

the PULSE

July 2017



Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

Missions Prayer Focus:



Our youth are busy doing mission work this summer. The junior high students have recently returned from working with Kids, Inc. in Indianapolis. Led by Matt and Bethany Vince, the

students did basic facility maintenance, prayer walks, a teen club, and an evangelism walk throughout the city.

Dan Adams will lead a group of senior high students to Haiti July 22–29. The Haitians are still recovering from a hurricane that killed thousands of people, destroyed homes, and damaged food crops in a land that was already impoverished. They will help in villages by planting trees, teaching about clean water practices, running hygiene clinics, and participating in children's ministries.



Two young adults who are children of our missionaries are also involved in mission projects this summer. Jake Hunsicker, son of Tim and Cara Hunsicker, went to the Balkans (Eastern Europe)

to capture on video the stories of how God is at work. Sarah Hatch, daughter of Tim and Martha Hatch, is spending July working in the Ukraine.

Pray for each of the young people involved in missions this summer. Pray for the work that they do in Christ's name. Pray that the students will be impacted by their mission work and will come home changed from what God has accomplished in their lives.

Prayer Thoughts:

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity (1 Timothy 2:1-2).



Prayer for America

"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us; so that He may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways...that all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, there is no other."

George H.W. Bush
41st President

Discipleship:

Have you started your summer Bible study yet? It's not too late! If you don't know where to begin, RightNow Media is a great resource for personal or small group studies. If you are not already using this free online library featuring hundreds of videos ranging from studies of books of the Bible, to marriage, to finances, to children's entertainment, sign up today and start using this resource.



After you sign up at 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 for RightNow Media, please contact Tim Hunsicker at thunsicker@phbaptist.org and provide your email address so an invitation can be sent to you from RightNow Media.

What can you do this summer to make an impact in another person's life? How about helping them to discover a personal relationship with Christ. Summer is a great time to get together with a friend, neighbor, relative, or coworker and walk through a Bible study that introduces the basics of our faith. If you participated in the recent church-wide study, *The Beginning*, 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 Tim Hunsicker or someone else from the Discipleship Ministry Team know you would like a copy.



Thank you, PHBC family! Last month we worked together to welcome back the families that attended 2017 Sports Camp for a Sunday worship experience and picnic. The only way this was possible was because the body of Christ (the church) came together. The goal of this was more than having some picnic food, bouncing in some inflatables, or dunking a favorite coach. It was about connecting the kids and their families to Christ and His church.

The next step is to be on the lookout for these visitors on other Sundays, throughout the week, in the stores we shop at, and restaurants where we eat.

Coaches and assistant coaches, look for creative ways to engage the kids and their families! Remember, PHBC exists to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. Thanks again for all of your help!

Events & Classes:

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Bible Study will be on Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00pm in B-5. The topic is how can "all things work together for good"? What is that good? Bring your Bible, a friend, and a pen. Refreshments to follow.

Kids & Students:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The Mystery Trip for kids who just finished grade 5 is Thursday, July 6. We leave the church promptly at 10:30am, in the search of "The Icebox". Come prepared to hike, play some challenging games, have a great lunch, and other surprises. We will return at 3:30pm. Permission slips are due July 2. Bring \$2 to help cover lunch. You won't want to miss it; we will have a blast! Parents, see Pam if you would like to know our secret destination.

VBS Missions Project: It's always exciting to see kids helping kids. This year, all the money that is brought in during VBS will go towards supplying umbrellas and shoes for children at our NAB Chain of Love orphanage in Brazil. It will take \$2,400 to help meet this year's need. We pray that kids give generously to help other kids in need.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Thank you for your strong support for our team in Indianapolis! This team of 16 spent a week serving alongside Kids Inc., continuing the work from our previous 2 years. They spent their week working on a variety of projects including: property upkeep and maintenance, serving families in the community, bringing food and supplies to needy families, and helping with the weekly teen club outreach. You can see many pictures and daily updates at our blog at www.oneeightyone.org.

Our team of 24 will depart for Haiti on July 22 and will return on July 29.

While we're there, we will work with Mission of Hope and local churches to bring much needed aid to a struggling country. Our projects will include a daily VBS, working with families to teach proper water handling, cooking, and basic hygiene. We'll also have the opportunity to plant trees for food as well as provide goats and water filters for a number of families. Working with our translators, we will be sharing the good news of Jesus throughout VBS and our work in the villages. Please continue to pray for our funding, safety, and spiritual impact. We will update the blog at www.oneeightyone.org as time and internet access allow.



Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

July 2017

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| 7.1 | Indianapolis Team Returns |
| 7.9 | Haiti Mission Team Training, 12:30–2:30pm, bring a lunch, full support due |
| 7.12 | VBS Work Day and Youth Outing, 8:00am–3:00pm |
| 7.14 | Haiti Team bonfire, 7:00pm at Kelsey Fladda's |
| 7.16 | Haiti Commissioning in all 3 services |
| 7.17–21 | Vacation Bible School |
| 7/19 | Haiti Packing Party, 7:00–8:30pm |
| 7/22 | Haiti Mission Team departs |
| 7/29 | Haiti Mission Team returns |

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Christian Schools Ministries:

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Parma Heights Christian Academy now has summer office hours. We are closed during the month of July (messages will be checked occasionally) and will reopen on August 1, 8:30am to 3:00pm. You may still purchase shopping cards in July from the church office Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, or on Sunday mornings at the Academy table.

Thank you to our church family for all of the support to PHCA during this past school year! With the assistance of PHBC, we raised about \$7,000 through shopping cards, nearly \$25,000 through the Bowl-A-Thon,

over \$7,500 from the magazine drive and candy sale, over \$1,500 in Box Tops, about \$6,700 from the garage sale, and numerous additional cash donations and memorials. Thank you so much for helping us to provide an exceptional Christian school for our families! A big thank you also to everyone who volunteered this year. You were a blessing to many!

PHCA still has openings in a few grades for this fall. In addition to the core subjects and Bible, every student receives music, physical education, art, computers, and library at least once per week. All the classrooms have SMART board interactive systems. PHCA has before and after school care programs 7:00am to 6:00pm to assist parents. We also offer hot lunch, band for grades 4-6, athletics, and several competitions with other schools (such as spelling, math, creative writing and speech). The school is accredited with ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and the teachers are certified with both the Ohio Department of Education and ACSI. Call 440.845.8668 for more information and to schedule a tour.



PHCA has an opening for the position of Kitchen/Lunchroom Coordinator. A background in food service is needed. The work schedule is Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested, contact Mr. Dave Griffey at 440.845.8668.



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/. We look forward to serving you as we educate your children.



Community Ministries:

The next Community Hot Meal will be on Tuesday, July 25. 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.



Where Will You Serve?:

The Property Grounds Team needs of someone willing to help clean up around the property (in the woods and around the Pavilion). If you're willing and have time even in evenings (this can be on your own time), let us know by contacting the church office or Dan Buncher.

Homemade cookies are still a highlight for our kids at VBS, and you all are such awesome bakers. So warm up those ovens to help supply the 8,000 needed homemade cookies for our hungry munchkins at VBS. Let's show our kids that we think they're special, because they are! **Due to allergies, we ask that you do not add nuts.** Thanks ahead of time for pitching in, as you bake with love. Sign up at the VBS table in the glass walkway, so we know we can count on you.



What a great opportunity we have to help kids find and follow Jesus Christ at Galactic Starveyors Vacation Bible School. There is a job for everyone, from the nursery, working with kids in

preschool, assisting with a small group in the elementary ages, kitchen crew, craft assistants, and much more. This is a week you'll never forget as kids "search the visible, and discover the invisible." Sign up in the glass walkway this week and make your commitment, July 17-21. If you have just finished grade 6, you may still attend or begin serving with a younger age. You'll be blessed after spending a week with kids in this life-changing opportunity.

Don't forget to pre-register your kids, including the young ones, on the website at www.phbaptist.org. There is childcare and classes for ages 0-3, for children whose parents remain on the premises.

Many helping hands are needed from 9:00am to noon on Wednesday July 12 for our VBS Work Day. We'll be counting handouts for each department, sorting supplies, sharpening pencils, decorating, and whatever else needs to be done to get us ready for Galactic Starveyors Vacation Bible School. We will meet in B-5 and divide up from there. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.



We can use your help Tuesday, July 25 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at our Follow-Up Picnic for those who made salvation decisions during Sports Camp or VBS. It's a great time to reconnect with kids and their families and have personal conversations with kids. It's a lot of fun, too, with games, lunch, Bible study, and goop sundaes. Call the church office if we can count on you to join us for this exciting reconnection with the kids. All workers should arrive by 10:45am.

Begin to think fall! There are many opportunities to get involved in influencing lives for eternity during Wednesday IMPACT Night, from nursery, to 2s and 3s, 4s and 5s, or different age levels of Pioneer Clubs. Mark your Connect Card, or contact Pam in the church office if this might be your niche in ministry.

