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April 2017

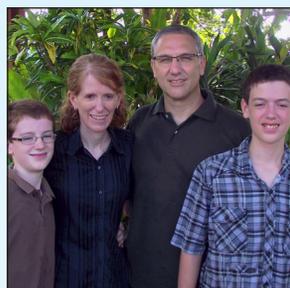
Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

## Missions Prayer Focus:



Pray for our missionaries in the Far East. Roger and Amy Schley and Becca Nesbitt both serve with Wycliffe in this area. Becca teaches

missionary kids and the Schleys are Bible translators. Becca is finishing her first year of teaching missionary kids in the Philippines. The Schleys have been working with local partners as they translate the Bible into the local language. The Schleys' sons, Daniel and Ryan, are 15 and 13. As the boys grow older, they cannot always accompany their parents to the village. They need to remain in the nearby city. Pray for the safety of these missionaries. Pray also, that they will make an eternal difference as they work with the local people. Please take a look at this month's missionary bulletin board outside the worship center for more information.



## Prayer Thoughts:

Jesus prayed in Gethsemane: *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done."*

Jesus humbled Himself before God. We learn from His example. Jesus went to the cross for our sins. We confess and are forgiven. Jesus was resurrected from the grave. We are given eternal life. Jesus gave Himself for the greater joy. We receive joy now and forever.



## Check It Out:

Easter Weekend has a new look this year!

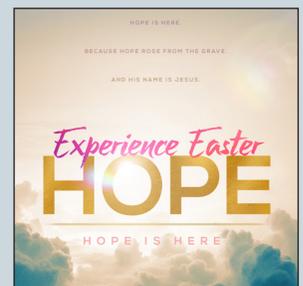
**Friday, April 14:** Good Friday Communion Service at 7:00pm

**Saturday, April 15:** Experience Easter at 7:00pm, coffeehouse to follow

**Sunday, April 16:** Easter Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:30am

**Sunday, April 16:** Experience Easter at 9:00am and 10:45am

You can find invite tickets for Experience Easter on the literature shelf or in the church office.

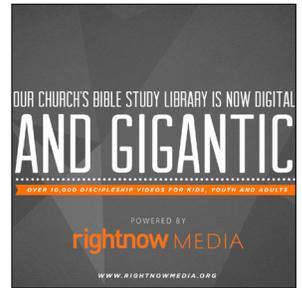


# Discipleship:

Happy Anniversary, PHBC! April marks our two-year anniversary of offering the ministry media tool RightNow Media to the PHBC family. If you are not already using this free online library featuring hundreds of videos ranging from studies of books of the Bible to marriage, finances, and children's entertainment, you need to sign and start using it today!

After you sign up at [RightNowMedia.org](http://RightNowMedia.org), you will be able to watch videos and have access to study materials on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Media can also be accessed through Apple TV and Roku. All you need is an internet connection and you will be ready to connect to hundreds of hours of Bible teaching.

If you are interested in signing up, please see **Tim Hunsicker** or email him at [thunsicker@phbaptist.org](mailto:thunsicker@phbaptist.org) and provide your email address so an invitation can be sent to you from RightNow Media.



## Congratulations on completing *The Beginning!* Now the work starts.



If you participated in this recent 5-session church-wide study and have someone else you would like to take through the study, PHBC wants to help. We will provide a book **free of charge** for you to give the person you will be studying with. All you need to do is let someone from the Discipleship Ministry Team know you would like a copy.

### The Discipleship Ministry Team members are:

Tim Hunsicker  
Dan Fong  
Steve Matzek

Jim Lutzo  
Kristin Anderson

Sue Lutzo  
Don Rolan

**Spring is a great time to try something new. If you are not a part of a Growth Group, this is your time to try one out.** The week of Sunday, April 23, many of our groups will be resetting and beginning a new study. Our groups exist to help you grow in your walk with Christ. When you are a part of a group you will have opportunities to participate in:

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

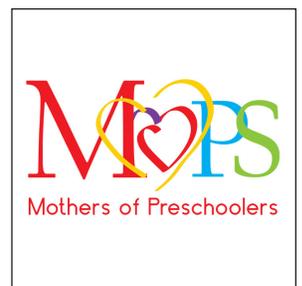
Groups are set up by ages, stage in life, and topics being studied. If you have a question about a group, contact the leader directly or the church office for more information.

# Events & Classes:

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is at PHBC!** This ministry focuses on encouraging young moms through fellowship and the truth of God's Word. MOPS meet the second Friday of every month. The next meeting will be held on April 7. You can contact Racheal Wolf on the PHBC MOPS page at [www.mops.org/groups/phbc](http://www.mops.org/groups/phbc) with any questions.

