



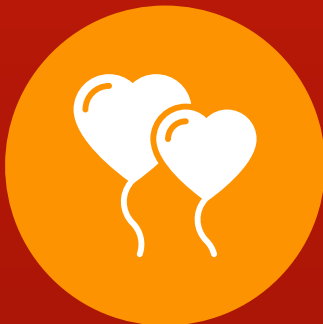
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our name is

  
**Preston Road**  
Church of Christ

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# We're looking for a dynamic Children's Minister to join our ministry staff!

Big faith comes in small packages. So we're excited and prayerful as we search for a new Children's Minister to protect and grow the belief of our littlest members. Someone who:



Loves working with children and families



Communicates well with multiple generations



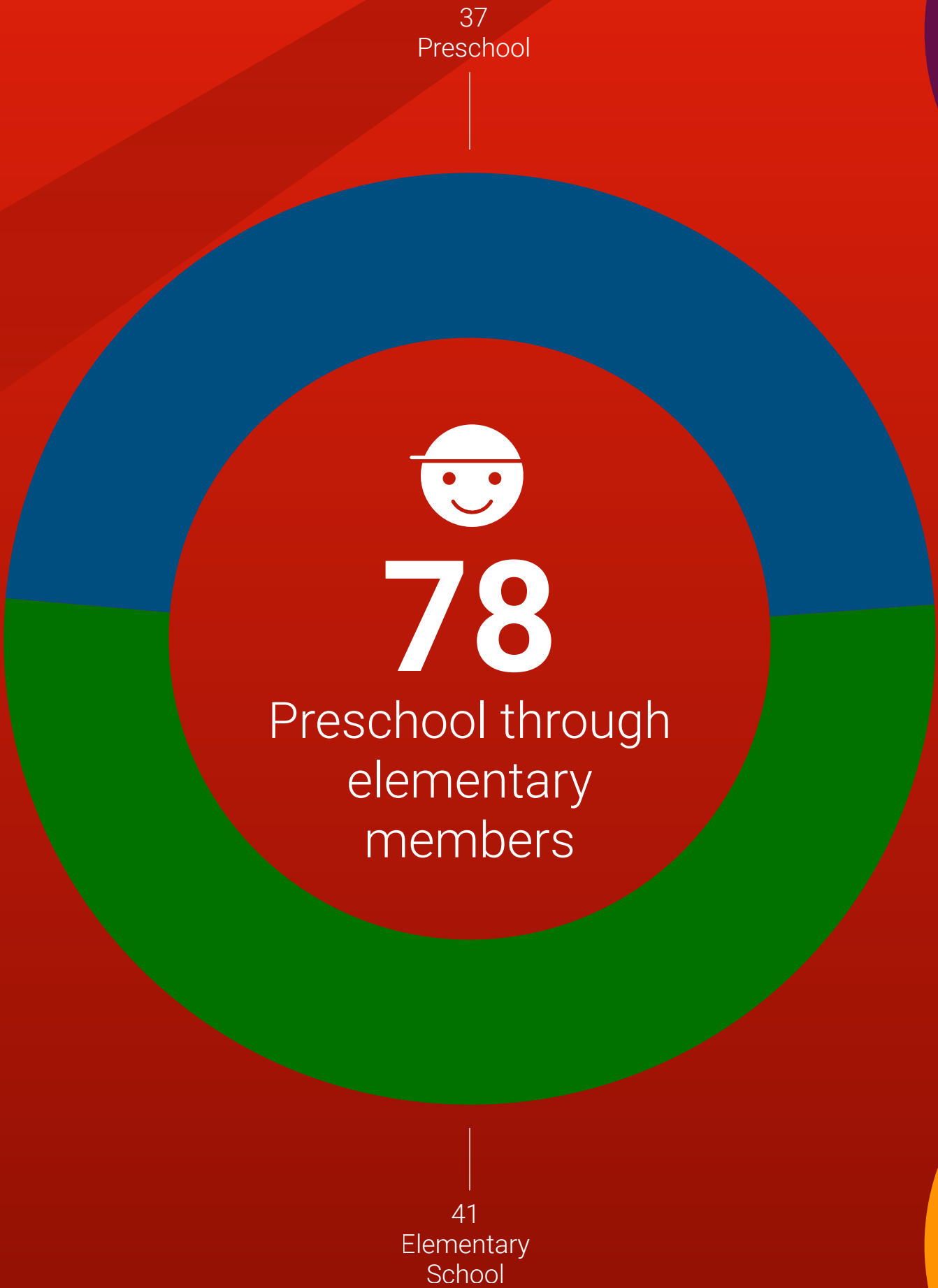
Plays great and works best on a team



Parents grow to trust and partner with



Balances nurture and structure





# Our story

We're not stuck in the past.  
We're inspired by it.

## 1939

Preston Road Church of Christ established; meets in converted house at the corner of Preston Road & McFarlin



## 1960s

Preston Road School of Preaching is established at PRCC, headed by PRCC minister Eldred Stevens; later known as Center for Christian Education, the school graduates more than 500 students before closing ('99)

Missions program is established



## 1980s

Congregation grows, including large young/singles population, with dynamic, culturally relevant messages from preaching minister Randy Mayeux ('87-'92)

Legacy of dynamic VBS musical productions begins

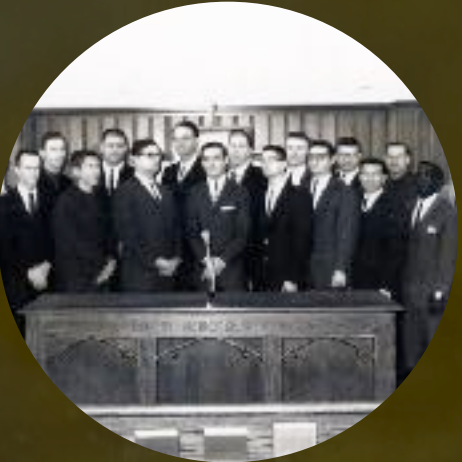
PRCC worship minister Jeff Nelson creates first church of Christ praise team

Preston Road Food Pantry is established ('88), growing to later become CitySquare, a standalone, not-for-profit

## 1950s

First phase of building constructed

PRCC plants Walnut Hill Church of Christ ('55)



## 1970s

Congregation navigates changes in societal norms and churches of Christ schools of thought

Large group of members leave to help start Prestoncrest Church of Christ ('72)

Building renovation adds Narthex, chapel, classrooms, and kitchen

Eldred Stevens and all three other full-time School of Preaching faculty killed in plane crash ('79)



### We're excited to introduce you to Preston Church of Christ.

For more than 80 years, we have worshiped, grown, celebrated, cried, served, and dreamed together as a family. God has taught us much, and no lesson has been more clear than the fact He is never finished with us. That applies to us as a body, not just as individuals. The Spirit leads us to believe that regardless of our richly blessed past, PRCC's best years are even still ahead.