Consider taking the opportunity to impact preschoolers or elementary age kids during 11:00am churchtime, starting in the fall. Children's Church for grades 1-4 will be taking on a whole new look. Join this team that is excited to help kids see and experience how they fit into God's Story. Contact Pam Scott or Sue Eaton to get involved.

Pioneer Clubs has so many opportunities to connect with girls in grades 1-6, and we are so excited about the changed lives over the years. We are thankful for leaders who were willing to pour their lives into children, and share with them the Good News of Jesus. We are already looking towards fall where we can re-connect with these girls, teach them life skills, and more importantly teach them about the God who loves them and wants to make a difference in their lives. For that to happen, we need to build our leadership teams now. We are looking for volunteers to work with our Voyagers (grades 1 and 2), Pathfinders (grades 3 and 4), or Trailblazers (grades 5 and 6). If Wednesday night is a time where you can serve, there are many possibilities for you. Talk to Pam Scott or Patty Buncher to get involved in this life-changing ministry.

The Children's Ministry is in need of eight Jenga games for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to donate a new or used game, contact Courtney Acker at ackercourtney@gmail.com.



In the future, items left in the Lost and Found at the end of each month will be donated. Make sure to check in the church office as soon as you suspect that you may have lost something.

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.

Thank You:

A heartfelt thank you to the PHBC Pastors and staff and the PHBC family for the many get well and sympathy cards, but most of all for the prayers for our family during the past three months. I love you very much.

John Russell and family

Pastor of Young Adults:



After an extensive interview process and even longer journey seeking God's direction, we are pleased to introduce Matt Williams as PHBC's new Pastor of Young Adults. The role of the Pastor of Young Adults is to develop a vibrant ministry that reaches young adults (ages 18-35, college, career, single and married) for Christ. We are looking to develop young adults in their walk with the Lord, and deploy them for service in the Body of Christ and Kingdom of God.

On Sunday, July 9, we will officially introduce Matt and his family to the PHBC family during all three services. As this is a part-time position, a congregational vote is not necessary to call him as a pastoral staff member. Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord and begin praying for this ministry.

WHO IS MATT WILLIAMS?

Matt was born and raised right here in Cleveland, Ohio (the best place in the world). He graduated from Midpark High School (when it still existed) and immediately left for college. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Anderson University in Christian Ministries and later attended Ashland Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Counseling. Matt feels amazingly blessed to have served God in a variety of places: as an Associate Pastor in both Indiana and Ohio and as a Senior Pastor in Ohio; a school administrator for a Catholic High School in Cleveland, a police chaplain, a bereavement coordinator, and chaplain for hospice...to name just a few.

Currently, Matt is the owner of Moriah Counseling and Consulting, a Christian counseling agency in North Royalton and is the Campus Pastor for Indiana Wesleyan University, Cleveland Campus. Matt is married to Sheri and they have four children; Mackenzie, Maelei, Matthew, and Montgomarie. They also have one crazy dog named Charlie (but Matt doesn't counsel pets). Matt loves studying God's Word and you may find him at a local McDonald's, Starbucks, or some other place doing just that.

His favorite TV shows are *M*A*S*H*, *Blue Bloods*, *Designated Survivor*, *The Andy Griffith Show*, and *24*. Besides God's Word, Matt also enjoys books from Max Lucado, Paul David Tripp, John Ortberg, and Charles Swindoll. He enjoys golf and bowling, and if his scores were reversed, he'd love them better. In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, swimming, playing "Hand and Foot" or "Shanghi" (card games), attending his kids' sports games, dance recitals or school activities, and eating out. For more information, see Matt personally...he'll go nearly anywhere for a free but good cup of coffee.



Stewardship:

Giving Update through June 25, 2017		
	June 25 Year to Date	June 25 Per Week Average
Actual	\$711,514	\$27,366
Budget	\$744,510	\$28,635
% of Budget	96%	96%
Variance	(\$32,996)	(\$1,269)

June Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 281

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

Matt Williams – Pastor of Young Adults

Dave Griffey – Minister of Christian Schools

Our Deacon Board:

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'18 Jeff Hemme

'18 Tom Homeier

'18 George Leshan

'19 Jim Lutz

'19 Nate Lynix

'19 Steve Matzek

'19 Dave Moench

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'20 John Kraidich

'20 Dan Shaffer

'20 Lincoln Yee

Our newly affirmed Deacons take office on July 1. We welcome Dan Shaffer and John Kraidich to the Deacon Board and thank Ron Nelson and Tony Lutz for their faithful service as they complete their term on June 30. Deacons are affirmed for a three-year term and are eligible to be reaffirmed for a second three-year term for a maximum of six years.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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