

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

EXCEEDING OUR GOAL BY: DAN BARFELL

On Sunday, November 19, we took a special offering for our annual Thanksgiving Offering.

Our goal was to raise \$20,000 on this one Sunday to help supply clean drinking water to our newly adopted village of Ahumbe, Nigeria. I am so glad to report to you that by God's grace and your generosity, we exceeded our goal! **WE RAISED \$23,832!**

Below is the email exchange that took place between me and our contact when I told him the news.

Pastor Dan:

I have tears in my eyes as I am writing this email. Yesterday was our annual Thanksgiving Offering. We usually collect about \$12,000 for whatever the project is. This year, we laid out the vision for Adopt-A-Village and set our offering goal for \$20,000, knowing it was a stretch over previous years' history.

Today, moments ago, I was just told that yesterday's offering for our village of Ahumbe was \$23,832! God is so good! And the people of PHBC...they are the best ever!

I don't know what I'm most excited about: the difference this will make to the village of Ahumbe or the fact our people have responded so well to the vision and need!

Response:

This is amazing news of how the People of God showed up. I am so thankful and proud of [PHBC].

From the start, we talked about how we wanted this to be a WIN-WIN-WIN situation. A win for PHBC, a win for those doing [the aid work], but most of all, to be a win and a blessing to the people of Ahumbe. Together we want to see the village TRANSFORMED – transforming the way they educate their children, treat their wives, grow food and make money, but most importantly transformed by the renewing of their minds...

I am so encouraged and I rejoice with you in this great news. I look forward to even greater things in our partnership together. Thank you again and thank you to all our friends and family at PHBC.

Way to go, church! I couldn't be more proud!



MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Scott and Lorna Muha serve just outside of Madrid, Spain. Scott grew up at PHBC. They offer trivia nights, give English classes, and serve as life coaches. Both of them have had bouts of cancer. Their co-worker Rose is currently struggling with side-effects from chemo. Pray for their health. Pray also for the students with whom they work.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

Thank the LORD for His faithful love and for the amazing things He does for people (Psalm 107:8 ERV).

Thank You, LORD; we are blessed and amazed by the great things you have done.



SERVE LIKE JESUS BY: DAN ADAMS

To be like Jesus. It's one of our highest callings, greatest challenges, and supreme privileges.

To be like Jesus has been, and will continue to be, my life-long goal. Christians often talk about being Christ-like. But what does that really look like? I want practical steps.

I was recently reminded, while watching some of the students that I serve, exactly what it means to be like Jesus. And it wasn't just one or a couple of them. And it wasn't one isolated instance. I've been noticing a defining characteristic among many of them regularly. They love to serve. Now this is something we emphasize with them repeatedly, year after year. But right now, they "get it". They get what it means to serve the world in Jesus' name.

Like a proud father, I've been taking a step back to enjoy seeing this in them. The reason this brings me so much joy is because I believe that their servant's heart is really very Christ-like. Because of this, I find myself telling them often, "You look a lot like Jesus when you serve like that."

In the last few months, I've seen our students serve in so many ways: on mission trips to Indianapolis and Haiti, our children on their fall campout to Stony Glen, at our New Member's welcome lunch, at our Hot Food Ministry, and the list goes on and on. They're not serving out of obligation. They're not serving because they have to get community service hours. They're serving because they're learning to live and love like Jesus does.

Mark 10:45 tells us, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Serving was a defining characteristic for Christ, and served as His mission in so many ways. We see Jesus healing the blind, the lame, and the lepers. We see Jesus healing men, women, and children. We see Jesus, time after time, putting others and their needs before Himself. He served the world in love.

That's one of the reasons that we emphasize serving so strongly at PHBC. We actively encourage everyone to "Serve the World in Jesus' Name". We believe that's one of the ways we can best be like Jesus. We believe that's what Jesus would do, and we want to be like Him.

I want to encourage you to be like Jesus, and one of the best ways to do this is to find a place to serve. There are plenty of opportunities. If you're not sure how, let me know, I'm glad to help you find a place serve. I look forward to saying to you, "You look a lot like Jesus when you serve like that."



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ladies, you won't want to miss the dramatic performance

of "The Woman Jesus Called Mother" by Maggie Wallem Rowe. The event is on Saturday, December 2 from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the worship center. Enjoy coffee and pastries in the morning and a catered lunch following the performance. Cost is \$15, and tickets are on sale in the glass walkway through November 26.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Holiday Buffet and Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 12 at noon.

