

the PULSE

February 2017

Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

Missions Prayer Focus:



Paul and Tanya Gericke serve with NAB missions in Romania. They work at Camp Falcon Rock. The camp has been undergoing work to enlarge the available buildings and create

new buildings. This winter there will be some winter rentals. The Christmas holiday allowed the Gerickes to hold Christmas programs and events. Much baking had to be done. There was a Christmas party for the children's and teens' English classes. This was a great opportunity to share the Gospel with unchurched kids and teens who attend English class. At the church youth group, the youth did a play where they memorized many Bible verses. It was a creative way to communicate the Good News in a way that translated well into the Hungarian language and culture. Pray for the Gerickes as they continue their outreach with the people of Romania through camp ministry.

Prayer Thoughts:

"For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain," says the LORD, who has mercy on you (Isaiah 54:10).

No matter what is happening in our lives, we can be sure of God's love.

May you have the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully (Ephesians 3:18-19).

Ask God to help you understand and experience His love.



Check It Out:

Are you interested in becoming a member at PHBC? Whether you're just interested, are newer here, or you've been attending for a while, the *ALL IN Membership Seminar* is the next step towards membership. This 7-session study will be led by Dan and Grace Adams beginning Sunday, March 5 at 11:00am in B-5. You'll get a chance to understand what PHBC is all about. Sign up in the church office or email Dan Adams at dadams@phbaptist.org.



Discipleship:

Are you utilizing this free online library featuring hundreds of videos? These range from studies of books of the Bible to marriage to finances to children's entertainment. If not, now is the time to sign up for this free "Netflix" type service, RightNow Media.

If you are interested in signing up for RightNow Media, please see Tim Hunsicker, or email him at thunsicker@phbaptist.org and provide your email address so an invitation can be sent to you from RightNow Media. After you sign up on their website, RightNowMedia.org, you will be able to watch videos and have access to study materials on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Media can also be accessed through Apple TV and Roku. Internet connection is all you need to connect to hundreds of hours of Bible teaching.

Through the years, the church family has embarked on a study that unifies all Growth Groups and has a parallel sermon series to challenge and help us prepare to better serve Christ and one another. On Sunday, March 12, we will begin a journey called *The Beginning*. This church-wide study is designed to take everyone through the basics of our faith and prepare us to disciple a new or young believer. Each week, you will hear a sermon related to the week's topic, discuss a passage of Scripture in your group, and be challenged by the daily assignments in a workbook that will be available for purchase prior to the start of the study.



To take full advantage of this church-wide event, you will want to join one of the Growth Groups sponsored by PHBC. You can get a list of these groups by picking up one of the flyers located in the literature racks throughout the church. If you start looking for a group now you can try a few out, find the one that best fits you, and be ready to go on March 12. If you have questions about which group might be good for you, contact Tim Hunsicker in the church office, or by email at thunsicker@phbaptist.org.

If you are a current Growth Group Leader, or someone who is interested in beginning a Growth Group, this training session is for you. We will be gathering on Sunday, February 12 from 6:00 to 7:30pm to prepare for the upcoming church-wide study, *The Beginning*.

Leaders attending the next training session will receive their copy of the study book, a leader's guide, and some helpful hints to make the most of this study with your group. The Discipleship Ministry Team is strongly encouraging all of our group leaders to attend this event to get the vision for why we are doing this study and the mechanics of doing the study options that follow the 5-week study.

One of the Discipleship Ministry's goals in 2017 is to see more Growth Groups started in homes, businesses, and other creative places. We believe the PHBC family can have an even greater impact in our community with the starting of new groups aimed at bringing together unbelievers, young believers, and mature believers in doing life together. If you are interested in leading a group, we want to help you help others find and follow Jesus Christ. Contact Tim Hunsicker in the church office, or email him at thunsicker@phbaptist.org.

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 February 10. You can contact Racheal Wolf on the PHBC MOPS page at www.mops.org/groups/phbc with any questions.

The next MOPS Night Out will be on Friday, February 24 from 8:00 to 10:00pm. Join us for bowling at Yorktown Lanes. Cost is \$8.

Ladies, make plans to join us for our annual Women's Retreat "Divine Design", March 25-26 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Beachwood. The event will begin at 10:00am on Saturday and run through noon on Sunday. Registration is open online, via the PHBC Women's Ministry page on our website, or in the glass walkway through Sunday, February 26.

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 and we will look into it at our next meeting.

