

# HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING  
AT PHBC

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## MIRACLES BY: KRAIG ANDERSON

*Is your faith up to it – up to believing again that God can perform miracles?*

The heartbeat had stopped. All life had ceased. The unborn baby inside her had died. What horrible, gut-wrenching news to hear from a doctor. The father of this baby was my guitar instructor. The mom, a gifted singer. They both were wonderful friends and musicians at the first church I served in Minnesota.

Days after the doctor had confirmed that their baby had died, the couple went to the hospital to have a procedure done to remove the baby from her uterus. As she was connected to several machines, all of a sudden this flurry of activity began happening around them. Doctors, nurses, and anyone else standing nearby gathered and were astonished with some cheering, others with tears rolling down their faces. This was absolutely medically unexplainable. After double and triple-checking the original diagnosis and the current status to make sure they had the vitals correct, they came to only one conclusion. This baby that had died, today had a strong heartbeat with healthy vitals. ***Their baby was alive!*** Christ-followers and atheists in that hospital room could only attribute it to one explanation: It was a miracle! That baby went to full-term and was born a beautiful, healthy baby!



Do miracles still happen today? That one did.

Today, many people just don't expect or even recognize the miracles happening around us. God's Word says this in Mark 10:27, ***Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."***



That's a part we just don't understand. With all the amazing modern advances man has made, we put ourselves on the throne of know-how, accomplishment, and technological advancement. We can do anything...or so we think!

But the reality is, our intelligence and power only scratches the surface when compared to what God can do. And for those people who say they truly really know the amazing power of God, they are putting God in a box. We can't really know the true reaches of God's supreme control of all things.

Is your faith up to it – up to believing again that God can perform miracles?

I'm excited and honored to share Kim and Sue Eaton's miracle at church on Sunday and on social media through a video we shot recently. Kim shares that his heart stopped beating and he should not have survived. Doctors told him if he had had that heart attack in a hospital, he would have had a 10% chance of living. His happened in the parking lot of a camp.

Whether you see the story at church, on the Parma Heights Baptist Church Facebook page, or go to YouTube and search "Kim and Sue Eaton", you'll have to decide if you believe that God makes miracles happen today.

## MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Roger and Amy Schley are Bible translators in a village in Papua. Pray for them as they live in the remote village for a few months with the Tangko people.

Pray also for their children, Daniel and Ryan, who are staying in a dorm in town. Pray that they'd have a great semester, and that Ryan would adjust to dorm life well.

Pray too, for Roger and Amy, as they are "empty nesters" for the semester.

## PRAYER THOUGHTS

*How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him (Psalm 147:1).*

We praise God when things are sunny.

We praise God when we want something.

It is good to sing praises to God all the time.



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**The Senior Adult Trip will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 10:00am.** We will be visiting The Amish Door Restaurant, and then picking up some snacks at Shearer's Chip Outlet. Cost is \$25 and tickets are available in person at the church office.

**The Senior Adult Meal will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00pm.** We will gather together for a "feel good" meal of Salisbury Steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and butter, and dessert. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Dan Barfell. Cost is \$4 per person.



## MEN'S MINISTRIES

**If you've signed up for the Men's Retreat, remember it's this weekend, September 22-24, at Skyview Ranch!**

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

**A worship and prayer experience** is happening on Sunday, September 24. We will meet in the Cross of Hope Pavilion at 4:30pm.

**Couples outing to Patterson Farms** will be on Saturday, September 30 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Cost is \$8 per person. Kids are welcome, and FREE! Sign up with Pastor Matt, Sheri, or in the church office. Please have your check or cash in hand when you sign up.



**College students and singles**, you're invited to a Bible study starting Sunday, October 1. We'll meet at the home of Pastor Matt and Sheri at 4:30pm.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Each Wednesday, our Youth Worship Band leads in Youth Group.** We're looking for vocalists and musicians who have a passion to worship God. If you're interested, please complete the application, which can be found at [www.oneeightyone.org/youth-worship-band/](http://www.oneeightyone.org/youth-worship-band/), and turn it in to Dan Adams.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Before you know it, our big weekend retreat will be here for Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade in grades 3-6.** October 7-8, we will be traveling to Stony Glen Camp to hike, canoe, enjoy great meals, campfires, hayrides, God's magnificent nature, and much more. Make your commitment early to help us plan. Permission slips need to be turned in by Sunday, October 1. So reserve that weekend, and permission slips will go out on Wednesday nights through the club programs.



