11 AM Worship Team Meeting and 12:30 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting 3:00PM Baby Shower For Laura Caudill 4830 Cloverfield Drive, Pearland (Scott & Carrie Cummings' house) 3:00 PM —Guys Night Game Night at the church! |
| Mon. May 6 | 7:00 PM Outreach & Mission Team on Zoom |
| Sun. May 12 | <u>Mother's Day!</u> |
| Sun. May 19 | <u>Pentecost Sunday!</u> 12:30pm Session Meeting |
| Sat. May 25 | 1-7 p.m. Shantelle Jones Housewarming |

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Peace Church
Scholarship Fund: The application period for the Peace Church Scholarship Fund has

opened! The Scholarship awards funds to eligible individuals (youth & adult) seeking academic or spiritual education (seminars, retreats, etc.). The deadline to apply for academic scholarships is **Monday, May 1st.** Spiritual education scholarships do not have a deadline and can be awarded anytime throughout the year. Each type of scholarship has its own application, deadlines and requirements. More information and details can be found at **www.peacepres.net/scholarship** or contact the church office. Paper forms are available for pick up at the church or online on the website.

Red is the color of Pentecost, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension. The color symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

May 19th, 2024
Special choir performance!

Pentecost Sunday

NEW MISSION STATEMENT: Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the word of God, to become fully devoted to God.

Tagline: Welcome to the family!

Values:

Inclusion: We include ALL because Christ included ALL of us when we didn't deserve it.

People: People missing from God's family matter to us because they matter to God.

Transformation: God loves us as we are but loves us too much to leave us as we are.

Inspiration: The Spirit empowers us to live out our mission in and outside the church.

Devotion: We're fully committed to Christ because he's fully committed to us.

Worship Team's meeting is **Sunday, May 5th at 11:00 am** in the sanctuary.

Current Sermon Series: Leave a Legacy! What will you leave behind when it's time for you to be called home to heaven? What will your friends and relatives left behind remember most about you? What lasting impact are you making in the world right NOW? We'll dive into these and many other questions as we look at what it means to leave a legacy of faith when we are gone from this earth. Now is the time to consider what legacy you will leave when you are gone! This sermon series runs from **April 14th—May 19th**. Join us and invite a friend!



Peace Choir Rehearsals: Peace Choir is having rehearsals Sunday afternoons at 12:30pm led by Cay Cummings. Anyone is welcome to join the choir! The choir is performing on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**, so come rehearse with them THIS Sunday!



Welcome to our NEW Worship Leader, Bo! He's been with us a few weeks already, but here's more to know about Bo! "I am a former public school teacher who loves to use music to have an impact for God. When I'm not driving for Uber, I'm out on the water with my son or we're learning to play a new instrument together. I was born and raised in Pasadena, TX. I earned my bachelor's at Abilene Christian where I studied Biology. I've lived in the Republic (Texas!) my entire life and I don't plan on leaving anytime soon. I see God in the people of Peace Church." Be sure to welcome Bo and his son Trey when you see them!!

Care Team's meeting will be in June - Date TBD.

Congregational Care: Peace Church Care Team members strive to keep in touch with you. If there are needs, blessings, or prayer needs, you can let your Care Team Captain know. She will pass this information on to Pastor Scott Cummings. In Christ, Linda Bell, Team Leader for Care Team

SPRING College Care Package Update: Thanks to all who contributed with donations and all who helped to pack up the college care packages. Stacey volunteered to ship them off, and several of the students have already happily reported the arrival—just in time for finals preparation! Thanks again for thinking of our older students!

Discipleship Team's next meeting is TBD.

PeaceKids & PeaceYouth Sunday School: Children (PreK—4th grade) and youth (5th—12th grade) classes meet in-person at the church at **11:15am!** We'd love to have

App Sunday School Class Curriculum: Love In Chaos. We are currently working through Bob Goff's "**Love In Chaos: Good News for a Divided Culture.**" Join our group as we engage in this six-session series as Bob helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos. The App Class meets in the Grappling Zone lobby (to the left of the church entrance) on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. All are invited!

Adult Acts Class: The Adult Acts class is studying the book "Refresh Your Prayers: Uncommon Devotions to Restore Power and Praise" by Lori Hatcher. Book is available on Amazon or other book retailers. All are welcome to join the class. Vicki Evans is the leader of this class. **Adult Acts Class** meets every **Sunday at 11:15am** in the back room at the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024!
Save The Date!
More Details To Come!
July 26th—28th (Friday—Sunday!)
AT PEACE CHURCH PEARLAND
 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503, Pearland
 (Corner of FM 518 & Miller Ranch Rd.)

