

Dear Friends,

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This month, we are celebrating Cynthia Beaudry's seven years of faithful service to the ministry of Portland Fellowship. The Lord has used her in powerful ways to bless and encourage the administrative side of PF, as well as the women of TBG and URC. As much as we love and cherish Cynthia, and the vital role she has filled here in the office, we also celebrate the new season the Lord is leading her into as she steps down from being the PF Ministry Administrator.

*"To the Portland Fellowship community, donors, prayer intercessors, participants, family and friends, and to everyone who has been a part of my time at PF: You mean so much to me. I love you tremendously. You have been an integral part of my journey, and God has richly blessed me through you in ways I know that I won't see completely on this side of Heaven.*

*When you have given, you have sown into my work. You've validated my call. You have supported me in a time and culture where opposition abounds. When you've prayed, you have fueled me and invigorated my spirit. God has listened, and countless times I have witnessed His work through your prayers. When you have participated in our programs and resources, you've invited me into your pain and struggles. Your vulnerability and trust have been a gift to me. I have been honored to be invited into your life and heart. That is why moving into this next season will not be easy, and I covet your continued prayers.*

*In January, I felt the Lord leading me to step down from my ministry position at Portland Fellowship. I felt Him tenderly calling me into a new season of rest, where I can focus on my marriage and tend to personal (non-serious) health concerns. In February, I officially resigned from my Admin position. This resignation does not come with any scandals or falling outs. In fact, I am still involved in volunteer discipleship ministry at PF. I continue to believe in and support the goals and work of this vital organization. Working at PF meant I got to work alongside some of the finest Kingdom warriors. Jason and Patrick have grown to be my brothers and my friends, and I am honored to have rubbed shoulders with such men of integrity.*

*When I think about all I have learned, gained, and all the people I have been impacted by, I am in awe by how tremendously God moves in and through the vessel of Portland Fellowship. This is truly His historic house, this is His ministry, these are His programs, and PF is His vessel to administer His transformation in many lives (mine included). Apart from salvation, my most impacting gifts have come to me through this ministry. First, my own healing from sexual brokenness and inappropriate relating. Second, my husband Brian, whom I met in the Taking Back Ground and Upper Room programs. WOW. I've received such good and perfects gifts through this ministry!*

*I am sad to bid farewell to having all of you in my life through this ministry context. I am also sad to say goodbye to Jason and Patrick as peer workers in the faith. However, I have tremendous peace as I enter this new phase knowing that God's gifts and calling can never be withdrawn, and His goodness is unending. His work here at Portland Fellowship continues on powerfully, and I am grateful for that. I am also grateful to have been on staff during the season that I was. I intend to continue to offer support and care through my prayers and in any other ways that my marriage and health allow for.*

*Finally, remember that I continue to love you, and I'm grateful for you believing in me and allowing me the opportunity to serve you these previous seven years. Godspeed, and God bless you."*

—Cynthia



We praise God for Cynthia's  
seven years of ministry on  
staff here at PF!

*"He has sent me to bind  
up the brokenhearted, to  
proclaim liberty to captives,  
and freedom to prisoners."*

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As we say goodbye to Cynthia in her capacity as Ministry Administrator, we want to encourage her by sharing a few testimonies from a few of the many women she has impacted throughout her time here at PF.

*“Cynthia’s love and dedication to everyone who walks through the doors of PF is so evident. She encourages, corrects, teaches, delegates and comforts, among the many things she did at PF. Cynthia has been an integral part of my journey into knowing and loving God. She is a woman of extreme integrity, grace and powerful femininity.”* –Melissa Elsasser, TBG & URC Alumnus

*“From a small group leader perspective, I couldn’t have asked for a better co-leader than Cynthia. Her giftings are amazing and I truly respect all that she brings to the table (which is a lot). As a friend, I deeply value and appreciate her. I love Cynthia’s heart and her sense of humor—she can definitely make me laugh! I know she loves Jesus with all of her heart. Who could want a better quality than that in a friend? From a bystander view, I have watched Cynthia grow and change in significant ways to become more like Him. She is beautiful inside and out, and she’s amazing to me.”* –KathyGrace Duncan, PF Board Chairwoman

*“Cynthia, thanks for all your years of service at PF! You have so many gifts you have shared with the participants and staff: your quick wit, encouraging words and kindnesses, and caring and positive outreach to all. Plus the details—you remember the little things about the people whose paths you have crossed. Thanks for being your wonderful Puerto-Rican-from-the-Bronx self! You will be missed and always thought of with affection.”* –Heidi Perry, Wives Group

*“Cynthia Beaudry is hands-down the most affirming individual I have yet to meet. I can be certain that when I go to her with the deep thoughts of my heart she will affirm the health in me, the good growth in me, and the Holy Spirit in me. The more time I spend with Cynthia, the more I see traces of this trait in myself. She’s a woman whose godliness rubs off on those around her!”* –Rebekah J. Polivka, TBG & URC Participant

*“One of the great joys and honors in my life has been knowing and ministering with Cynthia at PF. She has such a tender heart for the Lord and for people who are hurting. God uses that so beautifully through her; I look forward to see where He continues to lead her!”* –Suzanne Berryessa, Former TBG Leader

As we look back over your time of working here at Portland Fellowship, Cynthia, we are nothing less than amazed and grateful beyond measure for how God has transformed your life through His healing love, and how He has used you to pour out that love into the lives of so many others, including us here on staff. Thank you for being a truth-teller, a wise and discerning voice, a beautiful example of strong, Biblical femininity, and for diligently walking out the calling God has placed on your life. Your departure from our staff is bittersweet, but we are proud to continue serving alongside you, our dear friend, sister and co-laborer in Christ.

With much love and appreciation,

–Jason and Patrick

## Welcoming Our Newest Ministry Team Member

We are blessed to have Heidi Perry join our ministry team as the new Hope Group Facilitator! Heidi has been a leader for the Wives Group here at PF for many years, and we’re excited to have her host our Hope Group meetings each month.



*“I walked through the PF front door seeking help for my husband twenty years ago. Here, I found a life-changing understanding for myself, and empathy and compassion from the staff and participants for my husband. This journey has now put me in place to connect with and minister to the Hope Group. I look forward to sharing stories of encouragement and strategies for love and mercy as a part of this special group.”* –Heidi

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## events calendar

### tuesdays in april Taking Back Ground Wives Group

Discipleship programs for men and women struggling with SSA; wives of husbands who struggle.  
7-9:30 pm at the PF house.

### thursdays in april Upper Room Community

Intensive discipleship program.

**april 7  
Hope Group**  
For Family and Friends.  
Dinner will be provided.  
**\*Meeting on 4/7 instead of 4/14, which is Good Friday**  
6:30 pm at the PF house.

**Speakers, counseling, youth support and personal support**  
can be arranged through the office.

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