

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

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RENEW PHBC: AT A GLANCE BY: DAN BARFELL

He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Recently, our church has gone through a strategic planning process for the purpose of helping us determine how we can be more effective at carrying out our mission of *"helping people find and follow Jesus Christ."* While that overarching purpose for the Church should never change, culture continues to shift and turn; drifting further and further away from once-held biblical beliefs and values. Consequently, many methods of ministry that were once highly effective in the past are bearing little fruit today and showing signs of being totally unproductive in the future.



The mission of the Church (why we exist) never changes, the vision of the church must change from time to time to paint a new picture of where we are going and how we are going to get there. A vision is God's specific plan for a specific church at a specific time.

"Vision, as modeled in Scripture and throughout church history, came as God's people saw the needs around them and then sought God for what He wanted them to do. Moses' leading the people of Israel out of Egypt, David's fighting Goliath, Nehemiah's rebuilding the temple wall, Jesus' calling His disciples, Paul's writing to the church in Corinth—these and other stories in Scripture indicate the vision of these leaders. They saw in their mind a future that was preferred more than the present. And their vision propelled them forward to do courageous things." (J. David Schmidt, **Why Your Church Needs A Written Vision Statement**)

After many hours of prayerful discussion, God has inspired a vision statement, that on the surface has some familiarity to it. But this statement, which aligns around our discipleship process, gives us a clear focus on what is truly important at PHBC and will serve as the corrective lens through which necessary changes will be made in order to increase our effectiveness at helping people find and follow Jesus Christ at PHBC. Simply put, our vision is:

To see this generation transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through awe-inspiring worship gatherings, life-changing Growth Groups and serving the world in Jesus' name.

With that vision as our "north star," so to speak, we are undergoing some significant changes here at PHBC that are intended to alter the status quo. We believe God's promise in Revelation 21:5, *"Behold, I am making all things new,"* includes PHBC. And because of that, we are calling the whole process **RENEW PHBC**. Renew means to "give fresh life or strength to" or "replace something that is broken or worn out."

So, what's new at PHBC? How 'bout this:

- **New Vision**
- **New Staffing Structure**
- **New Weekend Experience**
- **New Ministry to Young Adults**
- **New Ministry-Alignment**
- **New Master Facilities Plan**

To this point, we've largely been in the information-gathering phase of these initiatives. I'm so looking forward to having conversations with you as clarity and focus begin to take shape in each of these areas!

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



The ladies of the 'greatest generation' (White Cross ladies) are about to embark on another year of serving our missionaries. In the past year, 18 cartons of medical supplies and layettes have been prepared and shipped to an NAB church in Texas, where they are repacked into barrels for shipment to Cameroon Baptist Hospital.

Please pray that the supplies arrive safely, and for our White Cross ladies. Pray also for our missionaries (health and safety, their children, opportunities to share the Gospel, strength and encouragement), and for additional sewers at White Cross.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

A rooster sings when the sun comes up.

A robin sings in the daytime to try to impress the opposite sex.

A nightingale sings a beautiful song anytime during the day or night.

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



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 will be available in person at the church office beginning September 10.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Join us for the 39th Annual Men of Valor Retreat September 22–24 at Skyview Ranch. Our speaker will be Thomas Owens. We will be giving any first-time guest a discount of 50% off the entire weekend price. Scholarships are also available for those who are in need. Register online at www.phbaptist.org. Registration ends September 10.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Our final WoW Women's Worship Night of the year is Friday, September 8 at 7:00pm in the worship center. This relaxed time of prayer, worship, and fellowship will be led by the Heartland Ladies Retreat Band. Refreshments will be provided by the Women's Ministry team.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is starting back up at PHBC!

MOPS is a ministry that focuses on encouraging young moms through fellowship and the truth of the Word. Contact Racheal Wolf at the PHBC MOPS page at www.mops.org/groups/phbc with any questions and to register. The first meeting will be September 15 at 9:15am, then the second Friday of the month (October–May). Cost is \$3 per time or \$25 for the year.



Many of our Growth Groups will be resetting and beginning new topics on Sunday, September 10

and the following week. If you have never been a part of a group, or maybe you were, but stepped away for a while, this fall is a great time for you to join one. Our groups exist to help you grow in your walk with Christ. When you are a part of a Growth Group, you will have opportunities to participate in:

- **In-Reach**, caring for one another in your group.
- **Up-Reach**, study of God's Word and its application to your life.
- **Out-Reach**, reaching to the lost through acts of service.



For more information on groups and topics, go to www.phbaptist.org and look for the "Growth Groups Reset" banner. Groups are set up by ages, stage in life, and topics being studied. If you have a question about a group, contact the leader directly or the church office for more information.