Mark Your Calendar for Vacation Bible School! Join us as we head **DOWN UNDER** for **Outback Rock VBS 2024!** This amazing weekend for kids will be **July 26-28** (Friday—Sunday). More information to come, but registration for volunteers (LOTS NEEDED!) and kids is **NOT OPEN!** Go to **www.peacepres.net/vbs** to register today! Please help get the word out about VBS!

May Youth Events: 5/5– Guys Night Game Night—5-7 p.m. 5/12– NO EVENT because of Mother's Day 5/19 – Mission Trip Training, 5-7 p.m. 5/26– No Youth (Memorial Day)

Baby Shower Scheduled for Laura Caudill: On **Sunday May 5th at 3:00pm**, a baby shower for Laura and their almost-ready baby boy will be held at the Cummings' House (4830 Cloverfield Drive) and all ladies of the church are invited! Laura and Matt have a baby registry set up at Babylist.com (although they stress that gifts are NOT necessary, but your presence is absolutely requested!). If you are uncomfortable placing any online orders through Babylist, you are welcome to bring diapers, or give Carrie money and she will purchase something online on your behalf (please allow enough time for that order and delivery to happen before May 5 if you choose that option). Cake, punch, and light snacks will be served! Let's welcome baby boy Caudill with the love of the Peace family.

Guys Night Game Night! On **Sunday May 5th from 3-5 p.m.**, we'll have a game night for all the guys and boys at the church since all the ladies and girls will be at the baby shower! We'll have card games, board games, cornhole, etc. We'll provide pizza & drinks for dinner, too! We do ask for a \$5 per person donation to cover the cost of food. Please RSVP to Pastor Scott ASAP!

Outreach & Mission's Joint Team will meet **Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm** on Zoom



Mark Your Calendar for the Golf Tournament! Our **11th Annual Susan Jenkins Memorial Peace for Pearland Golf Tournament** will be **Friday, October 18th at 9 a.m.** A leadership team is forming so please let Pastor Scott know if you can join it to help out. **EVERYONE** in the church will need to help in some way to make this very important fundraising and outreach event happen!

Stewardship Team's meeting will be **Sunday, May 5th at 12:30pm** on Zoom.

Church financial records are always available by request.

Ways to Give! You can give IN-PERSON, ONLINE OR BY MAIL! Visit www.peacepres.net/giving or send your check to **"Peace Church, 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503, Pearland, TX 77584"**. We also accept donations via Paypal or Zelle.

Giving Needed Towards Janitorial Service: The cost of the service has changed to \$80 for one time a month. If you are able to contribute, please let Jade, Office Manager, know. Please designate your giving towards this expense as Janitorial Service. Thanks!

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Could Use Your Help! Peace Church has a Pastor's Discretionary Fund that is used by Pastor Scott to help people in need when requests are made and for other minor expenses that arise in his work. This fund is NOT part of the regular church budget and occasionally needs the support of members. This fund has fallen to a low level, so if you would like to donate toward it on top of your regular giving to the church, it would be much appreciated. Thanks so much—Stewardship Ministry Team.

Office Administrator Tasks Request: Volunteers are urgently needed. Training will be provided. Contact Pastor Scott and read his cover newsletter article for more details.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

- Update and manage social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter [Daily]
- Update and manage the church website [Ongoing]
- Create, print, and maintain stock of prayer cards, visitor cards, attendance sheets, guest gifts and other materials [As Needed]
- Produce flyer, postcards, audio/visual graphics for sermon series, events, classes, etc. [As Needed]
- Create various electronic and physical projects as needed [As Needed]

ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON TO PASTOR, MINISTRY TEAMS, SESSION & CONGREGATION

- Assist in preparing materials for ministry or community events [As Needed]

Youth Campout April 2024

April 2024



Peace Church Care Groups

Below is a list of Care Team Leaders with their Care Groups. Please check the list for your name. You can visit with this person at worship, text, or email this person if you have concerns and want support or have someone pray with you. This Care Group Leader will notify Pastor Scott of these concerns. The Team Leader coordinating this Team is Vicki Evans.

