

# 2020 Directions



The previous year was marked by many “break-throughs.” After planning to build for about 20 years, we finally broke ground after raising the additional funds to do so. We also partnered with Dominion Christian School to start an elementary school in our community. We continued to work out the kinks of our new ministry model, using “Connect Groups” as a way of getting people introduced to each other, as well as beginning many small discipleship groups to help people go deeper in their walk with Christ. All these pivotal changes required planning meetings, budgets, writing and passing contracts back and forth, meeting with bankers and lawyers. We had countless consultations with builders, architects, design teams, school administrators, and implementation teams. Lots of business meetings! The process was costly in terms of money, energy and time, but many worked tirelessly.

Now at the beginning of a new year, with all that behind us, we might be tempted to think we’re at the finish line! However, it’s quite the opposite. We’re actually at the starting gate! You see, as essential as all that activity was, much of it was just preliminary. This could be debated of course, as everything we do should be worship to God. But the point is, meetings, budgets and buildings do not help people know and love Christ. Engaging and evangelizing our community, world missions, discipleship, equipping and training, learning how to worship and enjoy God.... this is what the church is really about.

So 2020 brings with it a stage set for exciting new ministry. Opportunities to expand, grow, and open up new fields of labor for Christ await us this year!

The starting gun has gone off! The season of preparation is over. Now it’s time to do what we were created to do! Build God’s kingdom!

*Pastor Scott*



# Adoring our Glorious Lord!



Of our four purposes here at PBC (**Adoring, Connecting, Equipping, and Sending**), adoring is the fountain from which everything else springs. From an abiding and adoring love for Christ, we serve. Loving God requires a persistent curiosity about how God has revealed himself in His word. This is why we doggedly work our way through Scripture, verse by verse. It's true nourishment.

This winter and spring, after a few topical messages, we will finish up our study of the **Book of Matthew**, which we hope to conclude around Easter. After that, we'll probably have another brief series of topical messages before jumping back into an extended study of another book of the Bible, likely I Corinthians.

Big changes are happening in our **WORSHIP MINISTRY** this year as one of our main worship leaders, Jason Walker, will be moving his family out west to Round Hill. He and Karah provided seasoned, insightful and very talented leadership to our praise band. We thank the Lord for their ministry to us both with music and with our children. Jason has also served faithfully as an elder here at PBC and has always added wise, measured and biblical insights to our decision-making process. We'll miss his wisdom on our elder board as well.

Dianne Tavares, another worship leader here at PBC will be having a baby in March, so she will be taking a break in preparation for the little one's arrival! Elizabeth DeMeyere, another worship team participant is also having a baby! Yikes! All these babies are a blessing, but they're also leaving some gaps in our praise teams! What to do? Well, we are still committed to providing a blend of both contemporary music and hymns. Perhaps it's time for new people to step forward! It will be exciting to see how the Lord provides in this area!

Every follower of Christ should be a disciple, and be making disciples. Discipleship is for EVERYONE, not just new believers! Here at PBC we've discovered that every discipleship relationship has 5 components to it: Accountability, Exchange of Information, Intentionality, Obedience and Unconditional Love (AEIOU.) While there's a variety of ways to go about it, those 5 characteristics distinguish a discipleship relationship from normal Christian fellowship.



So how can one get started?? It can be as simple as saying to someone: "*Hey, would you like to go through this book together?*" or "*I'm looking for other men who are wanting to work on this area of their lives, would you be interested?*" It's not complicated.

Our Men's and Women's Ministries are the primary vehicle through which our folks get involved in discipleship. Besides conducting Bible studies, breakfasts and conferences, our men's and women's ministry leaders help people find others in our church who are interested in getting together in small groups of 2-4 people around a specific area of Christian growth. By using a Discipleship Map we've developed, which suggests books and topics to work through, and by letting our men's and women's ministry leaders know what you'd like to work on, a whole new level of Christian growth can be achieved. Ty Clifton is the leader of our men's ministry, and our women's ministry is led by a team of ladies that include Loren Malcolm, Laurie Hesler, Sally Beckwith, Carol Abell and Sandra Yesawich. Please pray about being open to this in 2020!

## Snapshot of Finances

2019 Budget: \$520,000

2019 Income: \$536,128

2019 Expenses \$500,000

One of our primary goals for 2020 is GREATER CONNECTION! We're praying that at least 85% of our congregation will move beyond just Sunday morning attendance into more meaningful relationships with the body of Christ. God set up the Christian life to work within the context of knowing and loving one another. Without connection, our spiritual growth is greatly hindered. Our enemy always moves us toward isolation. God moves us toward connection. In practical terms here at PBC, connection could mean being involved in a Connect Group, an informal small group, discipleship relationships, or serving on a ministry team (choir, deacons, church council, children's men's and women's ministries.)

## connect groups

Connect Groups meet from 11:00-12:00 at the church, following the morning worship service and snack time. This is an ideal starting place for building relationships. Groups either discuss how to apply the sermon that was just preached, or study a book of the Bible. There's something for everyone, from adults to teens to children during this hour.



During the Connect Group hour (11:00AM to Noon), we run an AWANA program for our children from 2 years old to 5th grade. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" as taken from 2 Tim. 2:15. It is a world-wide children's program that equips today's children to become tomorrow's Christian leaders, in every aspect of society and culture. There's a strong emphasis on Scripture memory and discipleship, and our AWANA program is led by a dedicated team of adults who truly care about our kids!



# Outreach 2019 - 2020



One of our great privileges in 2019 was to act like an incubator for a Korean church plant (Grace and Glory Korean Community Church) with Pastor David Chung. During the time they were with us, we enjoyed good fellowship with them, and they were able to gather a core of people who would go on to replant GGKCC down in Centreville. We miss them, but know the Lord has brought them to a place that is fertile soil for their ministry.

Wayne Patullo was able to carry on our long-term investment with Malawi, Africa by ministering in a refugee camp as well as bringing funds for our goat project, which now numbers over 400 goats all over Malawi.



Our youth led the way in terms of missions and evangelism. Here are some of the things they did in 2019:

## CORE Student Ministry (City Of Refuge)

It's been a great year as students came to learn and grow in their love for the Lord and develop life-changing relationships along the way. We have a mix of students from PBC families as well as the community. We meet for Connect Groups on Sundays and youth group style meetings during the week. Our High Schoolers also meet for a Bible study on Thursday mornings at Chick-Fil-A before school, where we frequently have over 30 kids! We're excited for our new youth space, and are thinking of many ways to use it for our present ministry as well as outreach to our community.



## Summer Mission Trips

- In the [Dominican Republic](#), our youth worked with **Serving with Empowering Action**. We assisted local churches with construction projects, VBS/children's ministry, and Teaching English.
- Lynchburg, VA-We had a great time at [MFUGE](#) where we combined learning about Christ and putting that into practice by serving Him through children's ministry, construction/yard work, and social ministry out in the Lynchburg community.
- [Cross Training Surf Camp](#) in the Outer Banks was a fantastic week hosted by Cape Hatteras Baptist Church in Frisco, NC. Students learned surfing, kayaking, parasailing, and other new adventures. It was exciting to see several students come to know Christ and others challenged in their walk with Him.



**So with thankful hearts, we look back on God's faithfulness in 2019. Now let's press on with expectation to all the opportunities God will bring us as we journey together in 2020!**