## 2000s

Scott Sager changes roles from associate minister to preaching minister ('97-'11)

Jim Barnett becomes full-time Young Adults and SMU Campus Minister ('01), Farland Clark joins staff as Children's Minister ('05)

Crosstrainers evolves to include a Young Professionals community group that meets weekly away from the PRCC building

Christ's Family Clinic launches (and still resides) in PRCC basement ('03)

Family Life Center expansion adds children's wing, gymnasium, playground, new staff offices, and renovated adult classrooms, doubling church building's square footage ('08)



## 2020s

Josh Kingcade joins as Senior Minister ('22)

Andrew Graves joins as Youth Minister ('22)

Hannah August joins as Youth Minister ('24)

## 1990s

PRCC grows to more than 600 members, with full-time staff including a preaching minister Lynn Anderson ('92-'97), associate minister Scott Sager, youth minister Dan Niederhofer, and a children's minister

Missions program establishes teams in Thailand ('94), Togo ('99) and Novosibirsk (2000)

Members create Amy's Friends, later known as New Friends New Life, to help women and their children escape sexual exploitation ('98)

Crosstrainers Ministry for college students and young professionals begins, led by (then part-time minister) Jim Barnett ('98)

With great study and prayer, PRCC leadership revises policy on women's roles in leadership; sadly, 1/3 of congregation subsequently leaves PRCC ('99)



## 2010s

Wade Hodges joins as preaching minister ('12)

Stacey Loshier joins as Children's Minister ('16), Farland Clark transitions to Connections Minister ('16), Rhett Richie joins as Student Minister ('19)

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program begins

Summer short-term missions begin, sending ~50 members to Latin American countries, including Guatemala; teams build 20 homes between 2013 and 2019 alone

Summer of Service program launches, engaging PRCC members in local missions and service

All-Church Retreats begin, inviting whole congregation to a weekend of off-site worship and classes each August





# Our mission

Love God. Love others.  
What could be greater?

Throughout our history, God has refined and reinforced our understanding of His mission for PRCC. No matter the season—from bounty and joy to trial and loss—no goals or challenges are too much for his greatest commands. And they anchor and inspire four core priorities we set for our daily lives and worship.

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself.

**Matthew 22:37-39**

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**Share God's love & the  
good news of Jesus**

Romans 1:16



**Extend justice & mercy  
to those in need**

Micah 6:8



**Grow in Christ's  
likeness**

Colossians 1:28



**Pass God's story on to  
future generations**

Psalms 78:1-4

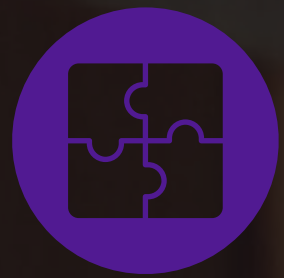


# Our values



## God's Story

The Bible tells the story of God's love for his creation. We regularly immerse ourselves in this story through Bible study, worship and communion. We believe the key to a meaningful life, both now and forever, is to learn to see God's story as our story.



## Faithful Unity

We welcome people from a variety of racial, economic, and geographic backgrounds. Our diversity makes for interesting faith-related discussions, enhances our ability to solve complex problems, and stimulates our growth by challenging our assumptions. We embrace the inevitable tension between welcoming diversity and maintaining unity, because we believe the power of the gospel is seen in the unity of believers.



## Innovative Impact

We are always looking for ways to use the resources God has entrusted to us and our entrepreneurial spirit to be salt and light in the lives of our neighbors in Dallas and beyond. Our hope is that the good we do will draw attention to Jesus and invite others to join us in following him.



## Intergenerational Community

Scattered throughout the New Testament are numerous "one another" commands (love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, etc.). The frequency of these commands illustrates the important role others play in our Christian journey. We are committed to walking this path together and forming relationships with people of all generations.



## Compassionate Acceptance

There are no perfect people at Preston Road. We're all broken and relying on God's grace to keep us moving forward. Because God has accepted us, we accept one another. We seek to extend and receive forgiveness. We strive to treat others the way we desire to be treated. Our goal is to love each other as Christ loves us.



## Personal Transformation

Jesus' first disciples weren't perfect. Yet over time, the Holy Spirit transformed them into faithful, wise, imitators of Christ. Our hope is that as we yield to Scripture and the Spirit's work within and among us, we too will be transformed.