Anita Flis

Matt & Laura Caudill
Alex & Vickie Evans
Sheila Marshall
Jim, Grace, Suzy & Lily
Newsom
Ron, Anita, Andrew &
Sarah Phipps

Linda Spears Bell

Jason & Judy Cole
Chris & Marlene Cummings
Ruben, Stacey, Katherine
& Roman Perez
Mary Wilmarth
Steve, Ratna, Darren &
Dean Zach

Laura Caudill

Roland & Marcia Falgoust
Mark, Monica, Michael &
Jessica Ingram
Robert Pippin
Alex, Ndina & Noah Trevino
Edmund Trevino

Anita Phipps

Lynn Bell & Linda Spears Bell
Linda Cook
Cathryn Cummings
Scott, Carrie, Jake, Ben
& Caroline Cummings
Art & Ruth Fairchild
Shantelle & Anna Jones

Phyllis Herrington

Ruth Ahlemeyer
Caroline Brooks
Joe & Dawn Carpenter
Gary & B. Galyas
Dev, Zeandra, Raissa &
Marc Mathura
Carol Pritchett
John Weaver

Linda Cook

Rick & Sherry Conrad
Alex & Vicki Evans
Kay Kelly
Tommy & Cheryl Lollar
Trudi Peterson
Bonnie Williams

Vicki Evans

Fred & Anita Flis
Jan Henry
Perry & Phyllis Herrington
Blake, Melody, Chris &
Brandon Murrhee
Scott Nance & Rynn
Jackson
Nancy Sawyer
David & Colleen Wilson

Current Undergraduate College Students:

Jake Cummings, Michael Ingram, Marc Mathura, Chris Murrhee, Ben Cummings, & Sarah Phipps.

Graduates

Rynn Jackson, Raissa & Marc Mathura, Suzy & Lily Newsom, Andrew Phipps, Shauna Smith & Darren Zach

Bible Word Finds: #69 - Mary Magdalene

Explore the world of the Bible as you search through the diagram for all the words that appear in all CAPITAL LETTERS in the word lists. For each line in the word list, all CAPITAL WORDS will be found together. All the quotations in the Bible Word Finds are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

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CIRCLE OF
THE FOLLOWERS
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BUT AT
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POINTS
IN ALL
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GOSPELS
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Q: How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?
A: Lots of eggs-ercise.

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?
A: It might crack up.



ANNIVERSARIES

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, we're sorry! Please call the church office so we can update our records!

BIRTHDAYS


May 3- Mary Wilmarth
May 10 - Dean Zack
May 14 - Darren Zack
May 15 - Ndina Trevino
May 17- Alex Evans

Riddle: If eleven plus two equals one, what does nine plus five equal? Answer on Page 9



Communion Server Schedule

| Date | 10am Service |
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| 5-5-24 | Chris Cummings and Stacy Perez |

 **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!** Do you know what is the most powerful ***FREE*** advertising tool our Church has? It's Facebook! Search for our church organization, Peace Church Pearland or visit www.facebook.com/peacechurchpearland! Be sure to click the "Like" button for updates!

Session

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2026 |
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| Steve Zach | Rick Conrad | Linda Bell |
| Cathryn Cummings | Jim Newsom | Chris Cummings |
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Active Membership Roll

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ahlemeyer, Ruth | Hale, Woody & Brenda | Perez, Ruben & Stacey, |
| Beaty, Gracia | Henry, Jan | Katherine, Roman |
| Bell, Lynn & Linda | Herrington, Perry & Phyllis | Phipps, Ron & Anita, Andrew, |
| Carpenter, Joe & Dawn | Ingram, Mark & Monica, Michael, | Sarah |
| Caudill, Matt & Laura | Jessica | Pippin, Robert |
| Conrad, Rick & Sherry | Jackson, Rynn | Pritchett, Carol |
| Cook, Linda | Jones, Shantelle & Anna | Simpson, Lynda |
| Cummings, Carrie, Jake & Ben | Lollar, Tommy & Cheryl | Trevino, Alex & Ndina, Noah |
| Caroline | Marshall, Sheila | Trevino, Edmund |
| Cummings, Cathryn | Mathura, Dev & Zeandra, Raissa, | Weaver, John |
| Cummings, Chris & Marlene | Marc | Williams, Bonnie |
| Evans, Alex & Vicki | Murrhee, Blake & Melody | Wilmarth, Mary |
| Fairchild, Arthur & Ruth | Nance, Scott & Rene | Wilson, David & Colleen |
| Falgoust, Marcia | Newsom, Jim & Grace, Suzy, Lily | Zach, Steve & Ratna, Darren, |
| Flis, Frederic & Anita | | Dean |

Answer to riddle on Page 8: **11 o'clock plus 2 hours = 1 o'clock 9 o'clock plus 5 hours = 2 o'clock**

Contacts and Ministries

MINISTRY TEAMS - Check out our ministry teams and see if you would like to pitch in!

