

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

OCTOBER 15, 2017

RENEW ME: THE ABCs OF PERSONAL REVIVAL BY: DAN BARFELL

Can we be honest for a moment? I mean, really honest? There have been periods in my life where my spiritual life – my walk with Jesus – felt worn out, distant, tired, and empty.

Truthfully, there have been times where I have been ready to quit. You ever felt that way? I'm guessing if you're anything like me, a red-blooded human, you have. There comes a time when what we really need is nothing short of a personal, spiritual renewal from the Lord Himself!

But how does revival happen? I don't profess to know exactly how God takes a heart that is broken, worn out, tired and desperate and breathes new life into it to the point where it is on fire for Him once again, but I believe this: You and I may only be four decisions away from a revival. Let me share with you the decisions I made.

I had to acknowledge I wasn't where I wanted to be. Mark 9 tells the story of Jesus driving a demon out of a small boy. The boy's father says to Jesus, "Help my unbelief!" (v. 24) He was admitting to Jesus that he had faith, but not enough. He was saying he wasn't where he wanted to be.

Are you where you want to be in your walk with the Lord? Or does bitterness, unforgiveness, lust, or a host of other desires of the flesh rule your heart and desires?

I had to believe God wanted something better for me. If I wasn't satisfied with where I was spiritually, certainly God wasn't satisfied either. He says, "I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you a hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). He also says in Revelation 3:16 that He really hates lukewarm followers. He wants us to be on fire spiritually.

I had to confess my sin to Him. Sin is a big deal in God's eyes. Believe me, being a pastor doesn't exempt me from having to fight my flesh. I've learned that when we have unconfessed, unrepentant sin, it stands in the way of God's blessing on our lives. But thank God for the cross! That's where our sin is dealt with. That's where it gets washed away. There has never been a revival without an honest confession of sin.

Finally, I had to devote myself to Him. The night before Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to start driving out the inhabitants of the Promised Land, they consecrated themselves to God. This was their "all in" moment. They dedicated themselves to God's purpose and vowed to live wholly for Him! God expects the same from us! He wants to know we are "all in" with Him no matter what.

Renewal can be a painful process, but there is no question it is worth it!



MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Ashley Tengler works with Youth For Christ in Independence City Schools. She meets regularly with middle school and high school students. Ashley is also an active leader in our youth group during Wednesday IMPACT Night.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

Rest in the **Joy of His Presence**.

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasure of living with you forever (Psalm 16:11).



STONY GLEN CAMPOUT BY: DAN ADAMS

One of my favorite places in all of the world is Stony Glen Camp. I love this place for so many reasons.

The beautiful sets of waterfalls, the comfortable and quiet cabins, the peaceful lake, and the endless paths through the forest are just some of the reasons. When I want to get away into nature, this is the place. But perhaps the most important reason I love Stony Glen is because every time I'm there I have met with Christ in new and fresh ways, ever since I was in elementary school.

This past weekend we had the privilege of being back out at camp for the Boys Brigade and Pioneer Girls Campout. Each fall I look forward to this campout, because I know the impact it has on a child's life. Just 7 years ago, our oldest daughter trusted Christ for salvation at this campout. And we see kids make life-changing decisions for Christ each year.



One special aspect of this campout for me is the way our youth step up and serve. Each year, we invite our SLAM (student leadership team) to help make the campout happen. They serve in so many ways: loading and unloading the trailer, supervising and helping with canoe time, setting up and cleaning up for each meal, making campfires, leading group games, and leading the Sunday morning chapel service including the music and testimonies. When I see them helping like this, I tell them, "You look a lot like Christ when you're serving!" I'm proud of them.

God provided us the perfect weather for all of our outdoor activities, which was a blessing. Each of the groups went on hikes, had bonfires, sang songs, and had group projects. It was fun to see the boys making their own fishing poles – one boy even caught a fish. Some of the boys setup a tent for the very first time, and each of them learned how to build three types of fires.

I don't know where your favorite places are to meet with God, but Stony Glen is on the top of my list. Wherever it is, let me encourage you to make time today to meet with Him.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Meal will be on Tuesday, October 24 at 12:00pm. Join us for our favorite fall meal of beef stew served in a pumpkin. NextGen Pastor Dan Adams will share an enlightening insight from God's Word. We will also have a musical guest, Abey Eapen, a former member and soloist with our choir. Cost of the meal is \$4 per person.

MENS MINISTRIES

Join us for Bangers and Bangers, a men's shooting event, on Friday, October 27 at 5:30pm. Meet at 305 Ken Mar Industrial Parkway in Broadview Heights. Cost is \$20, but first-time guests are free! Food will be provided.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

College students and singles, please join our Bible study being held every other Sunday at the home of Pastor Matt and Sheri at 4:30pm. We will meet October 15.