**The next MOPS Night Out will be on Thursday, April 27 from 8:00 to 11:00pm.** We will enjoy a time of cupcake decorating at Ashley Mazzola's mom's home.



## MEN'S MINISTRIES

**Men of Valor is looking for your good ideas for men's events.** If you have an idea to share, send an email to [men@phbaptist.org](mailto:men@phbaptist.org) and we'll look into it at our next meeting.

**You can buy your tickets for the Easter Breakfast in the glass walkway today.** Suggested donation for the breakfast will be \$3 per person and family maximum price of \$12. Please pick up tickets in advance so we can plan for food.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**The Senior Adult Bible Study will be on Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00pm in B-5.** Join us as we roam through the book of Romans. The apostle Paul asks the questions in chapter 7, why do we do what we don't want to do, and don't do what we should? Come find the answer. Bring a Bible, pen, and a friend. Refreshments to follow.

**The Senior Adult Trip will take place on Tuesday, April 18. We'll visit Der Dutchman Restaurant and Bakery in Walnut Creek.** Enjoy a delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, salad, rolls, vegetables, beverages, and pie. We'll also visit the Walnut Creek Cheese House. Cost of the trip is \$25. Tickets will only be available in person April 9-16. Departure time for the trip will be 10:00am on April 18.

**Join us for the Senior Adult Autumn Fellowship Meal on Tuesday, April 25 at noon.** Our meal will be sauerkraut, kielbasa, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. Speaker and magician, Terry Holley will be sharing the Bible message with the use of magical illusions. Bring a friend. Cost is only \$4 per person.



## Kids & Students:

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Something new and exciting is coming for our kids in grades 1-6.** Beginning the week after Easter, there will be a Bible Challenge question on the black board in the B-hallway, every 2 weeks. Kids will have a chance to respond, and place their answers in the mailbox. Correct answers will be placed in a drawing, and small kid-friendly prizes will be awarded to the chosen winners for the month. Kids will receive a postcard in the mail if they have been chosen that month. Have fun and join the Bible Challenge.

**Some extra hands can be used in our nursery/toddler area on Easter morning.** If you can help during the 9:00 or 10:45 services, please see Pam. It's such a joy to serve with our little ones.



**Pickleball clinics will be held for teens and adults** to learn and play the fastest growing sport in America. Join us in the family life center on April 8 and 22 at 10:30am. You will also have the opportunity to join our team to help kids learn pickleball at FOCUS Sports Camp this summer, during the afternoon session. See Pam if you have any questions.

**There will be no IMPACT Night on Wednesday, April 12 and 19, for Easter Break.** All activities will resume on April 26.

**Don't miss Christian Camp Sunday on April 23.** Some of our Christian camps will have displays and representatives to share all about camp experiences for children and youth. Campership packets can be picked up in the north end of the glass walkway. By completing a series of Bible studies and verse memorization in May, it's an easy way to earn \$75 towards your Christian camp fee.



**Parent-Child Dedication is scheduled for May 14, Mother's Day.** If you would like to participate, please contact the church office and turn in 3 pictures of your child by Sunday, May 7. This is a public commitment by parents who desire to raise their children in God's way.

**Safety and Security Training for all children and youth workers will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 1:00-5:00pm** in the parlor. *Strategos International* will be leading this training to give us some tools to help keep our precious kids safe in today's world. Sign up by marking the back of your Connect Card, stop by the church office, or email [jmilam@phbaptist.org](mailto:jmilam@phbaptist.org).

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Please be in prayer for our summer mission teams. We have 40 youth and adults participating in two trips this summer. Our Indianapolis team will be serving from June 26–July 1. Our Haiti team will be serving from July 22–29. Your prayer and financial support are greatly appreciated!

### Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

#### April 2017

- 4.2 Youth Leaders and SLAM Team Meeting, 12:30–2:30pm
- 4.9 Mission Trip Training #2, 12:30–2:30pm
- 4.12 No IMPACT Night – Easter Break
- 4.19 No IMPACT Night – Easter Break
- 4.29 Pasta Dinner Set-up, 9:30-11:00am  
Safety and Security Training, 1:00-5:00pm
- 4.30 Annual Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction



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## Missions Ministries:

**Do your summer plans include a short-term mission trip?** Many Christian colleges and organizations offer these trips so that Christians can use their God-given talents to serve the world with the love of Jesus. Perhaps right now you are raising support for your trip. The Missions Ministry of PHBC has set aside funds to help our members with the expenses of short-term trips. Please contact Paul Bartlett and ask for an application for short-term support.

