

you are loved  
forever  
romans 8:38-39

# Promise Kid City Newsletter



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## Letter from Pastor Alan

Hello PKC Parents and Guardians!

I really believe we have something special going on in PKC as we started the New Year in 2018. In the midst of doing ministry we lost sight of our vision of what this is all about. Like I always mention in our parents prayer meetings, "Without A Vision...The People Perish". I also shared with our teachers what our vision is for PKC and what we are trying to accomplish. I really believe this is from the Lord and if we start doing this, kids will grow in their faith in God. The Lord impressed this in my heart, He wants the children to have a relationship with Him and apply His word. So we, as the children's ministry, we want to make sure all the children to have a relationship with Jesus. When they have a relationship with Jesus, they would want to apply God's word in their lives so that they may truly see who God is.

To make our vision simple,



"where kids love & follow Jesus!"

I pray that our vision will be unison with you as a parent. Here is a few points that I made to our teachers which also applies to the parents as well:

- Guard your relationship with God. If we want kids to love and follow Jesus, you need to learn to love and follow Jesus.
- Learn to love God's word
- Learn to pray (on your own and together)
- Follow Jesus (Being obedient to God even when it's hard)
- Share your success as well as your failures
- YOU ARE NOT PERFECT AND YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PERFECT.

I pray that this will help us to work together more! Keep fighting the good fight. God is with you! Have a LOVELY February!

## SPECIAL REMARKS:

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please continue to pray for PKC ministry to grow and for the children, family, teachers, and myself to serve God fully.

### THANK YOU'S:

- Thank you for teachers who came out for Family Adventure (David, Abigail, Jeanam, Joel, Gomayra, Wilson, Cesar, Cecilia (who led our decoration), Deacon Clara)

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S:

Happy Birthday to: Jeremy Ahn, Halyn Chang, Hailey Cho, Rachel Cho, Asa Jung, Justin Kang, Han Byul Kim, Ray Kim, Andrew Kim, Roy Kim, Amy Kim, Kristy Koo, Benjamin Lee, Grace Juyoung Nam, Jayden Shan, Ethan Shin, Melody Song, Min Teacher, and Hanna Teacher (We are celebrating February birthdays on 2/23 Friday Night. Please come join us for the birthday celebration.)

## Review: Family Adventure

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 - Saturday **FAMILY ADVENTURE**

Wow! What an event we had at Family Adventure! Not only did we had fun in the bounce houses. But we had a special song "Still" sang by our 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Youbin Jun. What a beautiful song to Jesus.

We also heard some powerful testimonies prepared by Juleen Lim, the Carabelli's family, as well as some other children step up to do the open mic testimony. It was truly a blessing to hear these testimonies to help encourage each other's faith.

But the best time is always when the family gathers to encourage each other and pray for one another. What a sight it was to see all the families gathered. This should be in our daily lives. "...encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,'" -Hebrews 3:13



Kids having a great time at Family Adventure

## Friday Night Services

We really encourage you to bring your children to our Friday Night Services. It's a more intimate time we have with the children and also to help build their faith in God.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday – Praise & Prayer Night

Children listens to the word of God and we have a time of prayer for the children to talk to God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – "Home" / Open Gym

"Home" is what we want the children to experience in a "family" setting to worship God, read the bible, sharing their lives with one another. We want the children to experience home at church and church at home. Afterwards, children go to the gym and play.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – "Home" / "Let's Make Stuff"

Another week of "Home". Afterwards, children will "make stuff" such as Arts & Crafts

Last Friday of the month – Birthday Party / Games

We celebrate the children's birthday of that month by having a pizza party, birthday cake, and games to follow!



Daniel and family taking a family photo at Family

## BE ON TIME

Please make sure to bring your child on time for service. Please make sure your family arrives before **10:30am for Sunday service** and **8:00pm for Friday Night Service**. Many kids have been walking in during offering song and miss the worship time with God. Let's try to get to Church early and show children we need to be on time for God because it is important to worship God. Early is on time, on time is late and late is inexcusable.



## Moses: Ordinary Hero



We started a new series in January which will run till March of the story of Moses.

The story of Moses is one that has captured the imagination of so many believers, young and old, for thousands of years. Moses was an ordinary baby, born to a Hebrew slave woman in Egypt. This ordinary boy lived an extraordinary life, however.

Moses went from being a baby in a basket to being a prince in the house of Pharaoh. It wasn't long before he took things into his own hands and killed an Egyptian for mistreating a Hebrew slave. That put Moses on the run in the wilderness. When God appeared to Moses and explained His plan, Moses reluctantly accepted.

