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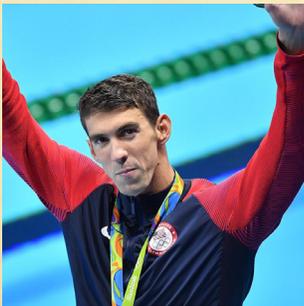
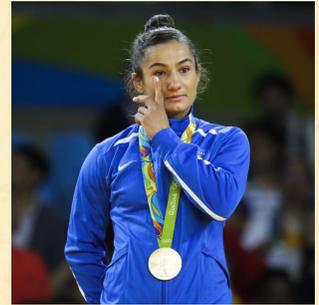
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# The Seeking God Challenge

By: Dan Barfell

**THIS PAST SUMMER IN THE RIO OLYMPICS**, I came to the realization that every single athlete – no matter their nationality, gender, athletic event, or how many times they've been to the Olympics – is seeking the same thing: a gold medal. Majlinda Kelmendi, a female judo athlete, won not only *her* first Olympic medal, but her *country's* (Kosovo) first Olympic medal. And it was gold! At the other end of the spectrum, U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won his 22<sup>nd</sup> gold medal! An Olympian seeks gold...it's what they do!



An Olympian seeks gold, but what are you seeking? What drives you? What are you living for? The problem for most of us as followers of Jesus Christ is that we don't really know the answer to that question. We don't have a clearly defined "gold medal" that we are going after, so consequently we drift, go astray, get sidetracked and lose our devotion to Jesus. 2,000 years ago, Jesus dangled the "gold medal" in front of us and told us what we should seek. ***"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you"*** (Matthew 6:33).

In short, Jesus told us to seek **GOD** and **GODLINESS!** But how do we do that? Let me give you three ways of seeking God with your life. Would you take the Challenge?

## 1. Read a chapter of the Bible every DAY.

We know that we need to read the Bible. That's obvious. But most of us don't really take the time to discipline ourselves to do so. We often start out the new year with a yearly reading plan, but by February, it's a distant memory. What if we made a commitment to read just one chapter from the Bible every day? I think we could handle that.

## 2. Listen to one sermon every WEEK.

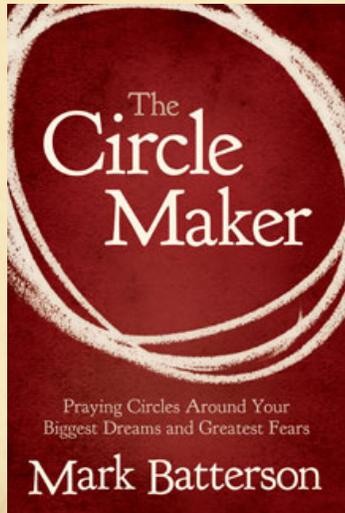
I realized a long time ago that I don't have a corner market on the Truth. God made a lot of people smarter, godlier and better communicators of His Word than me. I love to listen to good sermons by godly men.



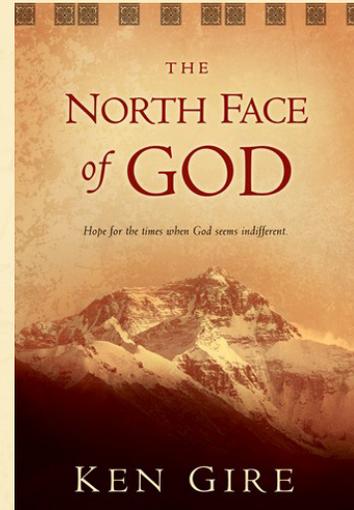
Two of the best I've discovered in recent years are James MacDonald and Andy Stanley. They have completely different styles, but are spot-on when it comes to expounding God's Word. If you can't make it to church on any given Sunday, make sure you catch a great sermon from one of God's choice communicators!

### 3. Read a book every MONTH.

Honestly, I really struggle with reading. It doesn't come easily for me. I'm just not a reader by nature. *But...* I have come to the realization that reading good books on the Bible is indispensable for my walk with the Lord.



Recently, I've read a couple of books that have had a profound impact on me. *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson and *The North Face of God* by Ken Gire have ministered to me in a way that no other venue ever has. It is as though God has placed these authors in my life for such a time as this and I am being challenged, motivated and blessed by their understanding of who God is and how He works in our lives.



Olympians seek gold...it's what they do. How about us Christians? We need to seek God...it's what we do! Will *you* take the Challenge?



# The Circle Maker

*A Review By Dan Barfell*

**Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers!** That's the message from speaker, author and pastor Mark Batterson in his critically acclaimed book, *The Circle Maker*.

*The Circle Maker* finds its title and inspiration in Honi, a Jewish scholar who lived in the first century B.C. and who is described in the Talmud. He is remembered as a miracle-worker in the tradition of Elijah and Elisha. Wikipedia provides a condensed version of his most famous miracle:

On one occasion, when God did not send rain well into the winter (in the geographic regions of Israel, it rains mainly in the winter), he drew a circle in the dust, stood inside it, and informed God that he would not move until it rained. When it began to drizzle, Honi told God that he was not satisfied and expected more rain; it then began to pour. He explained that he wanted a calm rain, at which point the rain calmed to a normal rain.



His bold prayer for rain saved a generation and the circle he drew in the sand became a sacred symbol. Batterson encourages us to draw a “circle” in the sand and boldly pray until God gives us what He wants and wills. *“Yet many of us pray as if our problems are bigger than God. Our biggest problem is not an impending divorce, wayward child or doctor’s diagnosis. Our biggest problem is our small view of God,”* says Batterson.

If you’ve struggled with prayerlessness or have come to believe God won’t answer your prayer, this is a “must-read.” Prayer is a no-lose proposition. The only way you can fail is if you stop praying.

Of all the books I’ve read over the years on prayer, *The Circle Maker* tops the list! Your faith in God will soar to new heights as you discover afresh that God delights in doing the seemingly impossible.

# CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

By: Tim Hunsicker



**MANY REMEMBER THE VERIZON COMMERCIAL** with the quirky guy wearing glasses and a jacket roaming the United States with an old flip phone up to his ear, asking the person on the other end, “Can you hear me now?” More of you know this guy because of his recent change to a competitor’s company. That’s not the point of this article, but his question: “Can you hear me now?”

Having traveled to many countries, I have found little use for my high school German lessons outside of quick layovers in Austria or Germany. So I have learned to make due with crash courses on key words and phrases before setting out on a trip, and have also relied heavily on colleagues in those countries to speak for me as a translator. As only our family would do, we decided to take a “European” vacation to Montreal, where I would learn a valuable lesson about listening to others and what they need.

Montreal is located in the Canadian province of Quebec. Quebec is a French-speaking province, meaning it is their official language. Street and highway signs, maps, and directions were in French, not to mention they also use the metric system. When we crossed the line from Ontario to Quebec, everything turned to French. Not a hint of English existed on the signs. All of the sudden we were plunged into another world, and we hadn’t even left North America!