Lifeway's Main Event is back in Nashville July 28-29. For more info, go to <http://www.lifeway.com/Event/mens-event-the-main-event-2017-nashville-tn>. Anyone interested, please contact Dan Buncher or the church office.

Men, take a break from your everyday responsibilities to focus on your highest calling: walking as a man of God. He has made you worthy to walk with Him, and He gives you strength and perseverance for the journey. Walk Worthy Men's Conference is on Saturday, March 4 at Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls. For more information and registration, visit www.moodyconferences.com/mensconference/. At the Walk Worthy Men's Conference, you will be encouraged and motivated by pastors and leaders who are walking the walk. Lift your heart and voice together with hundreds of other men and be renewed in the worship of the Lord. Join us for this powerful one-day event, invite others, and renew your dedication to be Men of God and Men of Character!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00pm in B-5. Join us as we roam through the book of Romans. We will continue in chapter 6, one of the more difficult passages to understand. Let's study it together. Bring a Bible, pen, and a friend. Refreshments to follow.



The Senior Adult Trip will be Tuesday, February 21 at Matteo's, a quaint Italian restaurant in Olmsted Falls. Choose from one of four menu items: Chicken Parmesan, Lemon Chicken, Spaghetti and Meatballs, or Lasagna. Shop at local stores, then at Gibb's Butcher Block. Departure time is 11:00am and cost is \$20. Tickets are available on Sunday, February 12 in the glass walkway.

The Senior Adult Autumn Fellowship Meal will be on Tuesday, February 28 at noon. Come and enjoy good old "comfort food" of macaroni and cheese with homemade meatloaf and trimmings. Guest speaker will be Dave Ambrose, our former youth pastor and now pastor of our daughter church, Heartland Community Church. We will also enjoy a special presentation from the first grade class of our Academy. Cost is \$4.

Kids & Students:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The girls and boys groups on Wednesday nights are reaching out to the homeless in the Cleveland area. Children are collecting their coins and bringing in hygiene items to help with this special missions emphasis. What a great opportunity to teach your kids about helping others in the name of Jesus. We'll be collecting from now until the end of May.



New Life Class for children starts on Sunday, March 12. This is for children who are interested in the next step of being baptized, Christian growth, and church membership. Children who are in grades 1 and 2 must have a parent attend with them. Sign up in the church office if your child will be attending this 6-8 week class. It will be during the 11:00am service, once children are dismissed for churchtime.

Don't miss the big race! Join us on Wednesday, March 15 for our annual Pinewood Derby Race in the family life center. Our Pioneer Girls, Treeclimbers, and Stockaders will be racing their handcrafted cars. Get your kits now through your Wednesday night kid's group so you have time to make your car for the big race. Kits are \$7.

Fathers and daughters, don't miss a very special celebration on Wednesday, February 8 at our Pioneer Girls Father-Daughter Valentine Event. Join us in the family life center from 7:00 to 8:30pm for an evening of *Lashes and Staches*. Our Pioneer Girls will enjoy an interactive evening with their dads, making memories. If Dad cannot attend, please make sure an uncle, grandpa, or other special friend is there to enjoy this evening with your daughter.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Our Youth and Children's Ministries are looking to hire two paid summer interns. This is an excellent opportunity for a college-aged student to earn college credit, make money for school, and get practical ministry experience. If you know someone who might be interested, or who you think would be good working with our youth, please be sure to let them know about our internship. Complete information and applications are available in the church office and at www.oneeightyone.org. *Please note, there is an application deadline of March 2.*



Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

February 2017

- 2.17-19** Winter Retreat at Stony Glen, cost is \$99
- 2.26** Summer Trips Info Meeting at 12:30pm in the youth center, for parents and youth
 - Junior High Mission Trip to Indianapolis, June 26 – July 1
 - Senior High Mission Trip to Haiti, July 22–29
 - Senior High and Young Adults Canada Canoe Trip, August 5–12

March 2017

- 3.2** Internship Applications Due
- 3.3** Mission Trip Applications Due
- 3.5** Youth Leader Meeting
- 3.11** Junior High Bowling (6th graders included)
- 3.12** SLAM Team Meeting
- 3.26** Mission Trip Training #1
- 3.29** Gym and Game Night

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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.

