



Pawnee Assembly of God

Simply Said... *God Loves You!*

Growing Up Together @ PAG!

The above declaration is what you will hear, see and, I hope, say in the days ahead here at PAG. We are a church growing together! Our corporate desire is to become Psalm 1 people firmly rooted and established in Christ. In the beginning of the summer, God began to speak to our staff about a ministry focus change. Four years ago God gave us a vision of 700. It was a goal that helped us look outside the walls and into the possibilities of God. Can God really bring 700 people to worship and grow at PAG? Sure He can and we still believe He will, but there is also a way He wants to do it and that is what He shared with us this summer.

Be the Tree!

Psalm 1 leaped into my heart when I read it. I was beginning a devotional study in the Book of Psalms and I couldn't get past Psalm 1. There was something there that said, "Chew on this! I am showing you a plan!" I did and a few weeks later shared it with my staff. Through meditating on this scripture, God was showing us His desire for us to grow... DEEP, not just out! Spiritual maturity is what God is after at PAG. He wants us to grow in His Word, our relationship with Him and others and also grow in the possibilities of ministry that will open through obedience to Him. As we grow deep, this will in turn cause PAG to be a place God sends those who need to be saved, discipled and sent out. Yes, God still has 700 in front of us, but now He has given us the blueprint to accomplish it. 700 trees planted by the water!

P1 Discipleship

P1 was birthed through a series of meetings designed to establish a discipleship ministry to help a person grow into spiritual maturity. The book, *360 Degree Disciple*, written by Alton Garrison was also an inspiration. As we looked at the levels of a believer's spiritual growth, we saw how we could develop a growth plan for everyone from a new believer to someone mature in their faith. We saw the pattern and were convinced that this is what God wants to teach us here at PAG. The levels of growth are Connect, Worship, Grow, Serve and Go. We all need growing opportunities and PAG is committed to being a place where those opportunities are present.

It all starts **Sunday, September 12th @ 9:00am in the gym**. All adult Sunday School classes will meet to go through a Spiritual Gift Assessment. This will help us identify our strong and weak areas of spiritual growth. The assessment will also give ideas on how one can work on weak areas and strengthen strong ones. There will also be a time to look at the classes PAG is offering in the first six months of P1. Each growth level will offer a class that will rotate every two months. This gives a person the chance to grow in all five levels of spiritual growth in one year's time. If PAG is your church home, I want to see you here on **Sunday September 12th**. Let's join together and grow up together at PAG!

Wednesday Night Clubs and Classes Begin in September!

It has been a wonderful summer with “Buildstrong Family Ministry.” Pastor Don has done an excellent job in leading this incredible ministry. The insights he gave us on family discipleship are amazing. I also want to thank all who helped make our nights possible. Next year will be bigger and better.

Now we focus once again on our ministry clubs and classes. Starting **Wednesday, September 1**, all ministry clubs such as Mpack girl’s ministry and Royal Ranger’s boy’s ministry will meet on Wednesday nights. Youth Service is also back in action starting with the Back to School Bash at the Church Parsonage (Bennett home).

Adults will be back in the foyer classroom with **“Life Connections.”** These Wednesday nights are designed for deep Bible teaching that connects in a practical way to our everyday lives. Youth starts at 6:30pm each Wednesday and all other clubs and classes begin at 7:00pm.

Youth and Children Ministry Name Changes

To go along with P1 Discipleship, Youth and Children’s ministries are changing their name and their look. Children’s Ministry will change its name from “Igniters” to “Planted Children’s Ministry”. This name focuses us on our goal in children’s ministry. We want to come along side families and help establish these young trees by the living water. Through the “Orange” strategy, we will do just that.

Youth will change their name from “Fuel” to “Rooted Youth Ministries”. This shows the heartbeat of youth ministry in taking what God has established and helping them through God’s Word dig their roots deep before they hit the big world out there. It is our desire to help families give their teens a deep root structure of a life in Christ before their college years.

Changes to Sunday Morning Services

Look for changes in our services starting in September. It all starts with preservice @ 10:00am. Announcements, videos, special music and more will get your heart prepared for worship. Come early to get a seat! Each service will start with a PAG Welcome Video designed to help visitors get to know PAG better. Big thanks to Keagan Thein for producing these videos. Look for them starting soon.

Another change will be the “Growing Up Together @ PAG” themes for each Sunday throughout each month. Themes change each week from one spiritual growth level to the next.

First Sunday of the Month – Connect! If you have unsaved friends and family, this is a service to bring them to each month. Come and be changed by the gospel preached and the opportunity to connect to God and His people. This is also Communion Sunday at PAG.

Second Sunday of the Month - Worship! Messages will be based on overcoming obstacles, persevering and encouragement to grow in God as you trust in Him. It is also “Prepare the Way” Sunday. On this week we will take time to share with you the current and future building and development projects. It is also an opportunity to come on board and give a monthly offering to eliminate the remodeling debt and build up funds for future projects.

Third Sunday of the Month - Growing / Serving! Sermons, worship and illustrations will help believers dig deep into God’s Word and grow. Don’t be surprised if you get challenged to change big time in these services. Messages will also be focused on using our gifts to glorify God.

Fourth or Fifth Sunday – Go! Depending on the month, the last Sunday is “Go” Sunday. This is our missions Sunday where you will meet lots of missionaries as they come and share with us in “Missionary Windows.” This will also be an opportunity to know what PAG is doing locally and globally through missions. Reports will be shared along with sermons that will inspire and equip believers with a World Ministry Vision. On this Sunday, we will pray for our missionaries and give people the opportunity to be a part of monthly missions giving.

So here we go! Lots to do, places to go and time to grow! Imagine what changes we will see in our lives, church and community. I look forward to seeing all of you Sunday, September 12, for P1 in the gym.

PAG is Growing Up Together!

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