From that point on, history would never be the same. Miracles, signs, wonders, plagues, and more would follow the life of this "ordinary" hero, Moses. He would go on to become one of the most influential leaders of the Old Testament.

In this series, the children will get a front row seat for the majority of Moses' life. They will see how God's plan unfolded for Moses: the "Ordinary Hero." In doing so, they will begin to see how God can use ordinary people (like them) to do extraordinary things.

## What is Lent?

We hear the question, "what is lent?" a lot, so first we wanted to share with you a bit more background about Lent and how we came to practice it today. Without hesitation he responded, "I have no idea."

### What is Lent?

Lent is the season of fasting and self-denial observed by many Christians in the days preceding Easter Sunday each year. The word "Lent" comes from a word meaning "lengthening days," with the Lenten season consisting of forty fast days as days lengthen in early spring. Since Easter's date moves each year based on the lunar calendar, Lent's dates vary from year to year. However, each year it begins on Ash Wednesday, which occurs sometime in February or early March.

### Where Did Lent Come From?

Lent is neither commanded nor implied in the Bible. Instead, it is a tradition that developed slowly over the first several centuries of church history. During the first three centuries of the church Christians often prepared to celebrate Easter with a "short preparatory fast of one, two, or more days." At about 190 AD the church father, Irenaeus, "knew nothing of any Easter fast of forty days," but did mention Christians fasting for shorter periods of time before Easter. These early, pre-Easter fasts were used to mark the time between the death of Jesus and his resurrection, and to prepare one's heart for Easter Sunday. How the short pre-Easter fasts of the first three centuries evolved into Lent is not entirely clear. Some early Christians in Egypt held a forty day fast beginning January 6 in imitation of Jesus' own time of fasting. Those preparing for baptism on Easter in Rome would fast for three weeks prior, and something similar happened in other places at different times of the year. By the fourth century, "As Easter came to be seen universally as the primary occasion in the year for baptism ... these customs coalesced everywhere into a standard forty-day season of fasting immediately before" the Easter festival. Canon 5 from the Council of Nicea (325 AD) mentions the period of "Lent," and a few years later Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria, wrote to his people and urged them to observe the 40-day fast which "all the world" was observing.

### Why Do People Fast at Lent?

In the Roman Catholic tradition Lenten fasting has been seen as a form of penance to the Lord for past sins. Christians from a variety of traditions see it as a time of prayer, repentance, and self-sacrifice for the purpose of focusing their attention on Christ and His sacrifice in the days leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent begins on a humble note on Ash Wednesday when people make their way to church to receive an imprint of ashes on their forehead in the form of a cross. "These are to remind us of our mortality and our dependence on God" as well as the sacrifice of Christ, which makes it possible for sinful mortals to go to God.

### What Do People Give up for Lent?

Like much about Lent, what people give up and how often they abstain has varied throughout history and from person to person. For many years, Roman Catholics were called to fast six days a week. A fast was defined as eating only one full meal per day. Even during these meals they were to abstain from eating all animals (except fish) and animal products, such as milk, eggs, or fat. "This general prohibition of eggs and milk during Lent is perpetuated in the popular custom of blessing or making gifts of eggs at Easter, and in the English usage of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday." The name "Fat Tuesday" may also stem from "a custom of frying foods before Ash Wednesday in order to use up all the animal fat in a household." [9] In the twentieth century the Catholic Church lightened the fasting requirements for Lent. Today, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are instructed to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from meat other than fish on all the Fridays of Lent. This helps explain McDonald's increased marketing for its Filet-O-Fish sandwich every Easter season, and why many restaurants in predominantly Catholic parts of the country hold a Fish Fry on Friday nights (up until the mid-twentieth century, Catholics were instructed to abstain from meat every Friday of the year). While meat is the most common thing left out of one's diet, people choose to give up all kinds of things during Lent. For example, some choose to abstain from something they enjoy such as chocolate, sugar, coffee, or television for the entire Lenten season. Others choose to fast from all food one day a week in order to give themselves to prayer and meditation on the work of Christ.

Source: <https://www.jellytelly.com/blog/what-is-lent>

## What will you give up for Lent?

Lent 2018 will **begin on Wednesday, February 14th** and ends on Thursday, March 29. I really challenge you to do this with your family. What are you willing to give up for Lent to set an example to your children? Write it down and share with your child:

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