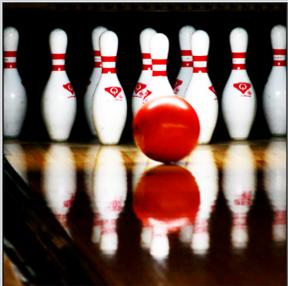
Interested in making a global impact right here in Cleveland? Want to know how you can help expand the kingdom of God just by practicing hospitality? If you have a little extra love to share through food and games, and want to join others at PHBC already building relationships with international students here in Cleveland, then we have something for you! International Friendships, a local organization that PHBC supports, is having a training day on Saturday, March 11 from 8:30am to 3:00pm, to show how we can interact and build relationships with international students to move them closer to the kingdom of God. The time will be filled with practical help for those who are just interested in learning more, to those who have been involved for years. Check out the table in the glass walkway on February 26, or contact Jim or Ann Nesbitt at 216.267.2283.



Christian Schools Ministries:

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

With Valentine's Day this month, don't forget to use gift cards to buy those special presents or take your sweetheart out for dinner! PHCA carries cards for Cheesecake Factory, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse, PF Chang's, and Bonefish Grill. You can pick up shopping cards in the glass walkway on Sunday mornings, or in the PHCA office Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.



Consider sponsoring a student or staff member in the 11th Annual Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, March 4. Our staff and students will be bowling to raise funds for the Academy's general operating budget. Each person is participating in contests to see who can raise the most support, and they would love your help! Just stop by the Academy table in the glass walkway to fill out a sponsorship form. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, which has allowed us to keep our tuition low. Thanks for helping us reach our goal of \$20,000.

Are you looking for a school that will support your biblical worldview and incorporate your Christian beliefs and values into school curriculum, athletics, special classes such as art and music, discipline, and extracurricular events? Enrollment for Kindergarten through 6th grade is underway for next year at Parma Heights Christian Academy, so visit our website at www.phcawarriors.com or call the office at 440.845.8668 for information. Anyone from PHCA or PHBC who refers a new family that enrolls will receive a \$100 check next fall after school begins. Just make sure they tell us you referred them to PHCA!

Thank you to all of our church prayer warriors! We are honored to have our students lifted up regularly by our church family. It is our prayer as a school that every child may come to know Jesus as their Savior and that those who know Him will remain steadfast and strong in their faith. Know that you are making a difference in the lives of PHCA's students. *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

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, 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/. 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 Mr. Dave Griffey at 440.845.8668.

Where Will You Serve?:

Looking for a way to impact young lives for eternity? There are great opportunities to get involved on Sunday mornings at 9:30am with our 1st graders, or at 11:00am with our preschoolers or elementary ages. Nursery and toddler workers are also needed on a rotational basis to care for our little ones. Don't miss out on the opportunity to grow as you influence lives for eternity. See Pam Scott or sign up in the church nursery.

As you are looking ahead and planning your schedules, you may want to include these important 2017 dates that your kids won't want to miss.

- June 13, 11:00am to 3:30pm: Kids' Day Out for grades 1 and 2 (grade finished)
- June 15, 11:00am to 3:30pm: Kids' Day Out for grades 3 and 4 (grade finished)
- June 19-22, FOCUS Sports Camp: For kids in grades 1-6 (grade finished)
- June 28 **OR** July 6, 10:30am to 3:30pm: Mystery Trip for kids in grade 5 (grade finished)
- July 17-21, 9:30am to noon: Vacation Bible School (age 4 through grade 6)



It's not too early to begin praying about your involvement in Vacation Bible School, July 17-21. We have already begun to build our teams, so advance planning can take place. It takes all of us working together to make it happen. So begin praying about your place to serve at VBS this year. Watch for the announcement about this year's theme coming very soon!

Community Ministries:

The next Community Hot Meal will be on Tuesday, February 21. If you would like to share the love of Christ with our community by participating in this ministry, contact Dwight Brandon at 440.552.7441 or the church office.

The City Mission is offering a brief introduction to Suicide Prevention as a community-based presentation that will cover the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, what suicide is, who it affects, what we know about it, and what can be done to prevent it. This exceptional training is offered pro bono as a community service and outreach. Training will take place on Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30pm. To RSVP, contact Kathy Romito at 330.971.7408 or kromito@westernreservehospital.org.

FYI:

Do you have a working VCR sitting around your house collecting dust? If it is in good working condition, the church has a need for these machines, with all the VHS kids tapes we still own. If you would like to donate your VCR, drop it off at the church office or give it to Dan Buncher.

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.

Stewardship:

Giving Update through January 29, 2017		
	January 29 Year to Date	January 29 Per Week Average
Actual	\$135,572	\$27,114
Budget	\$143,175	\$28,635
% of Budget	95%	95%
Variance	(\$7,603)	(\$1,521)

January Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 260

January 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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