

the PULSE

May 2017



Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

Missions Prayer Focus:



PHBC supports many missionaries at home and in foreign countries. This month we will be featuring a few of these missionaries. Paul and Melissa Ewing and their three sons work with

the Japanese in Osaka-Fu, Japan. Both Paul and Melissa use gospel music, English classes, and Bible studies to grow their young church. Tim and Cara Hunsicker and their two children are based in Ohio, but they work with missionaries throughout the world.

Art and Kristen Wells also live in the Cleveland area. Instead of traveling overseas, they reach the world through the international college students that come to study at local universities.



Tim and Sue Ehrhart also live in the United States. Their work is with middle school and high school students. No matter where they live or what their vocation is, these missionaries are striving to show God's love and His saving grace to the world.

Prayer Thoughts:

He answers every prayer and keeps every promise.

"If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14).

You never know when or where or how God is going to answer your prayer, but He will answer it. God seals our prayers until their designated time. They accumulate through eternity. There is no expiration date and there are no exceptions. God answers prayer!

Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker*



Check It Out:

Join our team of summer volunteers for FOCUS Sports Camp, June 19-22. Sign-ups are going on now. Registration begins Monday, May 1 for campers who have finished grades 1-6. Training dates for all volunteers are Sunday, May 7 and Saturday, June 10. This is a great opportunity we have to make a difference in the lives of children.



Discipleship:



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, you need to sign up and start using it today! If you are interested in signing up, please let Tim Hunsicker know so an invitation can be sent to you from RightNow Media. You can email him at thunsicker@phbaptist.org and provide your e-mail address.

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.

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. But you need to prepare this spring. 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 someone from the Discipleship Ministry Team know you would like a copy.

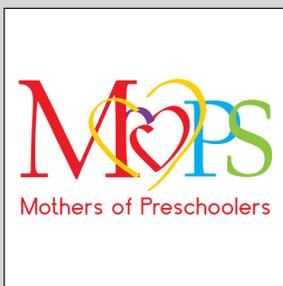
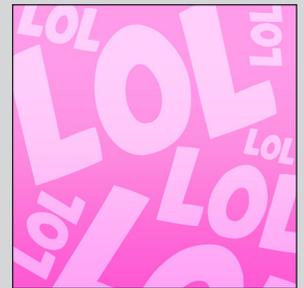
Growth Group leaders, Sunday, May 21 will be our next training time. We will be meeting at 6:00pm in the youth center. This is going to be an action-packed evening as we gather to reveal the plans for the Sports Camp Sunday Picnic. We will also be doing an activity that is a vital part of the church's strategic planning initiative. Pastor Dan will be giving a short talk to encourage and strengthen you as a Growth Group leader at PHBC.

Events & Classes:

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ladies, join us for an evening of fellowship and laughter as we take a brief time out from the day-to-day to simply enjoy each other's company. We will kick things off with a nacho bar on Friday, May 12 at 6:30pm. Please bring a beverage or dessert to share. You can sign up in the glass walkway. Bring your friends and come prepared to LOL!

WoW Worship Night is June 9 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We will celebrate the start of summer with an evening of quiet fellowship and focus as we worship our Lord. Desserts and beverages will be provided by the Women's Ministry team. We hope you will make plans to join us!



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 May 12. You can contact Racheal Wolf on the PHBC MOPS page at www.mops.org/groups/phbc with any questions.

The final MOPS Night Out will be on Friday, May 26 from 6:00 to 11:00pm. We will enjoy dinner and a movie as our final night out for the school year.

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'll look into it at our next meeting.

The PHBC Men's Golf League is getting ready to start another season. We golf on Mondays at 4:45pm. The season starts on May 1. Contact Tom Jett at tpjett@yahoo.com for more information and to sign up.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Bible Study will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 1:00pm in B-5. We are continuing our journey of Roaming through Romans. This month brings us to chapter 8. Bring your Bible, a friend, and a pen. Refreshments to follow.