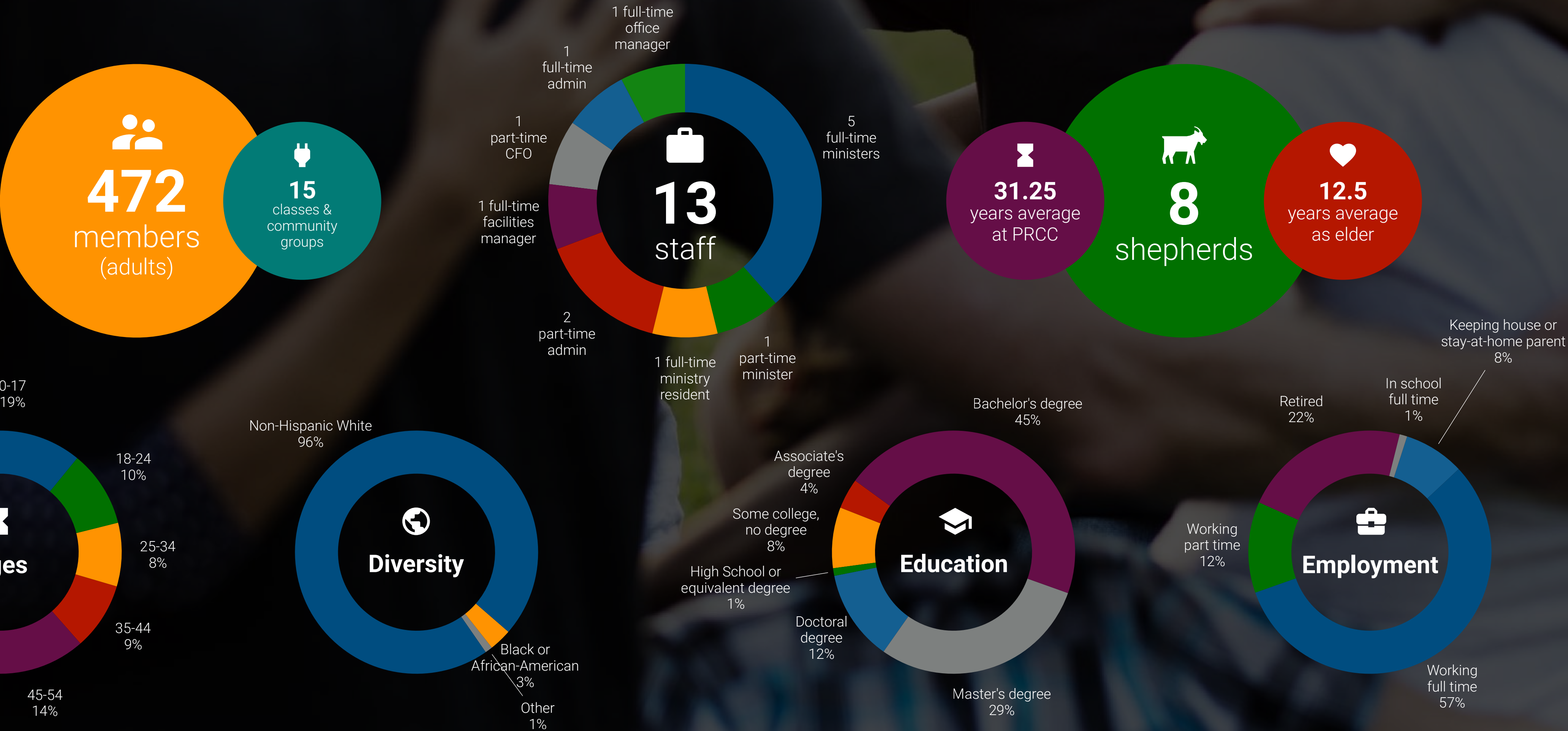
## Sacrificial Service

Every single Christian has a role to play in God's story, but because God gives each of us unique gifts, talents and resources, no two Christians play the same role in the same way. Whether it's volunteering on Sunday mornings, doing our jobs with excellence during the week, serving our neighbors when they're in need, or a combination thereof; every member is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a minister of the gospel.



# Our family

We have a good-sized flock. Thankfully, we have wise shepherds and a strong staff.



Age, Diversity, Education, and Employment data based on "Church Health Assessment" survey conducted fall 2021, 330 respondents.



# Our stewardship

God's blessings are abundantly rich.  
We strive to be ambitiously responsible.

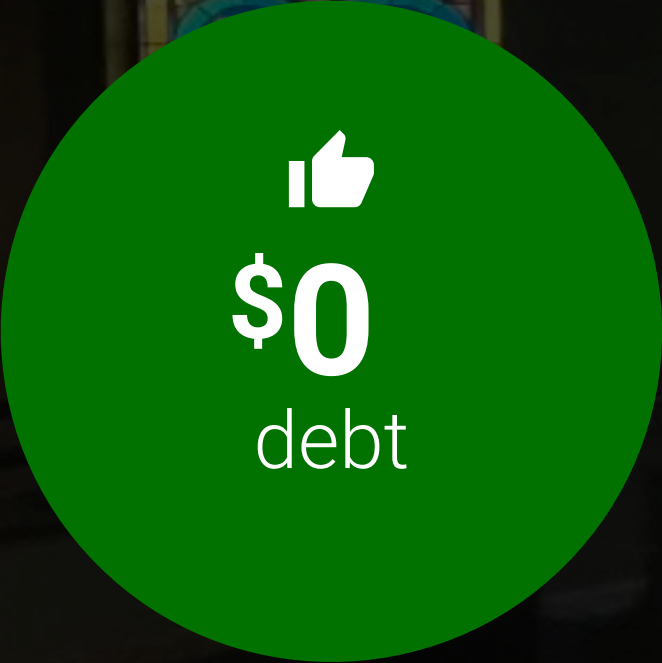
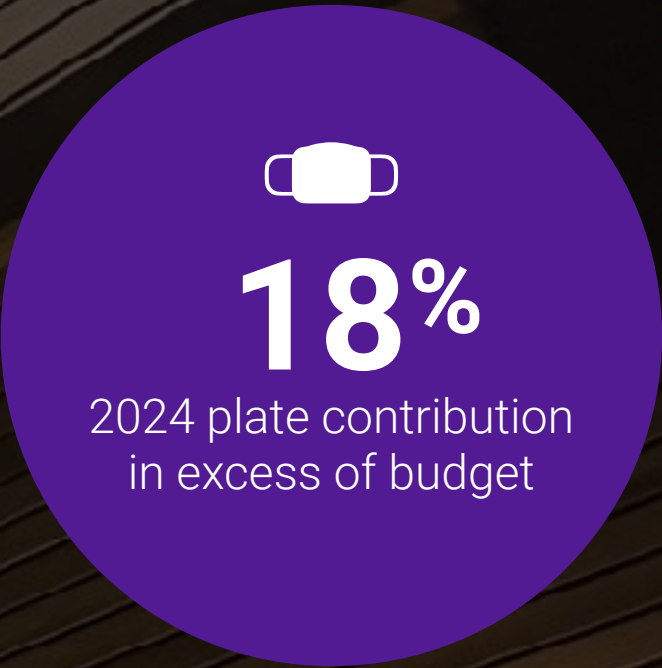
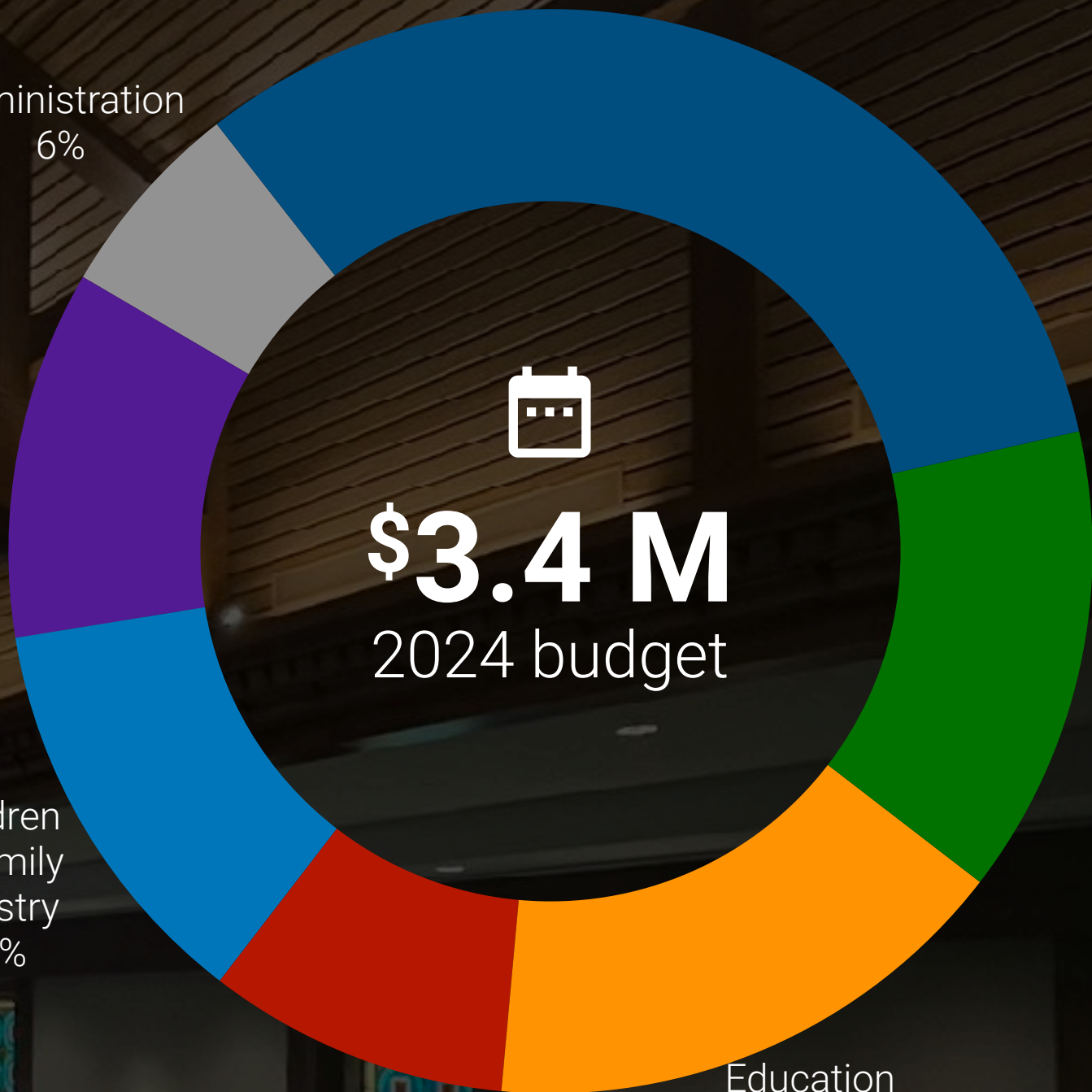
No matter how you measure wealth—time, spiritual gifts, talents, dollars, or something else entirely—PRCC is richly blessed.