DISCIPLESHIP

The 2017-2018 IMPACT year will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00pm. There are many opportunities to serve or participate in ministry areas or be part of a spiritual enrichment class or Growth Group. Pick up a brochure on the literature racks for more information.

All In is PHBC's membership seminar. This 7-session study will cover key topics of the Christian walk. Join Tim and Cara Hunsicker on this journey to church membership during IMPACT Night.

Next Steps is a new initiative of PHBC where we want to help you find and follow Jesus Christ through intentional growth. This class is designed to help you master the fundamentals of the Christian life and pass the message of salvation on to others. The *Next Steps* group will begin as part of IMPACT night.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Group resumes September 6! Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us each Wednesday evening, for Youth Group. This exciting evening starts with open gym from 6:00-7:00pm where you can enjoy basketball, air hockey, ping pong, pool, foosball, hanging with friends, free wi-fi, and all kinds of games. From 7:00-8:30pm we enjoy games, worship with our youth-led band, a practical Bible lesson, and growth groups with other students. We look forward to hanging with you each Wednesday!

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 (www.oneeightyone.org/youth-worship-band/) and turn it in to Dan Adams.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Did you invite some of your neighbors and friends to Sports Camp and VBS? If so, that's great! We also have great opportunities throughout the year to invite those friends back. The girls will love the Pioneer Clubs, and the boys will be excited about Brigade, as they build skills while seeing how God's Word applies to their everyday life. Join us on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30pm for these great weekly opportunities to introduce others to Jesus. Even if they've missed some weeks, it's not too late to jump in at any time. It can be a life-changing experience for all.



PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Our fall magazine drive is now underway until September 12. Be sure to stop at the Academy table in the glass walkway to pick up information. There is a link on our website www.phcawarriors.com to place orders online.

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL

Sonshine Preschool is hiring a ministry-minded individual that loves sharing Jesus with young children and their families. The position is for a 3-day assistant. If you or anyone you know may be interested in working at Sonshine Preschool, please contact Jen Moench in the preschool office at 440.886.7485 or at jmoench@phbaptist.org.



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We would like everyone to celebrate with us on the 5th 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?

On Wednesday, September 13, our White Cross ladies will be hard at work rolling bandages. Our sewers will work on baby jackets, blankets, diapers, and pillows, while our knitters work on infant hats and hats for school children. You are welcome to join us! Bring a sack lunch, dessert and a beverage will be provided. If you're unable to attend, you can still participate: bring in your cancelled postage stamps, pop tabs, and used sheets and pillow cases.

There are many opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings at 9:30 or 11:00am, as well as Wednesday nights with our preschoolers or Pioneer Clubs. It's not too late to get involved in ministry this fall. Talk to Pam Scott for some opportunities to observe, until we help you find your niche.

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 if interested.

THANK YOU

Thank you, PHBC, for having me as a youth and children intern. I loved working side by side this church and the ministries that we have done this summer. I have learned a lot from this experience. One big takeaway that I learned about was how to teach our young people. I was taught how to focus in on my lessons and really hit the points with them. My teaching got stronger and I was able to learn something new each time I taught the lesson, even if it was the same lesson. I was beyond blessed to be able to work behind the scenes of events with Pastor Dan Adams and Pam Scott. Another thing that I have taken away from this internship was how much work and practice I still need in order to carry out my gift into teaching youth on Sundays.



I was blessed to go on my first ever missions trip with PHBC to Indianapolis. Indy is where I really grew as a leader and teacher. I was in charge of leading our daily devotions. During the trip, I was working side by side with Jr. Highers. We go to do lots of landscaping and building work. We got to help an old school bought out by a church, and build it up to make it look amazing. On Friday, we worked with the church and hung out with teens from the community and shared the gospel with them. I was blessed to have much experience in this, since I do this every Friday back at my school. We saw in Indy that the teens needed us and God more than ever.

– John Thompkins

“Thought for Food”: I bet you’re thinking, she means, “Food for Thought”. No, if you are hungry, your thought for food is about all you think of. That’s why the PHBC Food Pantry plays an important role in the church family. We are here to help our church family whenever we can.

We are not a large food pantry, but we have been able to help our church family for the last seven years due to the generosity of PHBC. Appreciation goes to those who contribute food and the anonymous donors of money given for the food pantry. With this money we are able to buy additional items, especially perishable items such as meat.

We currently serve six to seven families a month. Once again, thank you, PHBC, for your commitment to this ministry.

– Evelyn Leshon

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SEPTEMBER						
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day – Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

IMPACT Night Begins – 7:00pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WoW Worship – 7:00pm/WC
YA Couples ENCOUNTER – 7:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Growth Groups Reset
New Life Class – 11:15am/C-5

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

GriefShare – 7:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Senior Adult Bible Study – 1:00pm/B-5
BSF – 6:55pm/WC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

White Cross – 10:00am/parlor
IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

MOPS – 9:15am/parlor

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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