I studied French in junior high school for a third of the year as a pilot program to help us determine what language to study in high school. As you may remember, I chose German, meaning I did not have interest in French. I just couldn’t get it to click in my head. Fortunately, this past February I was in Togo for two weeks where, as funny as it sounds, French is their national language. With this limited knowledge of French we boldly ventured throughout Montreal. The good news is 65% of people living in Quebec understand and speak English.

When we were at a grocery store buying food for our meals for the week, we were greeted by the cashier in French and, having just been in a French-speaking country, I greeted back appropriately for the time of day (2nd year level French). She politely smiled and then asked in plain English, “Paper or plastic?” I laughed and said, “You could tell, couldn’t you?” She could tell from the one simple word I said that I was most certainly not from Quebec or any French-speaking country on the face of this earth and needed to communicate in English with her.



## discipleship ministry

It hit me during the rest of our trip that sometimes we need to stop and listen to how someone responds to us, even if it is a one-word answer, and then make adjustments in how we are speaking so they can hear us clearly. I have found this to be more and more true when trying to share Christ's message of salvation.

We can easily get caught up in "Christian-ese". You may find the other person frantically Googling the words you are using because they are not a part of their everyday vocabulary. How many of you really use the terms "born again", "reconciliation", "propitiation", or "regeneration" in normal everyday conversations? This is also true when working with people who already know Christ as Savior. There are big words, phrases and theological concepts that need to be broken down to more easily understand and live out. This doesn't mean dumbing down, changing, or questioning the truth of the Scriptures. It simply means finding the words that are natural for how we speak and live so they relate to the friend we are trying to communicate with. Jesus did not use big words when He was teaching the twelve disciples, many of whom had little to no education. Paul did not use confusing examples and concepts when instructing believers on how they should live and follow Christ as Savior.



Are you using words and phrases that minimize or eliminate the confusion so many have with following Christ? Have you ever thought what it would be like to be introduced to Christ through large words and heavy concepts? Here are a few helpful hints:

- Adapt your communication style to match the person or group
- Think about the context you are in – work, school, family
- Prepare yourself ahead of time with the key points in sharing your faith:
  - Your life before Christ
  - How did you surrender to Christ?
  - What has your life been like since this surrender?
  - What key Scriptures explain your faith in Christ as Savior?

The next time you are in a situation where you are trying to share the message of salvation with a friend or engaging in a discussion with a fellow believer, ask yourself, "Can they hear me now?"

# Faleminderit

**WHEN CARA AND I FIRST ENTERED** full-time missions with ABWE, we had heard a lot of stories about how churches and pastors support missionaries in extraordinary ways. Growing up at PHBC, we had seen how well our church supported its missionaries and the very personal connections many members had with our missionaries. Now, being on the other side of the fence, our family has been blessed by PHBC's generous support. We have also been the beneficiaries of so many personally supporting us financially, with prayers, and even practical needs, ranging from home improvements to airline miles. We are very grateful for all of this.

This past summer, we received one of the greatest gifts from PHBC that a missionary could ask for: Pastor Dan joining Tim in Kosovo for the grand opening of Phase 1 of the Kosovo Leadership Academy. However, the trip was about much more than a ceremony. While in the country, Pastor Dan had the opportunity to set up the school's library, which contains many books donated by the PHBC family and PHCA. He also had numerous opportunities to interact with nationals ranging from students to KLA support staff. Pastor Dan, in his adventurous spirit, even ventured off into the city to explore on his own! Being able to see our sending church's senior pastor interacting with ABWE's leadership and missionaries, KLA supporters and the Kosovars was a special sight to hold on to for years to come.

The opportunity to have Pastor Dan in Kosovo required a lot of PHBC. You gave him up for a Sunday in the pulpit and a week in the office. You gave him the financial ability to travel to and from Kosovo. His family gave him up for over a week in the middle of summer, when families strive to spend extra time together. Our family is thankful to all of you for doing this for us.

*Faleminderit (Thank You),*  
Tim, Cara, Madison and Jacob Hunsicker



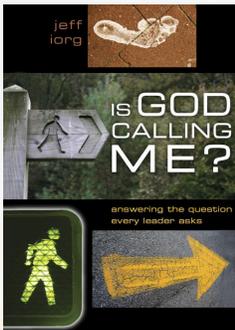
# IS GOD CALLING ME?

By: Tim Hunsicker

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “CALLED”

into ministry? Christians and non-Christians will tell you they were “called” or “built” to work at a particular job, join a cause, or live in a specific location. People are called on the telephone, referees and umpires make “calls” in a football game, a baseball manager will make a “call” to the bullpen when a new pitcher is needed. But the idea of a “call” is not always clearly understood.

Most believers misuse the idea of being “called”. Many think that only pastors, missionaries, and other religious leaders are “called” by God to serve.



In his book, *Is God Calling Me?*, Jeff Iorg explores the idea of believers being “called” by God into ministry. Part of his book explores three elements of “call” experiences. One is for every believer, and two are for people called to ministry leadership.

## THE UNIVERSAL CALL

First, there is a universal call to every Christian to serve. Paul said in Ephesians 4:1, *“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you received.”* This message was directed to the Ephesian believers. As a believer, you are called to live differently from the world around you. You now have a responsibility and the support to live for Christ. You have been called out to live for Christ and not the world. This does not necessarily mean you are to drop everything, enter seminary and eventually lead a church. It is all about taking the Gospel into the marketplace. God wants to have believing teachers, engineers, construction

workers, accountants and more taking his message into the work place. If every believer entered Christian vocation, how would the world be reached on a practical level?

## THE CALL TO LEADERSHIP

All believers have a call to serve, but a slightly smaller group will have the call to ministry leadership. This is not a call to full-time Christian service, since all believers are called to that as seen in the universal call. This is also not necessarily a call to vocational ministry. Most people with a call to leadership are working full-time in the secular marketplace while leading a ministry that they feel God has designed them for. Our church depends on leaders like this, who put in a full day at their workplace, then in many cases another full day preparing for their Growth Group, Vacation Bible School, leading a children’s Sunday School class, practicing music for Sunday worship services, and more. There is a small group with the call to leadership who are in full-time vocational ministry such as pastors and missionaries.

## THE CALL TO A SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT

For people who have been called into leadership, an additional call will take place at some point and at least one time in their lives. This is the call to a specific assignment. For example, when I felt called by God to take a step further into ministry, He called me into serving as an architect with ABWE’s Project Office. This is a specific assignment that He called me to and it will only be through another call that I leave this assignment. A part of this calling was asking God for direction, understanding my passion, and the wise counsel of others.

## discipleship ministry

However, as Jeff Iorg points out, *Just because someone offers you a leadership position does not mean God is calling you to take it.* God put me through a series of profound experiences that led me to the call to leave my successful, safe, secular career and enter the full-time missionary team at ABWE. Another person's leadership assignment may look very different. It may be a call to heading up the nursery at church or maybe the Hot Food Ministry or maybe a landscaping crew caring for the church's grounds. God's assignments are limitless!

Remember, all believers are called to serve, some are called to leadership in ministry, and those called to ministry leadership will be called to a specific assignment. If you want to discover more about the call to ministry, check out *Is God Calling Me?* By Jeff Iorg.