We eagerly acknowledge that it all belongs to the Lord, and humbly endeavor to be wise stewards of everything with which He entrusts us.

We believe that means balancing when to be fiscally conservative and when to boldly invest in new ideas and opportunities.

God has enabled and led PRCC members to generously support a wide range of ministries, dynamic programs, and an amazing facility that we can proudly say serve not just PRCC but our neighborhood and city as well.

He has blessed us to be able to do that without carrying excessive debt, or facing recurring concern of meeting regular expenses—even through economic downturns and pandemics.



“The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.”  
Psalm 24:1



# Our home

It's a big city.

That means there's more of it to love.

It's challenging to describe where we live.

Our building is in University Park, one of the nation's most affluent neighborhoods, home to Southern Methodist University and the city's most successful individuals. But that's within one of the nation's most diverse, most sprawling, and fastest growing metropolitan areas. And we have members that live in practically every city and borough across North Texas.

Set aside any stereotypes, generalities, or clichés about Dallas. Its central location makes it a hub for US businesses in industries ranging from communications to technology, finance, and transportation. Its expanse and opportunities make it a magnet for professionals of all ages and income levels escaping the costs and confines of West and East Coast living.

You won't find cowboy hats or big blonde hairdos on every head, cowboy boots on every foot, and horses causing rush hour gridlock. Instead, you can find a part of town that reminds you of almost any other city in the US, and people who have moved here from there. An urban downtown with a modern skyline. Neighborhoods with small-town like main streets. World-class museums. Converted-warehouse coffee shops. Famous chef-driven restaurants. Carefully hidden taco stands.

No, it's not perfect. Yes, it can be materialistic, stratified, and a bit overwhelming. But it's our home, our marketplace, and mission field.

We believe this is where God calls us to make a difference.

