

DECEMBER 21+22, 2024 ANTICIPATION LOVE THAT HEALS YOU



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BIG IDEA: Nothing else \_\_\_\_\_\_ if we don't have \_\_\_\_\_.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians, 13:1-3, 13

#### How can you give love its rightful place in your life?

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

1. Start by being \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Look for ways to put yourself .

Love is yourself for the good of another.

- John 3:16, 1 John 3:16

3. love no matter the circumstances.

Love in the face of \_\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ our broken world.



### Monday

READ: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13

**REFLECT:** We can enjoy material things. But if these are all we have, then eventually we will be lacking in what matters most — love. Love is the essential ingredient to the abundant life God desires us to have. Nothing else matters if we don't have love.

**RESPOND**: Do you measure your life by the "stuff" or by the people in your life? Ask God to help you align your heart toward love for others more than stuff.

### Tuesday

READ: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**REFLECT**: This passage begins with a focus on being patient and kind with others and continues with laying down envy, pride, selfishness, anger, and bitterness. Loving others means we reject the temptation to raise ourselves up by bringing others down. Love looks out for others, and over time, brings healing to our hearts.

RESPOND: Read through verses 4-8 and put your name in place of every use of the word "love." In which areas do you need to grow?

### Wednesday

READ: Isaiah 53:5

REFLECT: We celebrate Christmas today because of Jesus' ultimate expression of love through His birth and crucifixion. We are healed through this love. We accept this love through surrender and trust. Because God is the very definition of love, everything He does is motivated by love, including sending His Son to die on a cross.

**RESPOND**: Think of several ways you can share this love with others today. Ask God to help you be aware of the opportunities He provides.

### Thursday

#### **READ:** Colossians 3:13-14

REFLECT: Bearing with one another means that we are patient with others the way God is patient with us. It is about enduring the imperfections of others without demanding perfection from them. When we learn to bear with one another, forgiveness is easier. This is the kind of love that heals both us and others.

**RESPOND**: Write down the imperfections of others that drive you crazy. Also, write down your own imperfections that drive others crazy. Ask God to increase your patience with others.

### Friday

#### READ: James 5:16

**REFLECT:** When we talk about our sins with safe people, we make space for love. We may fear others will reject us, but instead it can be an opportunity to experience love and acceptance. This love is demonstrated through the power of confession and prayer. **RESPOND:** Is God calling you to confess and pray with others so that you can truly experience love and healing?

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### New here?

We're so glad you're here. We'd love to meet you, answer your questions, and help you get connected at PCC. If you're ready to learn more, we invite you to do any/all of the following:

### Connect Card

We'd love to get to know you and help you get connected! Scan the code to fill out a digital Connect Card.



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### **Guest Services** Stop by Guest Services in

the lobby. We'd love to get acquainted, give you a welcome packet, and a gift. If you have questions, we have answers!

Join us for Intro where you'll hear Pathway's story, meet some staff, and learn about next steps. Scan the code to sign up.

Intro



## Uncluttered

The start of a new year is when many of us clean up our homes, make plans to remove junk from our diets, or cut back on spending and revamp our budgets. But what if we pursued a spiritual decluttering?

This January, we invite you to join us as we slow down and seek rest, clarity, and purpose in our spiritual lives. The Uncluttered series will encourage us to quiet our hearts and minds, to make room for what truly matters — God's presence and calling.

Ministries & Events JANUARY 2025

#### GROUPS

ONGOING DAYS/TIMES VARY

LIFE GROUPS

FEB 2 | 5pm NEW GROUP DINNER

#### NEXT STEPS

JAN 5 | 11am

INTRO

JAN 25+26 BAPTISM

#### WOMEN

& CONVERSATION

JAN 28 | 9am

MOM<sub>2</sub>MOM

**MISSIONS & OUTREACH** 

DONATION WEEKEND (Every 2nd Sunday)

**MARRIAGE** & PARENTING

JAN 16 | 6:30pm

CULTIVATE

CONNECTION

..... JAN 20 | 6:30PM RE ENGAGE

(Marriage Environment)