# Financial Report

## as of August 31, 2016

### income to date

offering	1,008,015.11
misc. income	12,201.25
total income	1,020,216.36
year to date budget	993,911.28

### expenses to date

missions	127,340.87
worship	14,589.07
evangelism	15,921.51
para-church ministries	3,700.00
care giving	5,613.74
young adults	87.17
children	15,769.29
youth	15,276.85
discipleship	8,167.20
operations	4,232.51
utilities	74,371.43
insurance/taxes	20,308.80
housekeeping	17,110.41
maintenance	42,542.34
admin services	46,873.91
preaching/admin	6,476.58
salaries/benefits	504,730.19
other	95,100.55
total expenses	1,018,212.42
excess income/expenses	2,003.94

### RG+Vision

balance	20,993.84
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### Pavilion and Property Fund

balance	605.98
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# God's Paintbrush

By: Denise Kotik

## *Kids Making A Difference For Jesus*

At the Pioneer Girls Mother-Daughter Christmas Event, our girls filled a gift box with slips of paper on which they wrote things they wanted to do to *Sparkle For Jesus* throughout the coming year. At the Pioneer Girls Encampment in the spring, these are a few of the things the girls reported doing in the previous months:

- I put together a care package for a homeless man.
- I visited someone at a nursing home.
- I have been a friend to a special needs child in Sunday School.
- I sat next to a friend who was alone at lunch.
- I donated money to my school to help kids with a disease.
- I started paying attention at church more often.
- I ran errands for Grandma and Grandpa every day.

Our preschoolers, Pioneer Girls, Boy's Stockade and Brigade also participated in an IMPACT Night Missions Project, in which they raised and donated money to assist orphans in Kenya. The money raised will be used to purchase chickens and milking goats. Many of the children are sick and need daily medication that must be taken with food. With the eggs provided by the chickens and milk provided by the goats, the children should have some kind of food every day. Each chicken costs \$5 and each milking goat costs \$150. The kids raised an amazing \$1,393.21 with which approximately four milking goats and one hundred fifty-eight chickens will be purchased! The kids created cards with special messages written to the children in the orphanage:

- Hope you enjoy your eggs and milk.
- God loves you so keep remembering that.
- That is what it is like to know God. He protects you all your life.
- You are in the palm of God's hands.

We are so proud of all of our kids, as you truly *Sparkle For Jesus* and bring His love to others both at home and around the world!

## *Summer Camp Scholarships*

Congratulations to our students who earned scholarships towards summer camp! Each year, the Children's Ministry offers a campership to any student that completes a daily Bible study and memorizes Scripture. 15 students earned the \$75 campership to spend a week at a Christian summer camp. One of our students felt particularly blessed to be gifted with a scholarship from a church member who had the vision of connecting children with God.

Our hard-working students this year are: Peter Anthony, Jason and Nathan Geiger, Charlotte and Dominic Hatten, Tyler Levy, Benjamin and Daniel Lynix, Rose Misch, Molly Reber, Melina Schaum, Veronica and Arianna Schaffner, Leo Smith, and Madalynn Wolf.

When asked what their favorite activities from camp were, students had a difficult time choosing because there were so many activities to choose from. One of the girls mentioned that she really enjoyed being able to pick the activities she wanted to participate in, and so she had the chance to do things she had never done before. Some of the favorite activities were archery, jet skiing, zip lining, hiking, swimming, Ga Ga Ball, and the Slip-n-Slide.

When asked to share their favorite memory, all the kids mentioned being able to hang out with friends. One of the girls said that the counselors and other campers were really friendly, and she felt understood by everyone at camp. She also talked about going to the lake on her last night and playing a game similar to football but with a greased watermelon they had to hand to teammates! One of the students mentioned reuniting with friends he had met seven years ago!

Camp had a definite impact on the students' walk with the Lord. One of the boys said that a topic discussed was faithfulness and unfaithfulness, and it made him realize that God is always there for him. One of the girls mentioned that she came to understand that she can go to God for anything because He is always there to help. At Cedarbrook, the kids had something called Morning Watch after breakfast. They found a place alone on the grass and, using their Bible and the Morning Watch booklet, they looked up Scriptures and answered questions based on those Scriptures. At Round Lake, there was morning and evening praise every day, and each evening, there was a campfire where counselors shared a time when God helped them in their life.

A special thanks to Toni and Dave Colwell for so faithfully meeting with the kids, listening to verses, and checking off the completion of their Bible work. You make the process extra fun and exciting for the students! We appreciate you!

## Fun-Filled Adventures At Kids' Days Out

By: Camilla Bush

This summer, kids in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade were able to go on an adventure with Pam and the summer interns! At each Kids' Day Out, we sang songs on the bus ride to Pam's house and immediately jumped into the fun. Kids got wet during the water balloon tournament, learned about Jack-in-the-pulpit on the nature scavenger hunt hike, and finally we collected hundreds of cicadas during the cicada collecting competition. Kids not only had a blast playing games and learned about God's creation in the outdoors, we also discussed God's loving care. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders also had quite an adventure on their mystery trip.



The passage we focused on each Kids' Day Out was Matthew 6. As we observed God's creation, we witnessed first-hand the "birds of the air" and the "lilies of the field" that Jesus mentions. We saw the amazing world around us and made the connection that God cares so much more for us than He does the birds and the flowers. It was amazing to hear the kids share what they were worried about in their lives. Kids are a lot smarter than we give them credit for. As Ben and I taught them this passage, we finished by leading the group in a surrendering prayer. It's hard to not worry, but the reminder that God is our loving Father "who cares for us" makes it much easier. We had so much fun this summer with the kids in God's great outdoors.



## Vacation Bible School Report

By: Pam Scott

God was at work in so many ways at *Deep Sea Discovery* Vacation Bible School. Thank you to each of you who gave and gave of yourself to carry out God's ministry. Kids will be in heaven someday because of what happened that week.

- God dismissed the storms on Monday and gave us a beautiful week of weather.
- Bakers came to the rescue to supply the **8,000 cookies** needed, and many of you worked behind the scenes to make preparations for the week.
- Each day there were over **180 workers** who faithfully showed God's love to children.
- God sent us over **800 students** throughout the week, who heard about and experienced the love of Jesus. **85%** were from the community.
- **\$1,780** was given to purchase shoes, bed sheets, and bath towels for the kids in Brazil at Chain of Love orphanage, and another **1,134** hygiene items were brought in for our Youth Missions Team to give to needy children in Indianapolis.
- We continue to pray that God will draw many of these kids to Himself because of what they heard and experienced at a great week of VBS.
- We had a Follow-Up Picnic for all the kids who made decisions at Sports Camp or VBS. Another **5 children** made decisions for Christ. Praise the Lord for His continued work in the hearts of kids.

Beyond the important statistics I just shared, many parents shared with us what a meaningful time they had at VBS. Comments were made like: "Your whole group of volunteers are so caring, each child is treated so very special, and you can tell that attention is given to every detail to make this such a memorable experience for our children, thank you for caring so much!" Another mom, with tears in her eyes, was overjoyed because her child had just accepted Jesus as her Savior, and then recounted the same decision she made here so many years ago. As she said, "It doesn't get any better than this." Yes, eternity matters, and thanks for making a difference in the lives of children.