## University Park



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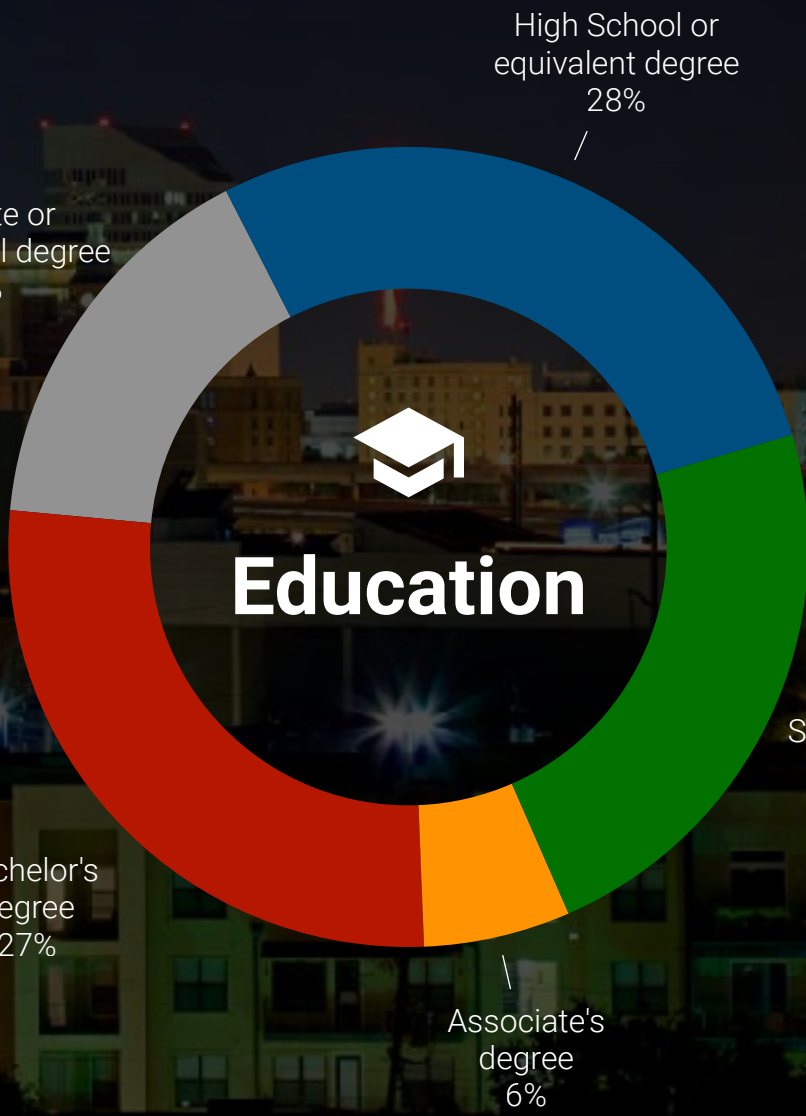
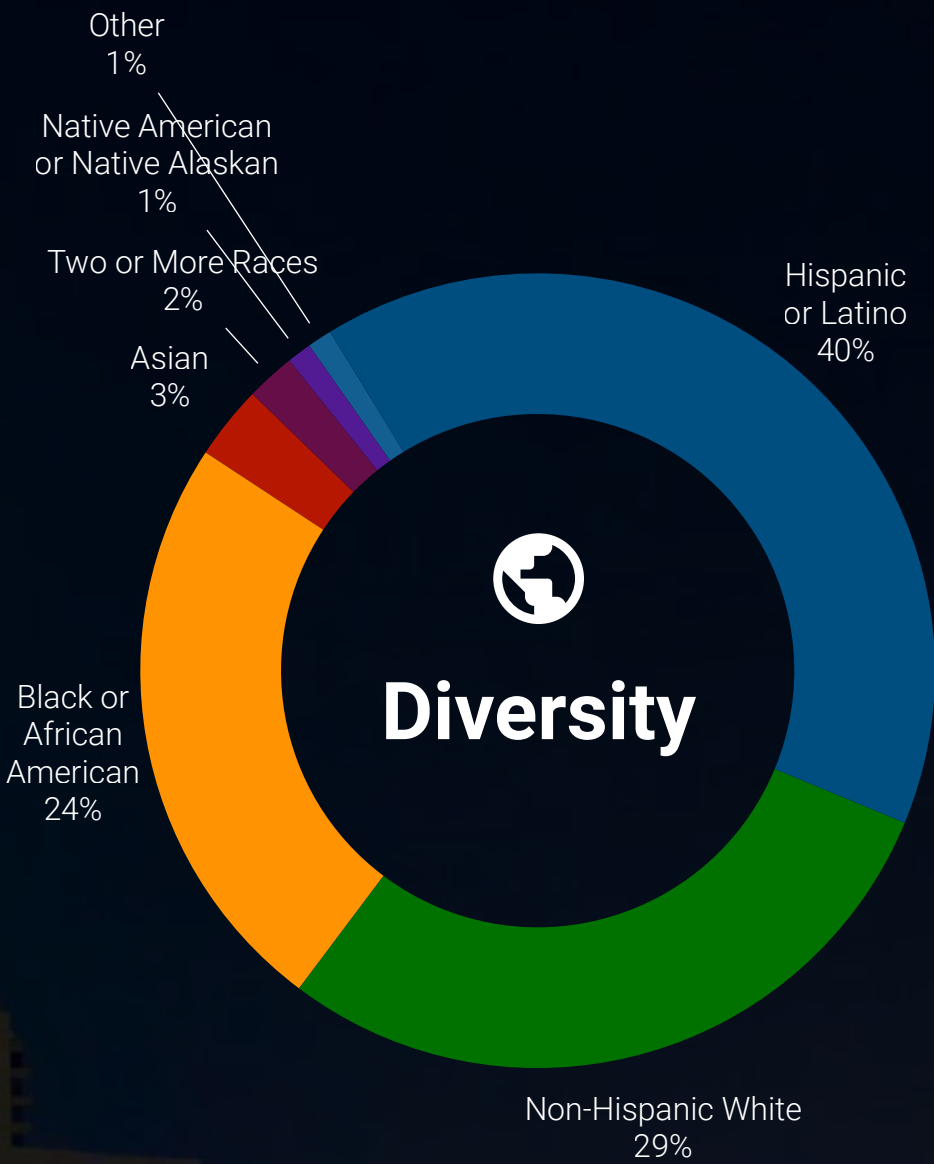
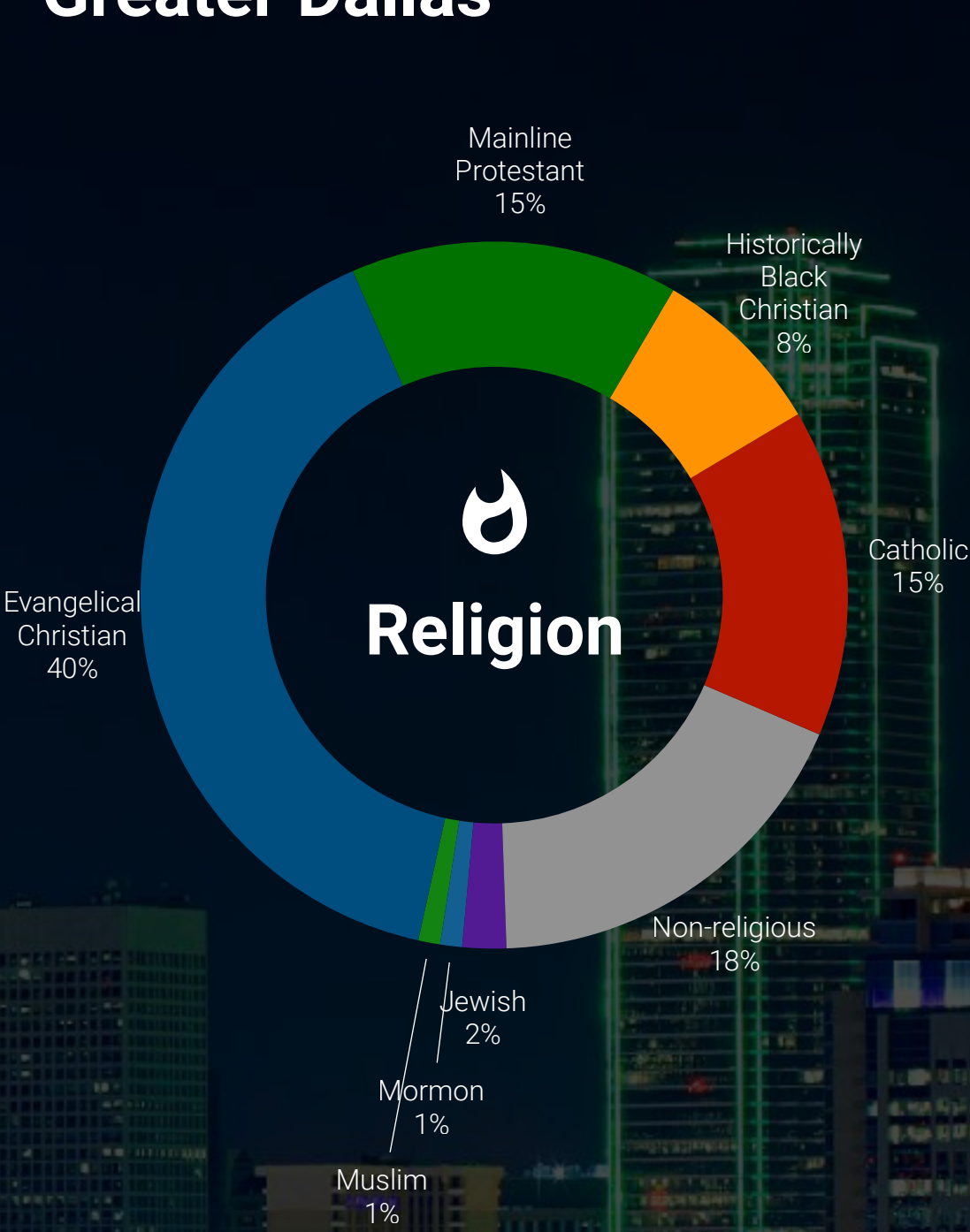
God brings us people who desire to serve in our community.