JAN 20 | 6:30PM MERGE

(Pre-Marriage Environment)

**CARE & SUPPORT** 

TUESDAYS | 7pm CELEBRATE RECOVERY

..... THURSDAYS | 6:30pm

MOM OF AN ADDICT SUNDAYS | 7:45am

SUNDAY PRAYER GATHERINGS

#### JAN 2 | 6:30pm

BREAST CANCER **COMMUNITY GROUP** 

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JAN 9 | 6:30pm

TRAUMA REBOOT-WOMEN'S CLASS

**INFERTILITY** & LOSS SUPPORT more information on these events

Scan the code for

COLLEGE

ONGOING DAYS/TIMES VARY LIFE GROUPS

JAN 30 | 7pm PCC COLLEGE GATHERING

### **STUDENTS**

SATURDAYS | 5pm SUNDAYS | 9+11am

PROJECT 5 (5th Grade)

SUNDAYS | 9+11am

**IMPULSE: DIGGING DEEPER** 

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15pm No IMPULSE on January 1

IMPULSE (Middle School)

WEDNESDAYS | 7:30pm No IMPACT on January 1

IMPACT (High School)

**KIDS** 

SATURDAYS | 5pm SUNDAYS | 9+11am

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Ways to Give





- 2 | Text GIVE to 1-833-568-5410
- 3 | Click GIVE on pccfw.org
- **4** | Tap GIVE on the PCC at Home app
- **5** | Drop your gift in the offering buckets or boxes



Saturdays 5pm | Sundays 9am+11am 1010 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845 260.469.4444

MEN JAN 20 | 7pm MANDAY MONDAY

MONDAYS | 9am WOMEN'S COFFEE

JAN 11+12 FOOD PANTRY

JAN 23 | 7pm



At the end of every year, we look for ways to be generous both inside and outside of our church walls. Throughout the month of December, your year-end gifts will go toward the following:

### Here – at Pathway

**BENEVOLENCE** Serving those in need at our local church

**BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS** Renewed improvements and upgrades to our spaces

### Near – Local Partners

ALLEN COUNTY JAIL Partnership with God Behind Bars, which streams Pathway worship services to men and women at the Allen County Jail

FORT WAYNE RESCUE MISSION Caring for men, women, and children in homelessness

**REMEDYLIVE: PARENT ACADEMY INITIATIVE** Helping parents talk to their kids about mental health

YOUTH FOR CHRIST: CITYLIFE Reaching young people in under-resourced neighborhoods

LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP Assisting a local church with resources and momentum to reach more families

### Far – Global Partners

**INVISIBLE GIRL PROJECT: HOME OF LOVE (INDIA)** Purchase a van to provide safe travel to and from school for the Home of Love girls



#### Scan the code to give, and select the "Year-End Generosity" designation.

On Giving Tuesday (December 3) and our Christmas services on December 23+24, your financial gifts will go exclusively to our NEAR and FAR partnerships.

Thank you for continually giving to the mission of Pathway and making this ministry possible!



# Christmas at Pathway

Worship with us this Christmas!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 3pm + 5pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 1pm + 3pm + 5pm

Christmas in The Venue TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1pm + 3pm

All services are identical. All services live-streamed at PCCFW.tv Infant thru preschool available in all services. Interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing available at a service to be determined.

### HOLIDAY WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 21 | No Project 5 DECEMBER 22 | Full programming in both services

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Services will be ONLINE ONLY. Worship with us at pccfw.tv. Saturday, 5pm | Sunday, 9am + 11am

### Christmas Serving Opportunities

#### KIDCITY

Snuggle a baby or come alongside a child as they learn more about Jesus in KidCity. You'll also bless moms and dads with the opportunity to be impacted by the worship and message in our large gathering.

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

From greeters to ushers to our coffee team, First Impressions is all about making people feel welcome at Pathway. These simple-serving opportunities can make a big impact.