Praise God for His faithfulness in another exciting outreach, and we are truly thankful for everyone that partnered with God during VBS to impact lives for eternity. Mark your calendars for July 17–21, 2017. There are still many kids that need to hear about Jesus.



## Deep Sea Discovery VBS Recap

By: Camilla Bush

Turtles swam through the hallways, jellyfish hung from the ceilings, and octopus took over the walls during the week of Vacation Bible School this summer. When Pam told the interns to decorate, we decorated! With the help of numerous volunteers, we turned the church into an underwater world. As the week began, kids were enraptured by diving into learning about God under the sea.



Throughout the week we ate hundreds of cookies, sang songs that will stick with us forever, and established God's truth in our lives. VBS isn't just a fun day camp where parents can drop their kids off, it's based on God's Word. For many children, this was the first time they came to church and heard about the Bible at all. They learned that God knows them, hears them, strengthens them, loves them, and sends them. God has promised that *"He is with me wherever I go."* God provided the amazing opportunity for us to minister to the hundreds of kids he brought to our backyard. Thank you for being willing to be used by God – whether it was by baking cookies, giving financially, praying for us throughout the week, cutting out name tags, painting turtles, building a coral reef, or volunteering the week of – you helped make an eternal impact. It takes a small army to do this ministry well and you got the job done.

It was such a joy to participate in this ministry from a totally different angle as an intern. During the course of the summer, God taught me that you can't do things by yourself. God calls us to serve in the body of Christ *with other people*, not just by ourselves. Vacation Bible School seemed like an insurmountable task, but when we gather together as a team in God's name, He can use us in amazing ways. God is with us wherever we go.

## Pioneer Clubs

Girls in grades 1-6, don't miss out! Join us on Wednesday nights for exciting new experiences and fun-filled adventures at Pioneer Clubs. You will enjoy games, crafts, special missions projects, Bible adventures, develop life skills,



earn Bible and activity awards, make new friends, learn how to relate to God and one another, and so much more! There will be some very special events throughout the year, including an overnight at church or Stony Glen, Pinewood Derby, Olympic Night, Christmas with Mom, Father-Daughter Valentine Event, Encampment Awards Night, and our final picnic. This is a great time to bring your friends. It's not too late to join us on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm. It will make an impact on your life and the lives of the friends you bring!

## IMPACT Night Missions Project

This year we will be working together to collect money and/or hygiene items to assemble Bags of Hope for the many homeless and needy men, women, and children in the greater Cleveland area. Please bring donations to IMPACT Night kid's clubs (preschool, Tree Climbers, Stockade, and Pioneer Girls) throughout the year. Our goal is to collect \$1,800 and/or hygiene items. We will be providing special containers for your coins, and boxes will be provided in club for hygiene items. We encourage you to save together as a family for this project.

### Bags of Hope Items Needed:

- Baby Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste

Perhaps when you are shopping for your family, you can pick up a few extra items for the Bags of Hope. We are collecting simple items, but they will make a big difference to those in need. Together, we can make an impact!

### Aluminum Cans Can Also Raise Money For Our Missions Project

Save those pop cans: rinse, drain, and put them in a plastic bag. ***You can drop them off on the sidewalk outside by the glass walkway, closest to the Academy wing.*** They will then be recycled and money will be put towards our Mission Project. Every bit helps to care for the homeless! Thank you!

## *New Season, New Volunteers Needed*

As a new fall season begins, it's a great time to investigate some exciting opportunities where you can use your God-given gifts to serve our Lord. There is no better way to invest our time than to impact lives for eternity. Check out some areas where you can get involved this fall. Call Pam at the church office (440.886.6100) to begin investigating the ministry that might be right for you, or sign up at the Sign-Up Center.

### *Sunday Mornings*

9:30am 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teacher or Treasure Cove

11:00am in 2s and 3s, 4s and 5s, or Grades 1-4 Children in Worship

### *Wednesday IMPACT Night*

Pioneer Clubs (Grades 5 and 6 especially)

4s and 5s (through December)

## *Fall Family Festival*

Our annual Fall Family Festival continues to change and take on a new look, with more excitement than ever! Many helping hands are needed for another great opportunity to reach out to our community. Reserve Saturday, October 29 on your calendar to become a part of a team of 165 workers who help to show God's love through helping hands, smiles, and kind words. Our community families will be invited to join us for an afternoon of fun games, candy, delicious treats, and some new surprises this year, including an old-fashioned snack walk, pumpkin bocce ball, God's wonders, animal friends, and so much more.

Weather permitting, we will enjoy half of the event outside by using the parking lot, pavilion, and trails in the woods. The other half will be in the family life center. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Plan on joining us for set-up at 10:00am, prayer time and lunch at 11:00am, games and other surprises from 12:30 to 3:00pm, and of course clean-up from 3:00 to 4:00pm. It will take a team of 165 to carry out this outreach event, and 500 bags of wrapped candy are also needed, which can be brought to the church office any time in October. Watch the bulletin to sign up for this great opportunity and become a part of this awesome team of Fall Family Festival workers. Join us for part or all of the day. The more workers we have, the more interaction can take place. Don't miss this time to show God's love to others.



## Parent-Child Dedication

Parent-Child Dedication is a great time to make a public commitment to raising your children in God's way. If you desire to participate on Sunday, November 20 during a worship service, please contact the church office no later than November 13. Three pictures of your child are also due in the office by that date. Let's point our children to Jesus early in life – it begins the day they were created. Remember, parents, they are watching and listening and seeing Jesus in you. I pray that we are representing Him well.



## Children's Christmas Service



It's not too early to put Sunday, December 11 on your calendar for the Children's Christmas Service for grades 1-6. Sunshine & Gang Puppet Team will present "A Lamb's Tale," and Pam will share a special Christmas message. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to hear the gospel. This will take place in the parlor, once children are dismissed from the 11:00am service. Don't miss it!

## Children's Worker Breakfast

All children's workers, reserve January 21, 2017 on your calendars for a very important worker gathering. It's a treat to share a meal together, interacting with other children's volunteers, and gaining some up-to-date tools to keep your ministry with kids on the cutting edge. We just got confirmation that Tina Hauser will be our special speaker at this year's event! Tina is the Executive Editor of *Kidzmatter* Magazine, creator of *This I Know* Kids Church Curriculum, speaker, and author of 14 Children's Ministry books. Tina's workshops deliver fun times, her joy of life, and her powerful vision for the important job of teaching children. You will be on the edge of your seat during her presentations. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience this once-in-a-lifetime training.

## *From The Intern: Camilla Bush*

As I think back over the summer, I am so sad that it has come to an end. After weeks of ministry, all I can do is to sit back and say, "WOW." This summer has been an adventure for sure.

I had some expectations and hopes for this summer and all of them were blasted out of the water. I am not the same person I was three months ago when I got the call from Pam and Dan offering me the job as a summer intern. It has been an immense joy and privilege serving God and this church in this capacity. I have loved every single day of it.