**Eddie Holt, Member**

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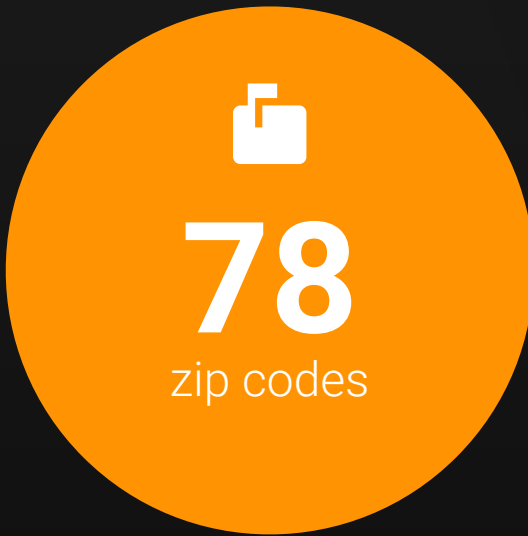


# Greater Dallas





PRCC member households cover:

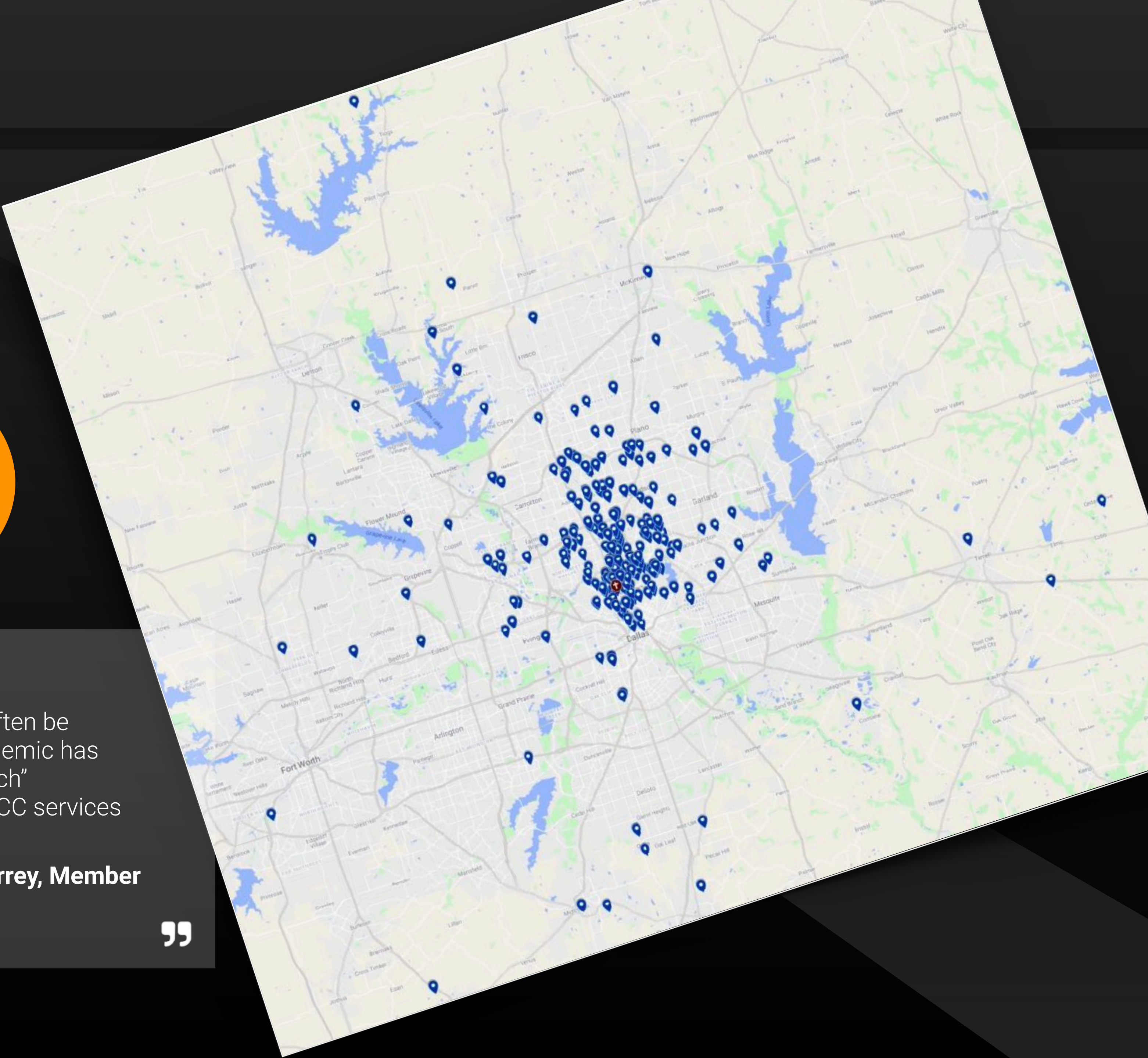


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Our families look for deep relationships that can often be fleeting in such a big city as Dallas. While the pandemic has been a challenge, it catalyzed our “commuter church” members’ formation of smaller pods, to watch PRCC services online together and “do life” with more closely.