The Senior Adult Trip will take place on Tuesday, May 16. Our final trip of the season will take us to Der Dutchman Bellville. The family style meal includes chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, and dessert. We'll also visit the bakery and gift shop. Then we will have the opportunity to purchase some delicious treats at Grandpa's Cheesebarn and Sweeties candy shop in Ashland. Cost is \$25 (includes meal and transportation). Tickets are only available in person at the church office beginning May 7.

It's time for our annual Hawaiian Luau Luncheon on Tuesday, May 23 at noon.

The luau will feature sweet and sour meatballs and chicken over rice, fruit cup, and dessert. We are bringing back Bonnie Baughman from the Akron area as our guest. Bonnie specializes in songs that senior adults love to hear. Bring no food, only an appetite and a friend. Cost is only \$4 per person.

Kids & Students:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Hey, kids! Don't forget to complete your camperships! By completing a number of Bible studies and verse memorization, not only can you grow closer to Jesus, but you will also earn \$75 toward a Christian Camp experience. Stop at the table on the north end of the glass walkway to pick up or turn in your packet, between 10:30-11:00am on Sundays in May. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn as you earn. All camperships must be completed and turned in by May 28.

Something new and exciting is here for our kids in grades 1-6. Every 2 weeks, there will be a Bible Challenge question on the black board in the B-hallway. 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!

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.

Moms, dads, grandparents, and special friends, join us for our special Awards Ceremony at our Pioneer Girls Encampment on Wednesday, May 17 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Join us in the Cross of Hope Pavilion (weather permitting) as we recognize the great achievements of each group and Pioneer Girl.



We're looking forward to a great closing picnic for our Pioneer Clubs on Wednesday, May 24. Girls will meet at the church at 4:15pm and travel out to Brecksville Park, we will return by 8:30pm. Come enjoy a hot dog cookout, hiking in God's great outdoors, a short devotional, and a special time of encouraging one another. Please return permission slips by May 17.

Two months from now, this place will be transformed for *Galactic Starveyors* VBS. 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 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 loves us and will never leave us. What an exciting time it will be as we have another great opportunity to introduce boys and girls to God's love for them. But there is a lot to be done before July 17-21. We need YOU to join our Galactic Starveyors team, so we can organize our various departments. Sign up today in the glass walkway to become a part of this exciting outreach. VBS continues to be a strong opportunity to share the Gospel, as we see it grow year after year.



Kids' Days Out are coming soon and are summer highlights for you and your friends. Put these important dates on your calendars and join us for a day in God's beautiful outdoors, with hiking, games, great food, discoveries in nature and many other exciting things. This year, we will be doing something different and hold the Kids' Days Out for Grades 1-4 in the Cross of Hope Pavilion. There will be lots of neat things to do in our woods at PHBC. Grade 5 will have a Mystery Trip to a fun destination. Your date will be by the grade you just finished. Don't forget to bring a friend. Permission slips will be available 2 Sundays before the event.

- **Grades 1 and 2: Tuesday, June 13 (11:00am to 3:30pm)**
- **Grades 3 and 4: Thursday, June 15 (11:00am to 3:30pm)**
- **Grade 5 Mystery Trip: Thursday, July 6 (10:30am to 3:30pm)**

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Please be in prayer for the teams we're sending out this summer. We have 40 youth and adults participating in two mission trips this summer, and another 12 going on our Algonquin Canoe Trip in August. Our Indianapolis Team will be serving from June 26 – July 1. Our Haiti team will be serving from July 22-29. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated!

Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

May 2017

- 5.7** Youth Leaders and SLAM Team Meeting, **CANCELLED**
- 5.10** Gym and Game Night, 6:00 to 8:30pm
- 5.21** Mission Trip Training #3, 12:30 to 2:30pm in the youth center

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Missions Ministries:

Sunday, May 21, is Global Impact Sunday, when we focus on what our PHBC missionaries are doing to help people find and follow Jesus, both around the world and here in our local area. Be inspired as you hear how God is using His followers and their God-given talents to reach people for Christ in many different ways!