## Christian Schools Ministries:

### PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Parma Heights Christian Academy has openings for 3 full-time classroom teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.** The openings are in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Applicants must be a born-again Christian, active in a local church, and have a great love for children. They must also possess at least a Bachelor's Degree and a valid Ohio teaching license or non-tax certificate. Interested applicants may contact the school administrator, Dave Griffey, at 440.845.8668.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Garage Sale is Saturday, May 6 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.**

Your castoffs can be someone else's treasure! Your donations of garage sale items will be cheerfully accepted on Wednesday, May 3 through Friday, May 5 from 7:30am to 3:30pm and 6:00 to 9:00pm (*Friday until 3:30pm only*). Tax receipts will be given at the time of your donation. If you would like to volunteer for a day of fun and outreach to our community and/or wish to help on collection days, stop by the Academy table in the glass walkway or call 440.845.8668.



**Easter is only two weeks away! Don't forget to pick up gift cards** for Malley's, Honey Baked Ham, and Baker's Square for some of your Easter gift and meal preparations. Gift cards are available for purchase at the PHCA table in the glass walkway. Many other cards for gas, groceries, entertainment, and restaurants are also available to buy and take with you. It's a convenient and easy way to shop while supporting the school!

**SONSHINE PRESCHOOL**

**Sonshine Preschool is enrolling for the 2017–2018 school year.** If your child will be 3 to 5 years old by September, we hope you will consider Sonshine to provide his/her early childhood education. At Sonshine Preschool, there is a learning atmosphere permeated with an awareness of our Lord and His love for each of us. We continue to be recognized in the community for excellence in all that we do. Applications are available in the church and preschool offices as well as online at [www.phbaptist.org/preschool/](http://www.phbaptist.org/preschool/). We look forward to serving you as we educate your children.

**Sonshine Preschool is currently accepting applications for the position of administrator/director for the 2017–2018 school year.** As Sonshine Preschool is a key outreach ministry of Parma Heights Baptist Church, successful applicants will need to make PHBC their church home. Interested applicants should contact Dave Griffey at 440.845.8668.

 **Community Ministries:**

**The next Community Hot Meal will be on Tuesday, April 18.** If you would like to share the love of Christ by participating in this ministry, contact Dwight Brandon at 440.552.7441 or the church office.



**White Cross is honored to have Sue Thomas F.B.Eye join us on Wednesday, April 12.** What started out as a request for permission to show her DVD, ended with Sue offering to join us in person! We invite everyone (men included) to join us to hear her amazing testimony on Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30pm in the worship center. Profoundly deaf since the age of 18 months, Sue spent years with therapists to develop her voice and in the process became an expert lip-reader in order to communicate with the hearing world around her. It was in 1985 that the Lord began to point her on an amazing journey, a journey she would not have chosen as it would rest on her greatest weakness, the one which caused her many

childhood scars through laughter and ridicule. That journey as a professional public speaker came with her total surrender at the foot of the Cross and of giving back to Him the gift of her voice. Today, her dynamic spirit cannot be contained in her silent world and reaches out to break the sound barrier with widely diversified audiences worldwide. Her humor is contagious and her stories are compelling. In 2002, her speaking platform went international with the release of the TV series, *Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye*. Inspired by Sue's unique job at the FBI headquarters in Washington, DC, doing undercover surveillance by lip-reading, the weekly drama helped to bring more awareness to the lives of those with physical challenges.

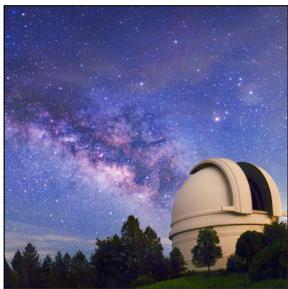
# Where Will You Serve?:

**It's not too early to begin thinking about joining our team of dedicated Pioneer Girl leaders for next fall.** Now is a great time to begin observing and checking out the possibilities in the various age groups. Contact Pam Scott or Patty Buncher to take a look.

**There are great opportunities to get involved on Sunday mornings with kids:** 1st grade Sunday School at 9:30am, or the nursery/toddler area at 9:30 or 11:00am. Don't miss the joy of serving the King of Kings. See Pam to get involved or mark the back of your Connect Card.



**Galactic Starveyors Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it, July 17-21.** Grab your telescope and join us in the observatory where endless discoveries await! You will encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. As Galactic Starveyors, kids will search the skies and God's Word to uncover God's truth etched in His handiwork. They will discover that the



God who created everything there is, wants a relationship with them. From the very beginning, to the furthest reaches of space (and beyond), nothing is outside God's control or beyond His grasp. God uses ordinary people to carry out His extraordinary plan! Can you find space in your summer to help with VBS? Make your commitment to be involved with a great outreach to children. Fill out the worker commitment form in the glass walkway or church office. You'll be committing to something that will point children to Jesus. We need you to help carry out God's ministry of reaching children for Christ! It's exciting to see how our teams are already forming.

