

# the PULSE

January 2017

Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

## Missions Prayer Focus:



POWER Ministries' 17th annual mission trip along the Texas/Mexico border begins on Thursday, January 12. Four men have already left so they can do the building prep work,

making sure the projects are ready to go. Two more will leave on Wednesday and meet the others there. Please be in prayer for the prep team, for travel, weather, safety, and great fellowship as these six men truly sacrifice for our Lord. They are putting into practice the trip theme of "The POWER of Humility" and the trip verses of Philippians 2:3-4. Our PHBC team consists of 12 men, 11 of whom will meet with a group of men from across the country this Thursday. One of our men will join the others two weeks later. In total, more than 200 men will be involved in the work, ranging in age from 18 to 85+, and some families are represented by three generations. Please pray for these men. You can track the team's progress at [www.powerministry.org/trip-activities2/](http://www.powerministry.org/trip-activities2/). Pictures of the building sites are available online at [www.powerministry.org/trip-projects/](http://www.powerministry.org/trip-projects/).

## Prayer Thoughts:

*His mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness  
(Lamentations 3:22-23).*

Our hope is in the LORD because he is faithful.

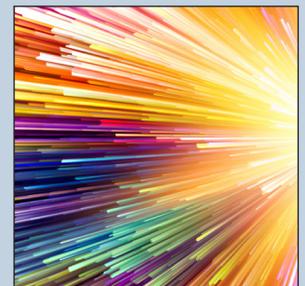
Spend time in prayer every morning this new year. Look for God throughout the day. He is in all the little pleasures and big surprises. He brings joy and peace to your life.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace...  
(Romans 15:13)*



## Check It Out:

We are so excited to host *Smorgasbord of Creativity*, a special breakfast and training time for anyone that works with children weekly, periodically, at our annual outreach events, or is just curious about the possibilities. Join us on Saturday, January 21 from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the family life center. We are privileged to bring in Tina Houser as our speaker. She has written 16 hands-on idea books for working with children, and is editor of *Kidzmatter Magazine*.



# 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**IMPACT Night resumes on Wednesday, January 11.** There is something for everyone. Whether you have a child in the nursery, an elementary age child, or teenage student, there is something for all of our kids. There are also many options for adults.

**Begin the new year in one of these Wednesday night options:**

- **Hearts for Heaven (For Women):** Nora White will be leading a study through the book of Esther.
- **Fellowship of Christian Single Men:** Jim Morrison leads a verse study each week exploring how single men can live a life that has meaning and impact.
- **Men of Valor:** Brian Schubert challenges the men of PHBC to be equipped and engaged in living a life for Christ through practical Bible studies.
- **Going Deeper (Adults):** Pastor Dan will be leading the charge to take your prayer life to a new level. The group will begin with viewing the movie "War Room", and then journey through *The Battle Plan for Prayer* and close out the study with *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson. Cost is \$17 for two books.
- **Next Steps (Adults):** Steve Matzek will be presenting the foundational principles of the faith utilizing the NAVPress *Growing in Christ Series*. This study is designed for young believers, people exploring the faith, and those who want to be equipped to help someone else grow in Christ. Cost is \$6 for the study book.
- **Financial Peace University (Adults):** This class will explore the biblical perspectives on how we should manage our finances and includes practical suggestions for budgeting, paying off debt, and saving wisely. This class will be led by Neal Clemens (Covenant Financial) and Scott Aspelin (Aspelin Financial). Cost is \$89. Register online at <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1032209>.



# Events & Classes:

**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 a Growth Group.** You can get a list of these groups by picking up one of the brochures located in the literature racks throughout the church. If you start looking for a group now you can try out a few, find the one that best fits you, and be ready to go

by 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](mailto:thunsicker@phbaptist.org).

**If you are a Growth Group Leader, set aside Sunday, February 12 from 6:00 to 7:30pm for our next training event.** This training will focus on preparing for the upcoming church-wide study, *The Beginning*. Leaders will receive their copy of the study, a leader's guide, and some helpful hints to make the most of this study with your group. Attendance at this training is highly encouraged.

**If you are interested in leading a Growth Group during the church-wide study** in your home, business, or another creative place, let us know. Contact Tim Hunsicker to let him know your interest in this and plan on attending the training session in February.

## 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 January 13. 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 Friday, January 27 from 8:00 to 11:00pm.** Join us for pie and coffee at Perkins in Middleburg Heights.

**Ladies, join us on Saturday, February 11 at 11:30am for a Valentine Tea.** Invite a friend for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Sign-up begins January 22 in the glass walkway. Cost is \$7 per person.



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES



**The Senior Adult Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00pm in B-5.** Join us as we roam through the book of Romans. We will approach 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 Autumn Fellowship Meal will be on Tuesday, January 24 at noon.** Marion Wojnarowki will still your soul as our special soloist and speaker. The meal will consist of homemade chicken soup, choice of ham or turkey sandwich, and finished off with apple pie and a grab bag. Cost is \$4 at the door.