Worship Team: Responsible for everything that goes on in worship, the music, the video and sound projection, the greeters and ushers, preparing the elements for communion, folding bulletins, choirs, drama, banners, flowers. They also sponsor occasional concerts throughout the year. Rck Conrad are the elder for this team.

Discipleship Team: Responsible for making disciples of Jesus Christ and equipping disciples through Bible Studies, Sunday morning classes for all ages, small groups, PeaceYouth fellowship and PeaceKids activities. Chris Cummings is the elder for this team.

Stewardship Team: Responsible for using the resources God has given us to grow our church and God's kingdom. This team is responsible for setting our annual budget, Long Range Planning, annual Stewardship Campaign, supervising our Information Technology, Personnel, Property issues and of course....paying bills. Jim Newsom is the elder for this team.

Outreach Team: Responsible for membership interaction with the community and community interaction with membership. Includes servant opportunities, visibility of the church in the community (advertising, walks), seeks ways to bless the immediate Pearland community and encourages individual blessings by members/friends in their work places, recreation spaces, and homes. Also responsible for potlucks and fellowship events. Steve Zach are the elders for this team.

Mission Team: Charged with blessing people in need. Projects include but are not limited to Christian Helping Hands Projects, Blood Drives, Compassion Intl., etc. Steve Zach is the elder for this team.

Care Team: Responsible for overseeing care groups and pastoral care needs of the church. Linda Bell is the Team Leader for this team.

Peace Presbyterian Contacts and Services

Pastor: Scott Cummings ssc70@peacepres.net

Bookkeeper: Michelle Hurt office_manager@peacepres.net

Worship: 10am Sunday Morning Service

Worship Streamed on Facebook

Sunday School Classes online on Zoom & in-person at 9am & 11:15am

Phone: 713-436-5673

Website: www.peacepres.net

www.facebook.com/PeaceChurchPearland

Peace Church Session Contacts

Clerk of Session

Jim Newsom 713-416-1932

Stewardship

Jim Newsom 713-416-1932

Discipleship

Cay Cummings 401-651-3964

Worship

Rick Conrad 409-331-5143

Outreach & Mission

Steve Zach 281-851-2727

Care Team Leader

Linda Bell 512-656-8653

**Church & Office Address: 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503,
Pearland, TX 77584**

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am-1pm By
Appointment Only**

May Prayer Calendar

On this page below, you'll find a Prayer Calendar. Put it where you'll see it and take a few minutes each day to pray for the people listed on that day. At the end of the month, you will have prayed for the entire congregation at Peace, and they will have prayed for you, too! [How do I use this calendar?](#) Look at the date you want to start. Active Peace members are listed each day, but please pray for our inactive members and frequent guests and you can also add your own family members and friends. You can determine how much time you want to pray, or you can pray several times during the day. It's between you and the Lord. You will be blessed for your time and attention to the prayer concerns! Submit your prayer requests by phone or email to the church office or to Pastor Scott or on Sundays using the green "Prayers and Praises" cards during worship. All prayers and praises submitted are included in the bulletin insert and Weekly Update email message.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| The Body of Believers | Teachers & Students | Military, Law Enforcement & Firefighters | Our Country, Government & World Leaders | Church Leaders & Missionaries | Extended Family | Neighbors |
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| Peace Church ECO | | | Ruben Perez Stacey Perez Katherine Perez Roman Perez | Carol Pritchett Arthur Fairchild Ruth Fairchild | Alex Trevino Ndina Trevino Noah Trevino | Jim Newsom Grace Newsom Suzy Newsom Lily Newsom |
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| Peace Church ECO | Blake Murrhee Melody Murrhee Brandon Murrhee Chris Murrhee | Sheila Marshall John Weaver | Ron Phipps Anita Phipps Andrew Phipps Sarah Phipps | Dev Mathura Zeandra Mathura Raissa Mathura Marc Mathura | Pastor Scott Cummings Carrie Cummings Jake Cummings Ben Cummings Caroline Cummings | Mark Ingram Monica Ingram Michael Ingram Jessica Ingram |
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