Laura Currey, Member

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# Our shepherds



Ed Ballard

22 years at PRCC, 9 years as elder

- Spouse** Beth (married '83)
- Children** Two adult daughters, three grandkids
- Profession** Landscaping company owner
- Interests** Team roping, hunting, fishing, travel, and golf
- Servanthood** Bible Study Fellowship, long-time three-year-olds Bible class teacher



Dan Branch

37 years at PRCC, 15 years as elder

- Spouse** Stacey (married '84)
- Children** Three adult sons, two adult daughters, four grandkids
- Profession** Attorney and shareholder, Winstead PC; former Texas State Representative
- Interests** Golf, American and Texas history
- Servanthood** Spiritual mentoring, long-time adult Bible class teacher



Shawn Brentham

23 years at PRCC, 9 years as elder

- Spouse** Kim (married '99)
- Children** Two college- and one middle school-aged daughters
- Profession** Director of Theatrical Arts, Irving High School
- Interests** Everything outdoors from cycling to hunter/jumper riding
- Servanthood** Serving inner-city youth, PRCC Children's and Youth Ministries



Brad Cheves

26 years at PRCC, 15 years as elder

- Spouse** Angela (married '92)
- Children** Three young adult sons
- Profession** SMU Vice President of Development and External Affairs
- Interests** Running, golf, attending SMU athletic events
- Servanthood** Current chair of the Elders



Harlin DeWayne "Cooter" Hale

41 years at PRCC, 19 years as elder

- Spouse** Claire (married '83)
- Children** Two adult sons
- Profession** US Bankruptcy Judge; Visiting Faculty, SMU Law
- Interests** Reading, gardening, family dog, swimming, Lakewood neighborhood
- Servanthood** Adult Bible teacher, long-time host for Young Professionals



Paul Heard

37 years at PRCC, 9 years as elder

- Spouse** Pam (married '89)
- Children** One young adult daughter and two young adult sons
- Profession** Sales manager, IBM
- Interests** Fishing, golf, skiing, reading, visiting National Parks
- Servanthood** Adult education, NextGen ministries, Missions, annual short-term missions



Kenneth Kirklin

30 years at PRCC, 9 years as elder

- Spouse** Suzanne (married '92)
- Children** Two married adult sons
- Profession** Advisory Management Consulting, KPMG
- Interests** Woodworking, gardening, yoga, walks with Suzanne
- Servanthood** Barnabas ministry, Children's Ministry, Missions, annual short-term mission



Stan Shipley

34 years at PRCC, 15 years as elder

- Spouse** Cindy (married '76)
- Children** One adult son, two adult daughters, four grandchildren
- Profession** President & CEO, STMM Family Office; 30-year career at BofA
- Interests** Running, fly fishing
- Servanthood** Non-profit boards; mentoring job seekers and financially-challenged



# Our ministry team



**Dr. Josh Kingcade** | Senior Minister

*2 years on staff*

Josh joined Preston Road in November 2022 and preaches weekly, provides vision and leadership, and spends pastoral time with members of the congregation and community. He holds degrees from Oklahoma Christian University and Columbia Theological Seminary, and with his wife, Audrey, is raising three teenage children.



**Jim Barnett** | Young Adults Minister

*29 years at PRCC, 20 years on staff*

Jim leads our young adults and provides administrative direction to our staff. He serves (or has served) on boards and councils for Campus for Christ, Christian Relief Fund, SMU Campus Ministry Council, and Dallas Housing Crisis Center, and as SMU Mustangs football chaplain. Jim and wife Laurie have a young adult daughter and son.



**Farland Clark** | Connections Minister

*16 years on staff*

With 30 years in ministry, Farland joined PRCC in 2006, first as Children’s Minister and then becoming Connections Minister in 2016, focusing on adult education, helping members connect and serve, and delivering pastoral care. Farland and his wife Julie have two sons.



**Jeff Wheeler** | Worship Minister

*57 years at PRCC, 13 years on staff*

Jeff serves as part-time PRCC Worship Minister and retired after 35 years with the Dallas Police Department. He studied business and voice at ACU, has a passion for music and worship, and, as a lifelong member, knows almost as much as anyone about PRCC. He is married to Cara and has two young adult sons.



**Andrew Graves** | Youth Minister

*2 years on staff*

Andrew came to Preston Road as Youth Outreach Resident in January 2022, and became a Youth Minister later that year. He has a bachelor’s in Youth and Family Ministry from Abilene Christian, and loves sharing Christ’s gospel with our city’s youth, the Indiana Pacers, and his wife, McKenna (though not in that order).



**Madi Kate Ross** | Children’s Ministry Resident

Madi Kate joined PRCC in May 2024 as NextGen Resident for Children’s Ministry. She holds a bachelor’s in Child & Family Services from Abilene Christian and is currently pursuing a master’s in social work. Originally from Ada, OK, she loves time with friends and family, painting, cooking, tennis, and exploring antique/thrift shops.



**Hannah August** | Youth Minister

*1 year on staff*

Hannah joined as Girls’ Ministry Resident in 2023 and became a Youth Minister in late 2024. She has a bachelor’s in international relations and global studies from UT Austin and is earning a Master’s of Divinity from Abilene Christian. She enjoys movies, reading, cooking, exercise classes, and time with husband James.



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The friendship among our team is part of why PRCC is such a strong community. We support each other in everything we do. We have so much fun working together. Just try going to a staff meeting without laughing!

**Hannah August, Youth Minister**



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This is the best church team of which I have ever been a part.