**It's not too early to start thinking about our Family Fall Festival, coming up on Saturday, October 28.** Last year's event was bigger than ever, and there were so many added exciting stops along the way. But again, this outreach event does not happen without YOU. So reserve the date, start inviting your friends, and look for great candy sales as we need to collect at least 500 bags of candy to help make this happen. You can bring your candy donations to the church office.



## PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Adopt a student at PHCA! Prayer cards will be available on Sunday mornings, September 17 and 24, in the glass walkway.** Each card features a student at the Academy.

Select someone to "adopt" for the school year and pray for them! You are welcome to send a card or note of encouragement to the classroom throughout the year, telling them that you are praying for them. **Please do not send gifts.** If you are open to receiving a note back, please give the student your name and address because we do not have a way to deliver anything and some families choose to do this confidentially. Thanks for being a prayer warrior for the students at PHCA!

**Stop by the PHCA table in the glass walkway to purchase shopping cards.** Simply pick up your cards for Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, Olive Garden, Wendy's, Steak and Shake, Marathon as well as dozens of other stores, restaurants, and gas stations. We keep a large supply on hand, so it is very convenient for you to pick them up while you are already here on Sunday morning. PHCA purchases the cards for less than their face value, so it is a great fundraiser for us without costing you any extra money! This is an ongoing fundraiser for PHCA throughout the school year.

## COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

**We would like everyone to celebrate with us on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of our Hot Meal ministry at PHBC. We have touched thousands of people every third Tuesday of each month with a meal and fellowship around the dinner table. We can always use your prayers and help on the nights of the meal.

## WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

**We are looking for drivers for our Sunday morning bus ministry.** The route to surrounding apartment buildings starts at 8:45am and would be back at 9:25am. When church gets out after the 11:00am service (a little after 12:00pm), we take them home and get back around 12:30pm. We are looking for some people to drive once a month. **No CDL needed.** Contact Dave Shaffer at 440.552.3344 if interested.

## THANK YOU

**I want to express how grateful I am to PHBC for taking me on as an Intern for a second summer!** God continues to show me how good He is. While teaching Sunday School to youth and children, I not only gained teaching experience, I was reminded of God's character and promises through studying His Word with your kids. During both Sports Camp and VBS, I was reminded of the goodness of God and His overwhelming love as I saw kids give their lives to Christ for the very first time.



On the mission trip to Haiti, I had the opportunity to see our youth be stretched in their faith and see real physical needs provided through water filters, fruit trees, and goats! Throughout the summer, God reminded me of His patience with us. No matter how many times we mess up, no matter how many times we put our best effort forward and the plan still falls through the cracks, no matter how tired or discouraged we are, *God is constant.* He is the living God who is firm and steadfast. He is the provider and comforter. He is the God that I am called to serve. As I move forward in my goal to finish school and pursue ministry, I will continue to build on the skills and tools I gained as an intern. I also ask for your continual prayers as I run the race worth running.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).*

*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).*

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).*

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ (Galatians 1:10).*

– Camilla Bush

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
 New Life Class – 11:15am/C-5  
 SLAM Team Meeting – 12:30pm/YC  
 Puppet Team Picnic – 1:00pm  
 YA Singles Cookout – 1:00pm  
 Growth Group Training – 6:00pm/C-8

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
 Food Pantry – 10:00am  
 BSF – 6:55pm/worship center  
 GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
 Senior Adult Trip – 10:00am  
 Community Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
 IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
 Blush Society Network – 7:00pm/B-6

**FRIDAY–SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-24**  
 Men's Retreat

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
 New Life Class – 11:15am/C-5  
 YA Worship Experience – 4:30pm/pavilion

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
 Food Pantry – 10:00am  
 BSF – 6:55pm/worship center  
 GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
 Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
 IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
 YA Couples Outing – 1:00pm

## 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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