We had crazy fun at Kids' Days Out, having water balloon fights and seeing how many cicada shells we could find. The Intern Lock-In brought enjoyable memories I will never forget such as a church wide game of sardines and a lip sync battle. I got to see students lead and come together for fellowship with each other and God at Youth Worship Extravaganzas.

Sports Camp was a wonderful long week of amazing ministry for the community. VBS was such a fantastic hit. Many people commended us on the decorations. We could not have done it without the many and long hours that students volunteered to help set up the entire church. After a work day, the youth cooled down for a game of slip n slide kick ball.

The Youth Mission Trip to Indy was such an amazing experience. It was my favorite week of the entire summer. The final farewell to the interns was at Youth Beach Day, when God provided perfect weather.

I cannot express how grateful I am to have had this opportunity. Not only have I learned new things about myself and how to do ministry, I developed relationships with the youth and children that I treasure.

This summer, God reminded me why he led me into ministry. It's not always about the details or the planning, it's about loving people. I am going to miss being an intern more than I can say. I loved it. Thank you for this opportunity. I don't want to say goodbye.

***P.S.** Camilla had shared with us (Pam and Dan Adams) during her internship that becoming a summer intern at PHBC was a dream of hers since she was a child. God works in amazing ways, doesn't He?*



# GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

By: Dave Griffey

**THIS PAST SUMMER,** I witnessed first-hand God's perfect timing. In fact, the entire PHBC School Board were eyewitnesses to God's perfect timing. The Bible is full of passages that refer to God's perfect timing. Here are just a few: *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!* (Psalm 27:14) *But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint* (Isaiah 40:31). *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths* (Proverbs 3:5-6). And finally, *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up* (Galatians 6:9).

The first thing we need to understand about God's timing is that it is perfect, just as all of God's ways are perfect. God's timing is never early, and it's never been late. Some characteristics of God's perfect timing are seen in the previous verses. Waiting on Him, trusting in Him, acknowledging Him for everything, and finding your strength in Him for all things.

This past summer, the School Board was handed the task of filling four staff vacancies in Sonshine Preschool and Parma Heights Christian Academy, and we saw God's perfect timing. He took us from the end of the school year (early June) until the beginning of a new year (early August). God had everything laid out in His perfect time. There was nothing to do but to trust Him.

God brought to our schools four wonderful Christian ladies whose skills and abilities are only surpassed by their love for the Lord. And who are excited to serve the Lord in ministry at PHBC.

Our new Preschool Director is Mrs. Georgine Combs. The new librarian at the Academy is Mrs. Patty Burden. The new computer teacher is Mrs. Linda Johnson. And, our new fifth grade teacher is Miss Christi Flick.

When we question God's timing, it is often because we are looking for guidance or deliverance from a difficult situation. We can rest assured, however, that our Heavenly Father knows exactly where we are in our life situations at every moment. He either put us there (seeking to hire four staff members) or is allowing us to be there, all for His own perfect purpose. In fact, God often uses trials to strengthen our patience, allowing our Christian faith to mature and become complete (James 1:3-4).

It's easy to confine God to our timetable, but ultimately, He is in control of every situation. Every day, He waits for us to come to Him in complete trust and know with absolute certainty that His plans are good, and that He will bring them about in His perfect timing.



# YOUTH ON MISSION

## SNAPSHOTS FROM MISSION INDY 2016

### MISSION INDY BY THE NUMBERS

- **Mission Indy Team** = 38 participants (*28 students, 10 adults*)
- **3,486 hygiene items collected and distributed.** *Thanks to the PHBC family and Vacation Bible School for your generous donations that are helping families in inner city Indianapolis! We were able to pack and distribute over 200 hygiene kits throughout the week and to a local elementary school.*
  - 293 bottles of shampoo
  - 102 bottles of conditioner
  - 304 bottles of body wash
  - 522 bars of soap
  - 544 toothbrushes
  - 502 tubes of toothpaste
  - 345 sticks of deodorant
  - 633 feminine products
  - 71 bottles of hand sanitizer
  - 117 bottles of lotion
  - 34 boxes of Q-tips
  - 19 brushes/combs
  - Work Projects (*Too many to list individually*)
  - 8 project teams
  - 760 work hours on many facility maintenance and upgrade projects
  - 20 large bags of trash collected in a 1-hour community prayer walk





- **Kids Club (VBS):**

- Started with 30 kids on Day 1
- Grew to over 60 by the end of the week
- Every child heard the Gospel and had a chance to respond
- 25 kids indicated that they prayed to receive Christ or rededicate their lives
- 68 kids came back the next week for the weekly Kid's Club

- **Teen Night:** Over 50 community teens heard the Gospel and had a chance to respond, plus our teens. Over 70 total.

- **Downtown Prayer and Evangelism Experience** = Prayed with 114 individuals

- **Feeding the team:**

- We ate approximately 285 sandwiches for lunch alone
- Distributed 600+ snacks for Kids Club
- Drank approximately 300 gallons of water/Gatorade

- **Weather:** It was hot, with an average temperature of 88 degrees, and a much higher heat index

- **On our feet and on the go** = Dan Adams walked approximately 93 miles throughout the week

- **38 participants' lives changed**

- **3 participants indicated that this and past mission trips were instrumental in helping them decide to pursue full-time ministry!**





## MISSION TRIP SNAPSHOT: CAMILLA BUSH

After loading all of our ministry supplies and luggage into the trailer, which was a lot like playing a game of Tetris, our team of 38 squeezed into our vehicles and started our journey to Indianapolis. Our week was full of serving in numerous ways to a ministry called Kids INC, stationed just a few miles outside of downtown Indy.

In the mornings our team divided into 8 work teams to complete projects such as weeding and cleaning up around their campus, cleaning and sanitizing the food pantry, cleaning the skate park, picking up garbage around the neighborhood, and painting a bathroom, the main entrance to Kids INC, and the lines in the parking lot.



We repaired a shed, built a carpet ball table, cleaned and disinfected the nursery, and helped multiple ladies who are no longer able to do yard work. We transformed mountains of clothes into a workable clothes closet, similar to a Goodwill or Salvation Army. During the afternoon, we hosted what they call E-Club, which is similar to our VBS. We sang, danced, crafted, played, and learned that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. God was so good. The first day we had 30 kids. The next, 45. And by the end of the week our numbers had doubled and we averaged around 60 kids.

It was amazing to see our youth joyfully serving and loving these kids. They worked so hard every hour of every day.

I was especially proud of each and every one of them on Wednesday. In the evening we traveled downtown and split up into small groups. Our mission was to walk up to people and simply ask if they needed prayer for anything and if we could pray right then and there. I was amazed. When I was a freshman in high school, we went to New York and did street evangelism, which was similar to this experience in Indy. I did not expect the amazing response that we received. As my team, and many others, approached people, they often *did not* turn away from our simple question, but instead answered “yes,” “sure,” “yeah,” “absolutely,” or “of course.” Many shared things that were on their heart, what they were going through, or a recent change in their lives. I was flabbergasted at the openness of people. I was also astonished at our youth. At first they were nervous, but once they started talking to people, they couldn't stop. Many of them stated that they would want to do something like this back in Cleveland.