Speakers in all three morning services will be:

- Paul and Melissa Ewing, NAB church-planting missionaries to Japan.
- Tim Ehrhart, National Director of Global Missions for Cru.
- Art Wells, director of International Friendships ministry to international students in the Cleveland area.
- Tim Hunsicker, architect with the Project Office of ABWE.

At 12:15pm, the entire church family is invited to a picnic lunch in the Pavilion. (In the event of rain, the Family Life Center will be the location.) The church will provide grilled hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and beverages. Sign up to attend using the bulletin inserts on May 7 or May 14. Please let us know if you'll bring a side dish or a dessert.

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, first grade, and fourth 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.

Please join us for our Spring Concert and Art Show on Friday, May 19 at 7:00pm in the worship center.

For this year's concert entitled "*For Him We Sing!*"; students will share selections from their Hymn of the Month study, as well as other songs and activities that they have been learning this year in music. Both bands and the choir will perform and student artwork will be displayed. Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening!



Are you looking for a school that will not only support your biblical worldview but will incorporate your Christian beliefs and values into all areas of school including curriculum, athletics, special classes such as art and music, discipline, and extracurricular events? Enrollment is underway for next year and we still have openings in some grades. Visit our website at www.phcawarriors.com or call the office at 440.845.8668 for information.

Plan to pick up gift cards for Mother's Day! Stop by the Academy table in the glass walkway for shopping certificates for dinner out at her favorite restaurant or for shopping at Kohl's, Macy's, Target, Bath and Body, Amazon, or many other options. You can purchase gift cards to give or to use to shop for that special gift. Plus you are always welcome to stop in the PHCA office Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm.

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, May 16. 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.

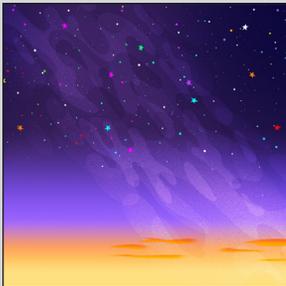
Where Will *You* Serve?:

Saturday, May 13 is a Church Work Day and we need your help! We will hopefully work on outside projects but will have a back-up plan if it rains. Work will start at 8:30am and go until about noon.

We could use some people to help us keep up on mowing the grass across our church campus. No experience needed. Please contact Dave Wozniak at 440.823.7972 if you are interested.

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 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, contact Sue Eaton, or the nursery/toddler area at 9:30 or 11:00am, sign up in the nurseries. Don't miss the joy of serving the King of Kings.



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. 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. 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 definition of a hymn according to dictionary.com is "a song or ode in praise or honor of God". This year the students at Parma Heights Christian Academy have been studying hymns and how to praise God through our music. On Friday, May 19, we invite you to join us at 7:00pm for an evening of looking back on what we have learned this year about hymns in our program "For Him We Sing!" Kindergarten through sixth grade will be presenting their teachers' favorite hymns, and the bands and choir will also be sharing a variety of selections. We hope you will choose to come and spend the evening worshipping with us.

PHBC is currently looking for a part-time person to clean the offices. This position would be 5-10 hours a week in the evenings. If you are interested, contact 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.



Thank You:

The family of Delores Chipka would like to thank our church family for your prayers, the *many* cards, calls, a beautiful celebration service, and a great luncheon!

RuthAnn, James, Betty, George, and Linda



Stewardship:

Giving Update through April 23, 2017		
	April 23 Year to Date	April 23 Per Week Average
Actual	\$473,599	\$27,859
Budget	\$486,795	\$28,635
% of Budget	98%	98%
Variance	(\$13,196)	(\$776)

April Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 262

April Average IMPACT Attendance: 305



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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