Young adult married couples are invited to a Bible study every other Sunday at 4:30pm in the parlor. We will meet next on October 22.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

There is a new and exciting churchtime class, "Finders, Keepers: In Search of the Truth!" for our kids in grades 1-4. Working in teams, students are taking part in the Amazing Race for the Truth, where energetic teams are given clues and search the Bible to find answers. Students have begun the year searching for truths about the Bible, such as where the Bible came from, how long it took to be written, and how many people were instrumental in writing the Bible. Part of the search is finding verses such as Psalm 119:105, in which the students discovered they need light for their journey, and Ephesians 6:17, where they discovered the Sword of the Spirit, which is God's Word, providing them with protection on their journey. Time spent in prayer is a priority, and students have the opportunity to share prayer requests with one another. The hope is that students will learn to seek the Bible in finding answers to life's questions inside and outside the classroom!



STUDENT MINISTRIES

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PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Do you need to pick up a quick gift for someone? PHCA sells shopping cards for many stores and restaurants, which are available in the glass walkway on Sunday mornings to purchase and take with you on the spot. PHCA purchases the shopping cards at a discount and then sells them at face value as a fundraiser. We are grateful to everyone who participates in this easy fundraiser!

PHBC TO ADOPT A VILLAGE IN NIGERIA

Don't miss Adopt-A-Village Sunday on October 29!

Pastor Dan will be sharing a new Missions Initiative to help end extreme poverty by joining the Million Village Challenge. We will be helping to end the cycle of poverty for one village by helping to provide wellness, water, food, education, and sustainable income. Working together, we can end the suffering forever and literally save lives! Find out how you can be involved in transformational community development.



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We are still collecting new or gently worn coats and jackets for Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC).

If you are purchasing coats, please purchase 2X or larger. We are asking you to bring your coat to church by October 22. The coats will be picked up, cleaned, and given to the homeless and poor throughout Cuyahoga County. Please help us reach out the hand of hope in a practical way as we extend Love In the Name of Christ.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Deacon Board and friends are hosting a special banquet for widows and widowers of PHBC. The gathering will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 21 in the church parlor. In order that we might have sufficient food, please contact the church office to register.



Many of you may have noticed some new additions to the Worship Center lobby.

We recently removed the old and worn out bulletin boards and replaced them with our Mission Statement and discipleship path of Worship, Grow, and Serve. We also added **The Spot** to communicate the "Grow" part of the discipleship process. Growth Groups, not classes, are the engine driving discipleship, and in each Growth Group, we focus on **In-Reach** (caring for one another), **Up-Reach** (study of God's Word), and **Out-Reach** (serving the world in Jesus' name). Right now you can get information about existing Growth Groups at **The Spot**, and in the future we will be highlighting new studies that groups will be starting. This will also be a place for leaders to connect with others interested in joining a group. So, if a pastor or Growth Group leader says, "Meet me at **The Spot**", you know where to go!

Operation Christmas Child is here! PHBC is happy to partner with Samaritan's Purse once again this year to provide shoebox gifts to children all over the world. Filled shoeboxes will be collected now through November 12. You can pick up a shoebox and packing instructions at the table in the glass walkway today.

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Our Fall Family Festival is just around the corner, so on Saturday, October 28, plan to be a part of the action, either attending and bringing your friends, or being a part of the crew to make it happen. We need volunteers to help and bags of wrapped candy donations. Sign up in the glass walkway for the time slots you can help. For those of you with kids, you will want to attend with them and invite your friends. Flyers are available in the glass walkway.

Fall Family Festival schedule:

10:00am to 12:15pm – Set-up and eat lunch
3:00 to 4:00pm – Clean-up

12:00 to 3:00pm – Run games and activities
(Festival begins at 12:30pm)





Are you interested in serving international students in Cleveland? We are excited about the doors God is opening with Baldwin Wallace and Cleveland State students. We'd love for you to join us on Sunday, October 29 at 12:15pm in B-5 for an introduction to international student ministry. Not only will you leave informed, but this also counts as IFI's official orientation, which is a requirement for all IFI volunteers. Contact Ann Nesbitt at 216.267.2283 or anesbitt6160@gmail.com, or sign up at the IFI table in the glass walkway on Sunday, October 22. A light lunch will be provided.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

New Life Class – 11:15am/C-5
YA Singles Bible Study – 4:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

BSF – 6:55pm/worship center
GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Senior Adult Trip – 9:45am
Community Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Widow/Widower Banquet – 1:00pm/parlor
YA Singles Outing – 2:45pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

New Life Class – 11:15am/C-5
Puppet Team Rehearsal – 4:00pm/B-2
YA Couples Bible Study – 4:30pm/B-5

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

BSF – 6:55pm/worship center
GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Men's Shooting Event – 5:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Fall Family Festival – 12:30pm

PHBC LEADERSHIP STAFF

Dan Barfell – Senior Pastor

Kraig Anderson – Executive Pastor

Dan Adams – NextGen Pastor

Pam Scott – Children's Pastor

Tim Hunsicker – Discipleship Pastor

Matt Williams – Young Adults Pastor

Dave Griffey – Christian Schools Administrator

Jen Moench – Preschool Director



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15 & 9:30am *Classic* | 11:00am *Contemporary*

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