I've been on many mission trips, and I can honestly say that this trip was one of the best mission trips I have ever gone on. Something that we continuously prayed for was team unity. Leading up to and during that week, our team was wonderful. Mission trips not only impact the place and the people we are serving, they also significantly impact and change the lives of those who are serving. They were a critical part of my own spiritual growth and helped me see God's calling in my own life. I would like to express how thankful I am for the entire church's strong support. You gave financially, donated hygiene products, and prayed for us. You made this trip possible. It is so encouraging seeing God use the Body of Christ in this way. I know that it not only made a difference in Indy, it made a difference in the lives of our youth.



## MISSION TRIP SNAPSHOT: KATEY RANDOLPH

This summer I attended my third mission trip with the youth group. This mission trip was the second one to Indianapolis. During our stay, we were able to not only impact Indy, but also Kids INC and the community around it. Some of the ways we impacted them was by cleaning and reorganizing their food pantry, doing some yard work for some of the elderly people in the area as well as on the grounds of Kids INC. We also held a Kids Club, kind of like our VBS, we painted and did some general upkeep to the building. My favorite part of the trip, however, was when the team went into downtown Indianapolis and offered to pray with the people on the streets. I found this experience to be pretty enjoyable even though I was nervous at first. This was by far my favorite mission trip. I just really felt God using our team to impact others.



## MISSION TRIP SNAPSHOT: MADELYN SHAFFER

This was the first mission trip that I have ever been on, and it was an amazing opportunity and a huge blessing to be able to go. We worked with Kids INC in the city of Indianapolis. In the morning we did multiple projects around the building. We painted a girls bathroom, we fixed their shed, organized a clothing pantry, along with many other projects big and small throughout the week. We had a team go out into the community and help elderly people that needed things done around their yard. In the evening we helped out with a Kids Club called E-Club. The kids from the community came; we shared the love of Christ with them, and were able to connect with a lot of the children. On Wednesday our team went out into the city to pray for people. We would just walk up to random people and ask them if we could pray with them. God really worked through all of us that evening. I feel that God worked through all of us that week, and I know I grew closer to God through this mission trip. Thank you for all your prayer and support.





## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO

**YOUTH BAND:** We're now accepting applications for our growing Youth Worship Bands. Students with musical interest/ability should return their application at Youth Group and schedule an audition. Applications are available in the Youth Center and at [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org).

- 9.28** **See You at the Pole:** This is an on-campus student led prayer gathering. Students should plan to meet at their school's flagpole before school to pray for our nation, schools, staff, and peers. For more information and promotional material on this prayer movement, visit [www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com).
- 9.28** **Gym and Game Night:** It's all about fun and games with friends from 6:00–8:30pm.
- 10.1** **Youth Movie Night:** Join us from 7:00–10:00pm in the Cross of Hope Pavilion for refreshments, a bonfire, and a feature film.
- 10.2** **Youth Leaders and SLAM Team Meeting:** 12:30–2:30pm in the Youth Diner.
- 10.8-9** **Boy's Brigade and Pioneer Girls Campout:** The SLAM Team will be helping our Children's Ministry with this fun getaway at Stony Glen. Other youth interested in helping should contact Pastor Dan Adams for more information.
- 10.15** **Minute to Win It Olympics (Junior High Only):** Students in grades 7-8 are invited to bring their friends and join us from 1:00–4:00pm for some fun contests and prizes.
- 10.29** **Fall Family Festival:** Students are needed to help run games and activity stations.
- 10.31** **Cans For Good:** We're turning Trick-or-Treat into an opportunity to help the less fortunate. Students are encouraged to collect nonperishable food items throughout their neighborhoods to be donated to PHBC's and the Parma Heights food pantries. We'll collect and sort our donations around a fire and with refreshments in the Cross of Hope Pavilion from 8:00–10:00pm.
- 11.2-4** **Christian College Trip:** Senior Highers (especially upperclassmen) are invited to check out several Christian colleges. Complete details and registration will be available soon at [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org).
- 11.6** **Youth Leaders Meeting:** 12:30–2:30 in the Youth Diner.





- 11.11**     **Reverb Night:** This high energy night of extreme fun is a great opportunity to invite friends along to hear about the love of Jesus. We'll enjoy a Monsters Hockey Game, have tons of contests and prizes at a rally, bowl for hours, and complete our all-nighter with tons of games and activities at the CSU Athletic Center. The cost is \$47 and complete details, waivers, and registration will be online at [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org).
- 11.13**     **SLAM Team Meeting:** 12:30–2:30pm in the Youth Diner.
- 11.15**     **Community Thanksgiving Meal**
- 11.25**     **No IMPACT Night or Youth Group (Thanksgiving Break)**
- 11.30**     **GLOW Gym Night:** Invite your friends and join us for a night of glow-in-the-dark games and contests. 6:00–8:30pm in the Family Life Center and Youth Center.
- 12.4**      **Youth Leaders and SLAM Team Meeting:** 12:30–2:30pm in the Youth Diner.
- 12.21**     **Youth Christmas Party:** 6:00–9:00pm in the Youth Center.
- 12.28**     **No IMPACT Night or Youth Group (Christmas Break)**
- 1.4.17**     **No IMPACT Night or Youth Group (Christmas Break)**

**VISIT** [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org) for additional and updated info, sign-ups, and forms.

**STAY IN TOUCH:**

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**Instagram:** @phbc181

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## FOUNDING LEADERS

Planting a church in Parma Heights over 60 years ago was remarkable. That decision was one marked by visionary leaders who saw a vibrant church replace an old chicken coop on open property. They saw a ministry impacting the community for good, for the kingdom of God in a way and in a location that their current church couldn't. I imagine it was thought of by some as bold and refreshing while others saw it as unnecessary or possibly even foolish. I am so glad those visionary founding members had the unity, and the God-led sense, to push through the obstacles to see this wonderful church become a vibrant ministry reality for God to minister through.

How would those same leaders respond to this culture that is repressing religious freedoms; that often views Christianity as a close-minded, archaic and sometimes bigoted movement? A land that sees churches experiencing decline of attendance and commitment to their faith in all ages, especially the younger generations. What would those leaders placed in this current climate think, say and do?

Some of you reading this are those leaders. I can't be certain what you would do, but I sense PHBC's founding leaders would begin by falling to their knees to pray for God's wisdom, discernment and leading. They would pull together the brightest God-led individuals and develop a bold plan to tackle this head-on. There would be God-sized dreaming individually and in groups. Conversations would happen in the church, in living rooms, and in coffee shops with people from the church and the community. A plan would be developed and then boldly and unapologetically presented and implemented.

# PHBC

## A CHURCH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS?

By: Kraig Anderson

## LEARNING DURING THE PASTORAL SEARCH

As we're in the midst of a search to fill the *Pastor of Young Adults and Outreach* position, we're learning more of the challenges our church faces today. The most concerning observation and questions to come from our two finalists last June are basically these: *"PHBC is not positioned well to minister effectively to young adults and future generations. When it's been determined what changes are necessary, are the people at PHBC willing to put their personal preferences aside and embrace those proposed changes? Are you actually willing to make changes?"* Those questions concerned our two original finalists enough that the largely unknown answers were a primary reason they chose to accept positions at other churches. The pastoral search is continuing.