## FYI:

**The PHBC Food Pantry is available to those in need within the church family.** Operating hours are the last two Mondays of the month from 10:00am to noon. If you are unable to come on the specified Mondays, contact the church office at 440.886.6100 to make an appointment.

**In our continuing efforts to meet the needs of our PHBC family,** we are partnering with Matt Williams of Moriah Counseling and Consulting. Matt provides counseling to people from PHBC during the day on Wednesdays at the church and other times at his office in North Royalton. Matt is a clinically trained and licensed counselor and comes to us with many years of ministry experience. Most currently, Matt has served as Director of Grief Counseling at Cornerstone of Hope in Independence. To schedule an appointment with Matt, or for more information, please call Moriah Counseling at 440.773.5304. The cost of each appointment is \$50. We are glad to offer this needed help to our church family.

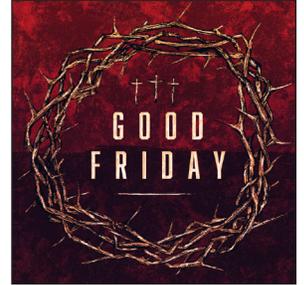
# Easter Weekend Schedule:

We are truly looking forward to Easter Weekend at PHBC. We have a very different schedule this year, including our Sunday morning service times! Please take a moment to see what the weekend will look like, and then decide whom you will invite to attend with you.

## Good Friday Communion Service

**Friday, April 14 at 7:00pm**

This will be a solemn service focused on the cross, Christ's death, and His grace extended to each of us. In addition to communion, we'll experience solos from several high school through young adult musicians, with congregational hymns led by organ and piano.



## Experience Easter: Hope

**Saturday, April 15 at 7:00pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 and 10:45am**

Celebrate Easter on Saturday or Sunday! Tying together the facts of Easter with the hope in the promise of an eternity in heaven, this program will provide hope for struggles we face each day. The challenges we experience are truly minute – and less painful – when we consider them next to the amazing joy of a Christ-follower's promised future in Heaven. All three programs will be identical. We will merge what is often done during *Experience Easter* with Easter Sunday, including the congregation singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns"; a message by Pastor Dan, our wonderful choir, orchestra, and soloists, along with an inspiring drama penned by PHBC writers. The coffeehouse will return for Saturday night only! ***Who will you invite?***



## Children's Easter Services

**Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 and 10:45am**

Children in grades 1-6 can attend our special Children's Easter Service in the parlor called, "The Boy Who Believed". With the use of puppets, video, and special Easter message, kids will hear how the good news of Jesus can change us forever. Our Treasure Cove room (B-1) will also be open for a special Easter celebration for children with special needs.



- Nursery (ages 0-1) in A-8
- Toddlers (age 1) in B-3
- 2s and 3s in A-4
- Ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten in A-7



## Easter Sunday Breakfast

**Sunday, April 16 from 8:00 to 10:30am**

Join us for breakfast from 8:00 to 10:30am in the family life center. Tickets are \$3 per person with a \$12 family maximum, and can be purchased in advance in the glass walkway or at the door.

## How Can YOU Help?

- **Experience Easter (Saturday or Sunday)** – Usher or greeters
- **April 15 Coffeehouse** – Serve drinks, set-up, clean-up, plate cookies, or greet from 8:15 to 9:30pm.
- **Cookies and finger desserts are needed for the coffeehouse on April 15.** They can be brought to the large kitchen starting Wednesday, April 12. Contact Kraig Anderson to help with Experience Easter.
- **Easter Sunday Breakfast** – Serve for part or all of the breakfast serving time. Contact Dan Buncher to help serve breakfast.
- **Easter Sunday Childcare** – Extra hands are needed with our nursery-toddlers area and with the Children’s Easter Services.

## Stewardship:

| Giving Update through March 26, 2017 |                          |                              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                      | March 26<br>Year to Date | March 26<br>Per Week Average |
| <b>Actual</b>                        | \$363,672                | \$27,975                     |
| <b>Budget</b>                        | \$372,255                | \$28,635                     |
| <b>% of Budget</b>                   | 98%                      | 98%                          |
| <b>Variance</b>                      | (\$8,583)                | (\$660)                      |

March Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 257

March Average IMPACT Attendance: 327

## Our Pastoral Staff:

Dan Barfell – Senior Pastor

Pam Scott – Minister to Children

Dan Adams – Pastor of Student Ministries

Kraig Anderson – Pastor of Worship and Administration

Terry Zerby – Associate Director of Senior Adults

Tim Hunsicker – Associate Director of Discipleship

Dave Griffey – Minister of Christian Schools



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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