Invite some friends to this special event! After our mouth-watering holiday feast and festive dessert, we'll enjoy a Christmas concert by Pastor Chad DeWeerd. The cost is \$4 per person.



For the safety of our senior adults in inclement weather, we will not have any trips in December and January.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Young Adult Christmas parties are coming up on December 2 and December 16.

All young adult couples are invited to the home of Matt and Sheri Williams on December 2 at 6:30pm. This is a carry-in dinner, so see Sheri or Pastor Matt for details and to sign up. Bring a \$5 or under white elephant or regular gift; don't tell anyone which one you brought!

Young adult singles, be on the lookout in the bulletin for details about the party on December 16.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Pioneer Girl moms, dads, grandparents, or special friends, please join us for our Winter Wonderland on Wednesday, December 13 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the FLC. Throughout the evening, you will frolic amongst snowman activities as we celebrate this special Christmas season.

Our kids at IMPACT Night have been faithfully bringing in their coins to help provide clean water for the village of Ahumbe in Nigeria. Thus far, they have collected \$316 for this special missions project. We hope to give \$1,000 by the end of May to this over-all church mission project. So continue to bring in those coins on Wednesday nights to help this needy village of people.

Join our team to help care for children during our special Christmas services. We will be providing childcare for the matinee of Creative Christmas at 2:45pm on December 10. Volunteers are also needed on Christmas Eve at 3:15 and 4:45pm in the Nursery-Toddler area. Sign up in one of the church nurseries or call the church office to let us know we can depend on you. Why not serve as a family one hour, then attend the other?



PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

As you shop for Christmas, remember to pick up gift cards from the Academy office Monday through Friday, or the glass walkway on Sunday mornings. We have increased our inventory, especially for stores like Amazon, JC Penney, Target, Wal-Mart/Sam's Club, Kohl's, Toys R Us and Honey Baked Ham. It's a simple way to do your shopping while supporting the Academy without spending any extra money!

Don't forget Parma Heights Christian Academy if you are making year-end donations. You may drop off a donation marked for PHCA at the church office or mail it to 8971 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma Heights, OH 44130. Donations must be received in person/dated/postmarked by December 31 to be considered a 2017 donation. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from our PHBC family!

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The Cleveland Pregnancy Center is looking for some specific volunteer help for a Graphic Design position to help with invitations and such for the 2018 Banquet in the spring, and also for an Event Planning Team or Event Coordinator to help with some of the details of the Banquet. Please spread the word!

Mark your 2018 calendars for upcoming CPC events:

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: January 21, 2018

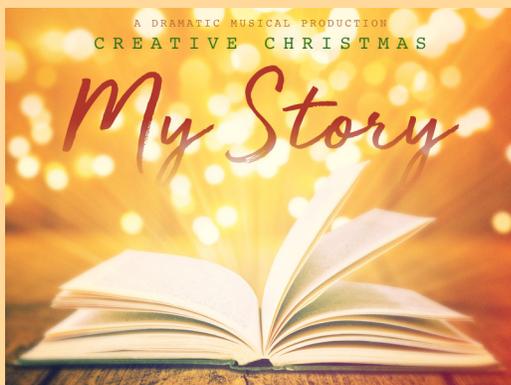
CPC Banquet: April 24, 2018

Walk for Life: November 3, 2018 at the Zoo

Thanks for your prayers and for supporting life!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Creative Christmas: My Story is Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9 at 7:00pm, with a 3:00pm matinee on Sunday, December 10. Complimentary tickets are available on the literature shelf so you can invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to this dramatic musical production.



CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

On Sunday, December 24, there will be one worship service at 10:00am. Growth Groups will not meet. Children ages 4, 5, and Kindergarten will have a special morning with Miss Pam during the worship service. In the evening, we will have two identical Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 3:30 and 5:00pm.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER						
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

YA Couples Bible Study – 4:30pm/B-5

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Food Pantry – 10:00am

BSF – 6:55pm/WC

GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Senior Adult Trip – 10:30am

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Open Gym Volleyball – 7:30pm/FLC

Fortified Men's Group – 8:00pm/B-5

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Women's Christmas Event – 9:30am

YA Couples Christmas Party – 7:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

YA Singles Bible Study – 4:30pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

BSF – 6:55pm/worship center

GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Open Gym Volleyball – 7:30pm/FLC

Fortified Men's Group – 8:00pm/B-5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

MOPS – 9:30pm/parlor

Creative Christmas – 7:00pm/WC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Creative Christmas – 7:00pm/WC

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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