## BLUE SKY DREAMING

Out of this perceived reality, the pastoral staff, along with the deacons, has begun doing what we've labeled "Blue Sky Dreaming". We've been asking questions like, "What are hindrances for this church to minister to future generations?" and "When it comes to staffing, facilities and ministries, if time and resources were no obstacle, what changes are needed at PHBC to be a highly effective church for future generations?"

We are certainly only at the early stages of this "Blue Sky Dreaming", but it's not too early for you as an individual, and PHBC as a church, to begin to pray for God's wisdom for all of us. Pray that God would open our hearts to the ministry needs of future generations over our own personal preferences for ministry. Our biblical, Baptist doctrine is *NOT* negotiable. However, facility updating/enhancements, ministry programming, and even the name on our sign – those non-biblical elements of ministry are all up for prayerful "Blue Sky Dreaming".



Let's remember the foundation in which this church started. May we together, as one unified congregation, be bold and supportive as we seek to effectively help people find and follow Jesus Christ for generations to come.

## *Creative Christmas*

# THIS IS LOVE

*A Dramatic Musical Production*

DECEMBER 9 AND 10 AT 7:00PM

DECEMBER 11 AT 3:00PM

Yes, love came down through Jesus Christ that first Christmas, and through His Son, God's love, provision, and reality in this world shines through for all to see. We are hoping to show evidence of the reality of His love on earth through short, stand-alone dramas, wonderful music, and videos.

Bring the whole family!

# {In} Secure

CLAIMING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST



By: Jen Moench

**INSECURE** adj; (of a person) not confident or assured; uncertain and anxious

**Example:** The thought of submitting this article is making me *insecure*.

**I AM AN IMPOSTER.** I am unworthy and *ineffective*. At least this is what Satan would have me believe. Do you ever feel this way? A few months back, I was so tired of feeling this way – and (transparent moment) *believing* it – that I set out to understand why. What made me so gullible that I believed what I felt?

Well, for starters, I knew who I was. I remembered so closely who I was before Christ made me new in Him, that I had a hard time believing I could be who He says I am now. New. Loved. A work in progress. And then to realize I've been fitted with special gifts that He knit perfectly into place to serve Him by serving others. Wow! Me? Who knew? Well, God does, but so does the enemy. And so the father of lies works to keep me in bondage to doubt, and to insecurity – chained to who I was, not who I am now.

**There is freedom, however. There is freedom in the knowledge that God is who He says He is.**

But to claim this, we have to know that we know this. And I mean, *know* that we *know*. We need to know His character: His love, His truth, His sovereignty, His holiness, His faithfulness. When we understand who God is, we can begin to understand who He made us to be.

**The truth of our identity is found in Christ. And this is where Satan will attack: our identity.**

He will work overtime to keep us deceived about who, *and whose*, we are. We must remember the enemy is a thief and comes only to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). He prowls like a lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). He doesn't have to do this by drawing us deeper into sin. His best strategy is to keep us ineffective – knowing what we *should* do, but don't because of doubt. *Maybe I didn't hear Him right. No one will know if I don't do/plan/ write/say this, right?*



Truth is, friends, a lack of obedience is still *disobedience*. When God points us in the direction of our gifting and positions us to glorify His kingdom, the enemy delights in robbing us of our power, and we blindly surrender it, when we doubt.

**Obedience is rarely the easy thing, but with it comes blessing and growth.**

So we need to be ever mindful of where we are, taking each thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5b) when the shadows of doubt and insecurity threaten to make us ineffective. We must remember to be still and know (Psalm 46:10). That we aren't timid (2 Timothy 1:7). That we will be given an escape when the temptation seems too much (1 Corinthians 10:13). That we must cry out to Him to lead us to the Rock (Psalm 61:2). That He promises we will find Him when we seek Him wholeheartedly (Jeremiah 29:13).

Finally, I want to share the lyrics to the David Crowder song "Here's My Heart". These simple and honest lyrics can minister to you wherever you find yourself in this struggle with insecurity.

**Here's my heart, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true**

**I am found, I am Yours  
I am loved, I'm made pure  
I have life, I can breathe  
I am healed, I am free**

**Here's my heart, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true**

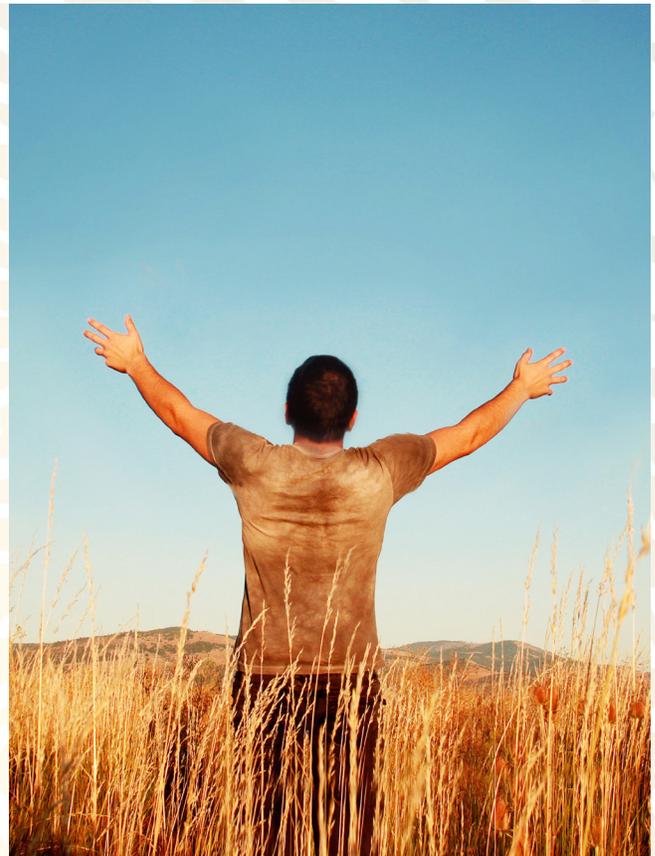
**I am found, I am Yours  
I am loved, I'm made pure  
I have life, I can breathe  
I am healed, I am free**

**You are strong, You are sure  
You are life, You endure  
You are good, always true  
You are light breaking through**

**Here's my heart, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true**

**Here's my life, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true [x3]**

**I am found, I am Yours  
I am loved, I'm made pure  
I have life, I can breathe  
I am healed, I am free**



**You are strong, You are sure  
You are life, You endure  
You are good, always true  
You are light breaking through**

**You are more than enough  
You are here, You are love  
You are hope, You are grace  
You're all I have, You're everything**