**Farland Clark, Connections Minister**



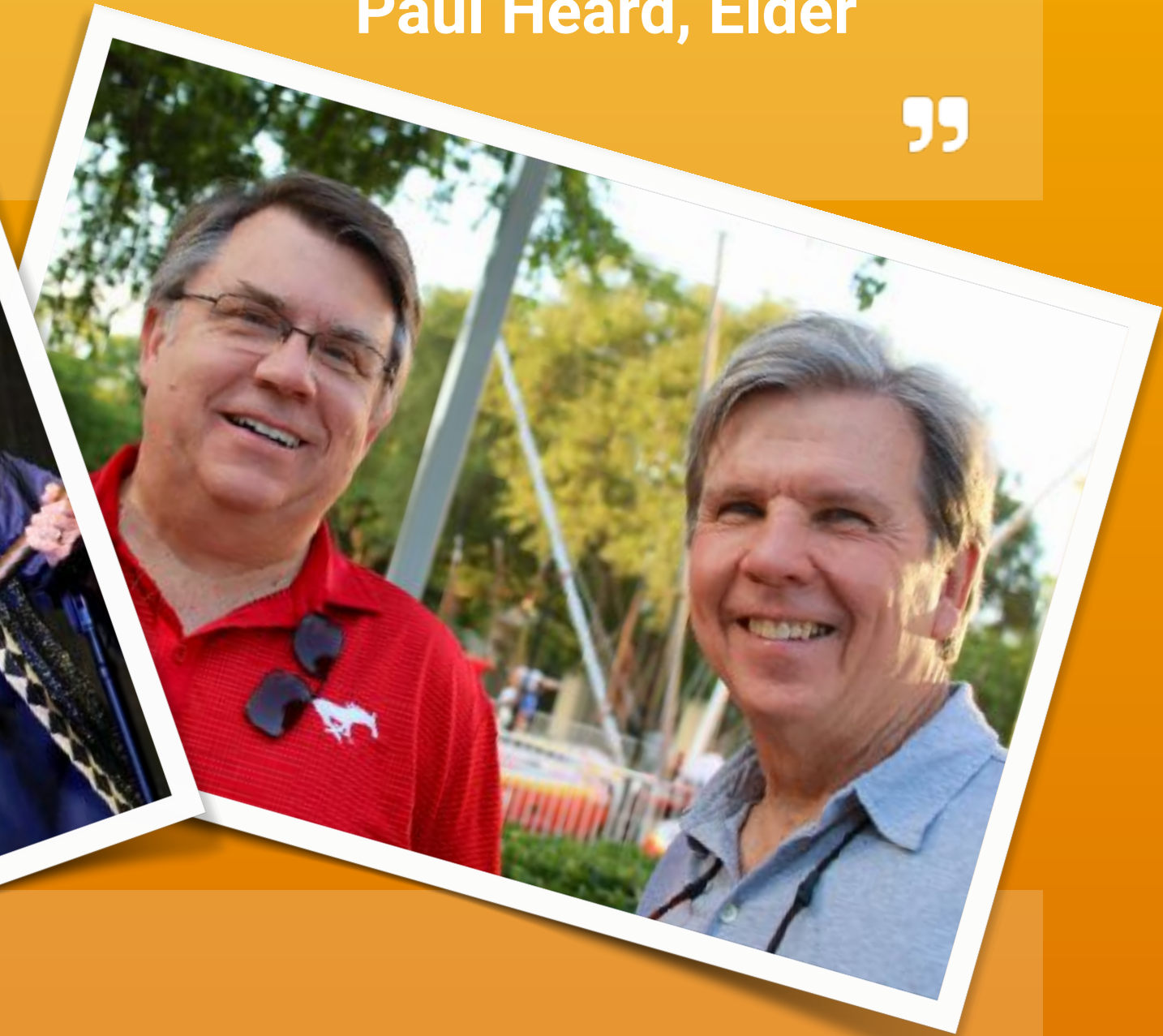
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Our congregation has a genuine desire to be Salt & Light in our community, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and throughout the world.

**Paul Heard, Elder**

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God blesses us through a diverse group of members with a willingness to love and serve our community in countless ways.

**Stan Shipley, Elder**

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# Some ways we do life

## Summer VBS

We have a rich heritage of hosting summer VBS, ranging from night programs featuring Broadway-style musicals to day camps full of Bible stories, songs, and (yes!) inflatables. No matter the format, PRCC VBS always delivers unforgettable experiences in faith, fun, and fellowship.

## Block Parties

It's surprising how many food trucks, bounce-houses, water-slides, petting zoos, karaoke stages, and more we can fit into our parking lot several times a year. More surprising is that the city keeps letting us.

## Youth Ministry

Preston Road Youth Ministry helps middle and high school students grow as disciples of Jesus Christ! Each Sunday they worship, dive into scripture, and learn to live and share faith in everyday ways. Wednesday nights they share dinner, hang out, and build meaningful friendships. And throughout the year, they hit the road for camps, retreats, and more, forming lifelong memories and a deeper faith.

## All Church Retreat

The congregation that plays together stays together. Each fall we invite our entire church family to spend a few days together away from the hustle and bustle of DFW. It's an invaluable time of worship, fellowship, learning, and rest. Not to mention an unofficial golf tournament, super competitive volleyball matches, and terribly full stomachs.

## Campus & Young Adults Ministry

In many congregations, ages 18 to thirty-something are the missing years. But at PRCC this group is dynamic, engaged, and growing. SMU students and young professionals grow in faith and form lifelong connections through weekly meetings, serving other PRCC ministries, and more.

## Women's Ministry

Ditch any preconception of church ladies. Our Women's Ministry brings women of all ages together for a wide range of compelling programs. It's driven weekly Bible studies, a Mothers of Preschoolers program, community outreach, and hosting DFW women as a satellite location for the nationwide women's [IF:Gathering](#).





# Some ways we show love

## Long-term Missions

You can't spell "great commission" without "mission." Our Missions program provides partial support to multiple long-term missionaries and teams, and is in partnership with [Mission Resource Network](#), an organization that trains and equips future generations of missions leaders.

## Latin America Mision Trips

What a trip(s). Our Missions Team organizes annual short-term missions to build houses, deliver services and medical aid, spread God's love, and do anything else the Spirit required. What began as a youth trip to Guatemala grew to include as many as 60 members of all ages, build more than 20 houses, and deliver medical assistance to more than 400, in partnership with organizations such as [Casas por Cristo](#).

## Local Service

Compassion starts at home. Our members work with multiple local service organizations, from food banks to homeless shelters and refugee assistance programs. Some of the most important missions are just around the corner, not all the way around the world.

## Barnabas Ministry

Yes, we are our brothers' (and sisters') keepers. In just its last 10 years, more than \$330,000 has gone into our Barnabas Ministry to aid members and neighbors in challenging financial circumstances.

## Christ's Family Clinic

One day there will be no illness or tears. But until then we are proud to house on-site [Christ's Family Clinic](#), a medical office that provides a wide range of free or low-cost health services to under-resourced members of our community. PRCC members have funded it with more than \$600,000 in the last ten years alone.





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When my husband was recalled the fifth time to active Navy duty, in Afghanistan, we were so grateful for the care and love shown to us, including by members we barely knew. We made it through by the love of a church family that lives Jesus and the strength God gave us.

**Rita Cole, Member**



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Our members take care of each other. There are so many little connections between them—it always encourages me when I see the friendships that we have because of Christ.

**Emily Hartsell, Member**

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I walked in, people opened the doors for me, shook my hands, greeted and began conversations with me—I've never witnessed anything like it. I felt like I was at a family reunion; I felt like I was home.

**Greg Floyd, Member**

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In 1994 PRCC sent us as missionaries to Thailand, where we served for several decades. We would not have been able to survive the rigors of the mission field without PRCC's steadfast backing of our mission, its leaders' spiritual oversight, and the care shown to us and our children. We love our family at Preston Road!

**David and Michelle Allen, Members  
Former Missionaries to Thailand**

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# Thanks for getting to know us!

Hopefully this profile gives you at least some sense of who we are at PRCC.

We would love to get to know you, too, whether or not you end up joining our journey into the exciting seasons God has in store for this church family.

You are in our prayers and, with humility and love, hope to be in yours.







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