## Kids & Students:

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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**All kid's groups resume on Wednesday, January 11.** Remember, there's something for everyone: preschool activities, Treeclimbers or Stockade for the boys, and Pioneer Clubs for the girls. Even if you weren't here in the fall, now is a great time to join in the fun and challenges with other friends. See you this Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

**We are so encouraged by our kids who are responding to the needs of our homeless in Cleveland.** Our Wednesday night kid's groups are working hard to collect hygiene items and/or money to help the homeless in our area as a mission project. In December, we sent our first shipment of items to Laura's Home and will continue to distribute items throughout the area to those in need. The money that comes in will also be given to supply additional needs, whether it be hygiene items, food, or warm blankets. This project will continue through the end of May. Please remind your kids of the needs all around us, and how they can get involved to help meet those needs. Donations of hygiene items and money towards this special mission project can be brought in on Wednesday evenings during IMPACT Night.

**Dads and Pioneer Girls, reserve February 8 on your calendars for a very special Father-Daughter evening** from 7:00 to 8:30pm. It's a great opportunity to interact and spend time together.

**The Pinewood Derby is not far away – March 15 – so it's time to put in orders for your car.** As they arrive, they will be distributed so you can start working with your kids to create your own special car for the "Big Race". Watch for materials from your kid's clubs on Wednesday nights.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

- 1.11 Youth Group and IMPACT Night Resume
- 1.16 Gym and Game Day from 1:00 to 4:00pm
- 1.18 Auditions, for *OneEightyOne's Got Talent* performed during our Winter Retreat, will be held at 6:00pm in the youth center.
- 2.17-19 Winter Retreat at Stony Glen

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# Christian School Ministries:

## PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**PHCA is in need of additional substitute teachers this year.** If you would like to join us as we "prepare children for God's service", contact the school office at 440.845.8668 for an application. Applicants need to be born-again Christians, undergo fingerprinting, and be state certified.

**Do you shop at Kohl's? Do you have a Kohl's charge card?** Did you know that the Kohl's shopping cards the Academy sells can be used to pay your credit card bill? These special cards say Kohl's Cares on them. You can purchase the cards at the Academy table on Sunday mornings or from the Academy office during the week. Simply use the Kohl's Cares cards by going into Kohl's to pay your credit card bill. It is a very simple way to still get your Kohl's discounts and perks, plus donate money to the Academy without costing you anything extra.

**Consider sponsoring a student or staff member in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon to be held 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.

**It is time to begin preparing for the next school year!** If you have a child that is ready for kindergarten in August or are looking for a new school for your children in grades 1 through 6, plan now to attend Parma Heights Christian Academy's Community Open House on Saturday, January 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Tour the school and meet the teachers who will be available in their classrooms to answer questions about PHCA. Open enrollment to the Academy begins February 1. Tuition is reasonable and assistance is available. The Academy offers a strong academic curriculum along with music/band, art, physical education, library, computer/media center, and several extracurricular opportunities. Call 440.845.8668 weekdays from 7:30am to 4:00pm for more information. If you refer another family to PHCA, you will receive a \$100 check next fall after school starts if they attend PHCA.

## **Where Will You Serve?:**

**Whether you are looking to serve with children on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings, we have a place for you.**

- On Wednesday nights, join our team of Pioneer Girl leaders as we guide girls in life skills and biblical application for their daily lives. Extra help is especially needed with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. See Pam Scott or Patty Buncher.
- There is no greater joy than to pass Jesus on to the next generation. We have a great opportunity with our 1<sup>st</sup> graders to make an impact for eternity during 9:30am Sunday School. See Pam Scott to get connected, and join the excitement with Sue Eaton as your teammate.
- Our Nursery-Toddler area can use some people who find joy in caring for babies and toddlers. You can be a part of our vital rotational staff who serve at 9:30 or 11:00am once a month on Sundays. See Pam Scott or Eleanor Maslanich, or mark the back of your Connect Card.
- Join the Sonshine & Gang Puppet Team as we begin to prepare for our Children's Easter Services. We usually rehearse two Sundays a month from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Applications are on the literature shelf and need to be turned in by January 15.

**If 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)

## **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.



**It is always exciting to have guests come to PHBC, and so many of you are willing to help them feel comfortable and find their way.** If they have children, the best thing you can do is take them to the welcome center and connect them with our Guest Ambassadors. They will then be registered and given temporary name tags for the day. Our office will enter their registration in the computer system, allowing them to check in at the kiosks the next week, where they will be issued a permanent number and printed name tags. On their first visit, information cannot be entered at the kiosk, as it must be generated from the office. Thanks for helping our visitors get connected with our Guest Ambassadors in the welcome center.



**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.

## Community Ministries:

**The next Community Hot Meal will be on Tuesday, January 17.** 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.

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 22.** Join us during our worship services as we celebrate life and welcome the Cleveland Pregnancy Center's Executive Director, Bob Hershey, to update us on the latest news for the CPC and the Lilli Women's Center.



## Thank You:

Dear Staff, Family, and Friends of PHBC,

I thank each of you for all of your prayers, cards, gifts and visits. I felt God's love through your prayers for me, and the outcome of my surgery. I felt so loved with all of your phone calls and assurance that you were praying for me. Wishing you all God's blessings in 2017.

With love,  
Judy Helman

# Stewardship:

Giving Update through December 31, 2016		
	December 31 Year to Date	December 31 Per Week Average
<b>Actual</b>	\$1,449,853	\$27,882
<b>Budget</b>	\$1,427,531	\$27,453
<b>% of Budget</b>	102%	102%
<b>Variance</b>	\$22,322	\$429

December Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 241

December Average IMPACT Attendance: 292

# 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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