**Here's my heart, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true**

**Here's my life, Lord [x3]  
Speak what is true [x3]**

# What Is That Word?

By: Terry Zerby

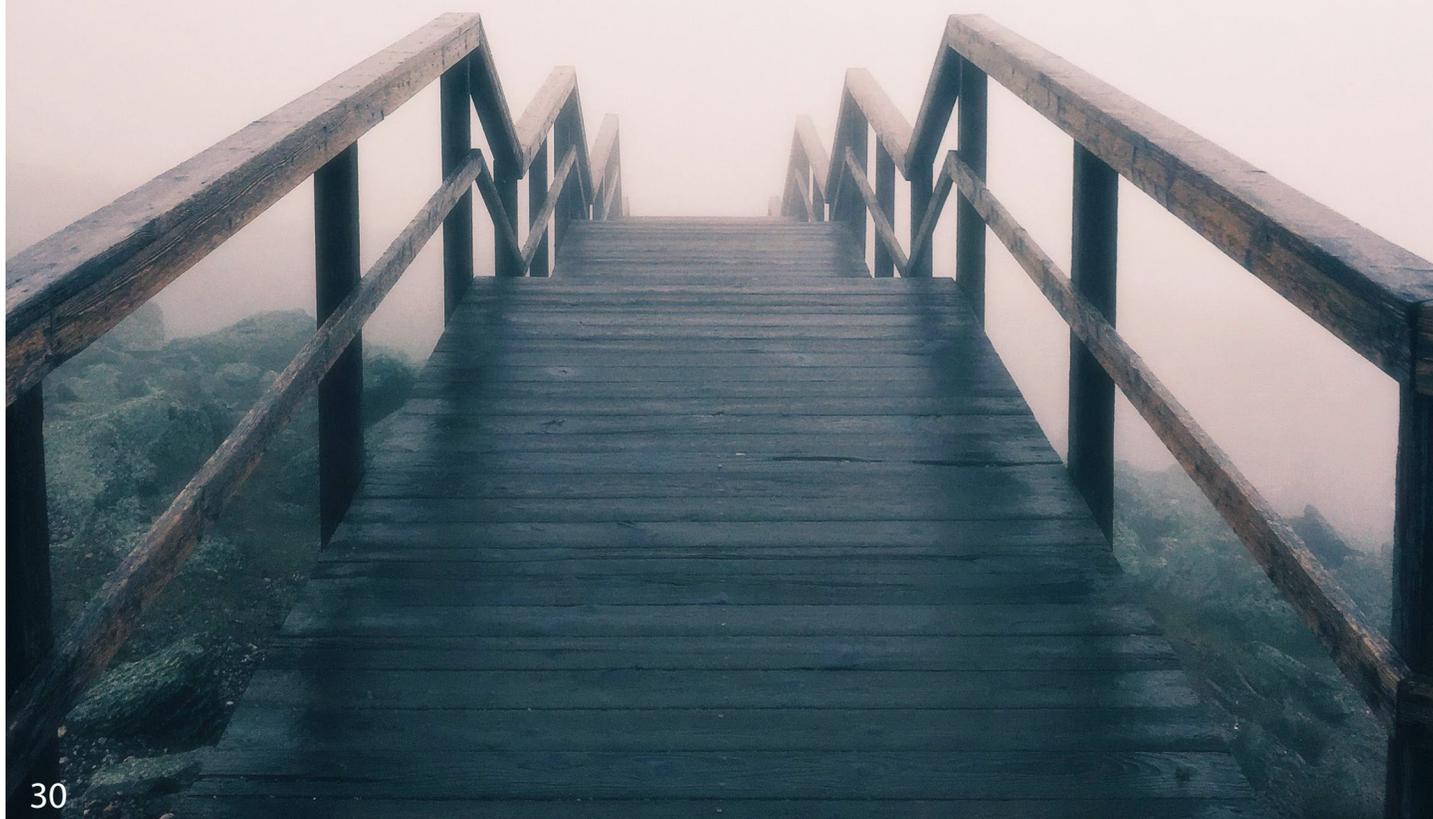
**IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A NASTY WORD!** It's certainly not a word we would want to be associated with our lives. There is never the right time to deal with it. Christians are not exempt from it. One does not need to live very long before they face it! We may try to deny it, hide it, run from it, but sooner or later it enters our lives. What is that word? Do I dare put it in print? But I must bring it up. How can we learn to deal with it? Can we master it? Must it rule our lives? Must it ruin our lives?

I remember when I was in second grade. My best friend was Billy. We were together in school, played together at recess. He knew all the answers. He was a loyal friend. Then one day he was gone from my life. His family moved because of his father's work. We said, "Goodbye". There was no Billy to play with anymore. It was at that moment when that word entered my life. I lost the excitement of going to school. I didn't care about getting up in the morning. That word that I didn't even know struck me. I never told my parents or my brother. I was caught alone with it.

I'm sure you have had to face it at some time, as well. Sometimes it slowly sneaks up on us. Other times it comes as a storm and blows us over. My four year-old grandson was attacked by it. His favorite uncle went to the hospital, but never came home. He was told that he went to heaven. But his uncle wasn't to be seen anymore.

The stomach aches, food loses its flavor, eyes water, and you may want to be all alone. Yes, you know what I am talking about. **Grief!** There, the word just showed up. I didn't ask for it. It just attacks!

How do you handle it? What do you do?



Several months later, my grandson, who was so loving and jovial, became a different child. He showed a totally different character and one day began to throw everything, breaking things and seeming to go wild. His father recognized it. It was that nasty word, ***grief***. It struck! It seemed to show up in other, less destructive ways, too. I think his parents dealt with him in a kind, wise manner. While going through the course that was taught last year on IMPACT Night, *Journey in Grief Care*, I realized something. I failed to be there for him.

Perhaps that nasty word has crashed into your life. You find it hard to cope. Your mind and emotions are jumbled. You may be angry one day and blame yourself or God for the source of this grief. You find yourself suddenly pouring forth buckets of tears. It might have come just from a picture or article that belonged to that person. You find it hard to go to church and face the question, “How are you doing?”

You might ask, “How can I cope? I have prayed but God seems silent. I want to be alone and yet I know I need someone in flesh and blood to help me.”

All this is to lead up to share with you what our church is developing to help that person suffering with grief. With God’s direction, we have come up with Three Avenues of helping to deal with grief.

### **Avenue 1: Individual Grief Support**

We are training personnel to give one-on-one support. This means being a friend offering comfort, wisdom, and help while going through grief. It can be a several month commitment or longer. They may be able to suggest further help found in the second avenue of grief care: a small support group.

### **Avenue 2: Small Support Group**

Caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives lead this group. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment. This is a 13-week time of learning from people who have been there. It consists of a weekly group for sharing an encouraging and informative video seminar, a group discussion, and a workbook with personal study exercises and journaling to reinforce the weekly topics.

### **Avenue 3: Professional Counseling**

There are times that a person needs professional help. The grief is just too great. Life is broken. Guilt may be too strong. We have two options that we recommend:

1. *Matt Williams*, a clinically trained Licensed Christian counselor of Moriah Counseling, who will meet with people at our church or his office in North Royalton. Call the church office at 440.886.6100 and ask for Kathy for connection with Mr. Williams. Cost of each appointment is \$50.
2. *Cornerstone of Hope* is committed to providing comprehensive bereavement services to children, teens, and adults. They are located at 5905 Brecksville Road in Independence. Call 216.524.4673, or you can find them online at [www.cornerstoneofhope.org](http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org). Expenses will need to be discussed.







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