

PRODIGAL CHILD MINISTRIES

Fall 2022 Newsletter



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JEREMIAH 29:11

Mission Statement

"To provide biblical and secular support and resources for parents of struggling teens and young adults in crisis, in order to give the parents HOPE and a FUTURE."

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A Word from John and Fair

Do you remember when George Bernard Shaw and/or Oscar Wilde said, "youth is wasted on the young." It means that young people lack perspective to appreciate all the advantages of youth and what they experience and thus take them for granted; or they are brainless, don't know what they have, squander every opportunity of being young... Is wisdom then wasted on the old?

Hearing the stories of parents of prodigals over the years (including our own story), is that youth and immaturity with their abundant energy, means that they waste energy on silly, trivial, and hurtful things that can lead to pain, addiction and even death.

As parents and grandparents witness these poor choices over the years, we have gained a knowledge (hopefully) due to our own life experiences and those of others, that needs to be lovingly shared to help others so that our wisdom is not wasted.

We at PCM continue to seek God's guidance as to how to effectively, with wisdom and discernment, encourage and help hurting parents deal with their children, whether teenagers or adults, who are struggling.

Post Covid, we have seen, and the experts have related to us a significant rise in anxiety, depression, and isolation, resulting in drug and alcohol abuse and/or adult children living in their parent's basement, as failure to thrive adults. The post Covid world, social media, distrust in the media and government and various groups bombarding us with their radical agendas every day also contribute to the confusion our children face.



We would like to thank the Board Members for serving us so faithfully.
John and Fair Brocard, Frank and Jan Ros,
Mary Beth and Steve Googasian, Lisa and Todd Ryan.
Their support through prayer and encouragement is such a blessing!

We strive to educate parents/grandparents as to relevant topics of the day, to encourage and equip them by offering Hope and support. Please continue to pray for us during these challenging times; Your prayers and continued financial support are so much appreciated. We cannot do what we do without your continued support. To God be the Glory!

John and Fair Brocard

Ministry Update 2022

The “heart” of our ministry is to offer Support, Hope, and Encouragement to parents of struggling teens and adults.

Support groups offered by Prodigal Child Ministries

“Surviving a Prodigal “ and “Hope for Hurting Parents” is a 10-week Bible Study Support group that meets in homes and churches throughout the year. Sign up is required.

Classes are offered in January and September

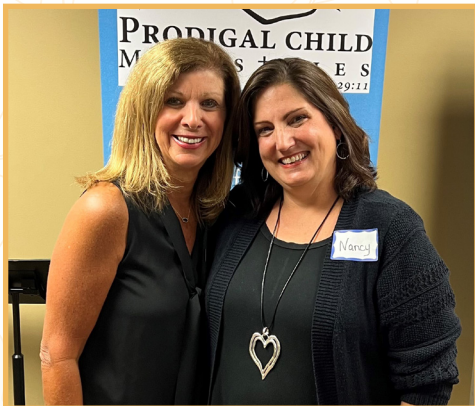
Many thanks to the following teachers/facilitators for opening up their homes and churches to lead this support group. Thank you for giving HOPE and Encouragement to many hurting parents.

Marietta (East Cobb): John and Fair Brocard
Marietta (West Cobb): Keith and Carrie Carter
Canton – Jeff and Artina Sandlin (Zoom Meetings)

“Parents of Prodigals” is a support group facilitated by John and Fair Brocard and Phil and Marti Blackstock that is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 pm (August through May- school calendar) at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, GA.



Dick Forbes, Joey Knapp with the Brocards and Blackstocks



Nancy Squires (Just Be Held Ministries) with Fair

Speakers come in to help educate parents on the issues and trends in today’s culture with our teenagers and young adults. Speakers also share their personal story to give parents HOPE and encouragement.

We would like to thank the following speakers for coming and giving of their time to speak at the POP Support Group:

Michael Lyles (Psychiatrist with Lyles and Crawford) Allie Sanford (Caron), Dianne Hiltman (NAMI), Barry and Linda Wheeler (testimony), Rand Eberhard (Director of Congregational Care at Church of the Apostles), Davis Vaughn (Parkaire Consultants), Katie Myers (Clinical Therapist), Stephen Lee (testimony), Jeff and Artina Sandlin (testimony), Isaac Waters (Recovery Frameworks), Bruce Cerbone (therapist and counselor care at Church of the Apostles), Randy Everhard

(Pastoral Counselor and addiction counselor), Nancy Squires (Just Be Held Ministries), Judge Eric Brewton, Dick Forbes (therapist) and Joey Knapp (testimony), Laura Pugsley (Talbot Recovery), Mark Crawford (Therapist with Lyles and Crawford).



Stephen Lee



Judge Eric Brewton and Darcy Kamau with John



Laura Pugsley (Talbott Recovery) with Fair



Dr. Michael Lyles with Lyles and Crawford



Jeff and Artina Sandlin



Rand Eberhard with Church with the Apostles Congregational Care



Isaac Waters with Recovery Frameworks



Bruce Cerbone with Church of the Apostles



Randy Eberhard with John



Katie Myers, Clinical therapist



Davis Vaughn with Parkaire Consultants



Steve and Wendy Lowe from Joy House with John and Fair



John and Fair at the Newport Academy Tour

PCM Retreats

For the past 4 years, we have hosted Prodigal Child Ministries Retreats at Brasstown Valley with guest speaker Mark Crawford. These retreats not only help educate parents on the issues our kids and adult children are facing today, but also let them realize that they are not alone in this journey. Parents are able to find HOPE, Healing and Encouragement.



You Can Make a Difference when you give to PCM

The 2022 Budget for PCM is approximately \$94,000 which covers start up and resources for parents, honorariums for speakers and seminars, continuing education for John and Fair to visit treatment programs and attend seminars, Fair's salary, administrative expenses, Retreats, Web- site updates and limited financial assistance to families in need. We do not charge for what we do.

In addition to helping parents during their time of greatest need, we also give 10% of "End of Year" donations to Christian treatment programs for scholarships.

We hope that you will support PCM so that we can continue to provide Hope and resources to hurting families. Checks should be made out to Prodigal Child Ministries in the enclosed envelope or you can go to www.prodigalchildministries.org and donate by using PayPal.

