

the PULSE

May 2016

Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

Missions Prayer Focus:



Russ and Deb Martin joined Wycliffe and traveled overseas to Asia to help with the translation of the Bible into other languages.

Deb grew up in Parma and was a member at Parma Heights Baptist Church. Unfortunately, after six years on the mission field, Russ's kidney problems caused them to return to Dallas, Texas to work at Wycliffe's headquarters. Recently, Russ has been helping transform a museum into a Conference Center that will seat 300-400 people with break-out rooms. This is the biggest project Russ has been engaged in since he returned to the United States. Deb just started a new job in early April. She will be working in the International Finance department at Wycliffe. Deb plans to travel to Africa soon with her daughter and daughters-in-law. Deb's daughter Hallie will get to see the mission field where her husband was born and grew up. The Martins ask for continued pray for health and safety in travel.

Prayer Thoughts:

*She kept on praying to the Lord...
Hannah was praying in her heart.
1 Samuel 1:12-13a NIV*



A Praying Mother

Listen, Lord, a mother's praying
low and quiet: listen, please.
Listen what her tears are saying,
see her heart upon its knees;
Lift the load from her bowed shoulders
till she sees and understands,
You, Who hold the worlds together,
hold her problems in Your hands.

– Ruth Bell Graham

Praise God for the faithful prayer warriors in our lives.

Check It Out:

Join our team of summer volunteers for FOCUS Sports Camp, June 20-23, sign up to help in the glass walkway. Registration begins May 2 for campers who have finished grades 1-6. What a great opportunity we have to make a difference in the lives of children.



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 RightNowMedia, 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 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. Internet connection is all you need to connect to hundreds of hours of Bible teaching.



Growth Groups are the heart of PHBC, and this is where the discipling of people from childhood through adulthood takes place. The discipleship team's aim is to provide relevant training on how to effectively lead, encourage others in their journey, and give insight into upcoming church-wide ministry.

Leadership Training for Growth Group leaders, Youth leaders, Children's leaders or anyone leading in another area of the church will be Sunday, May 22 at 6:00pm. Our third quarter training will be focusing on outreach and how this can be done in the context of groups. We will also be walking through the Sports Camp Sunday Picnic and how our groups will be serving our returning campers and their families.

The discipleship team is beginning to design next year's IMPACT Night Adult Classes. We are looking for input from you on what might be of interest. If you have an idea we would like to hear about it. Maybe you have been in a group or helped to lead one and are now interested in leading a study topic. Please contact Tim Hunsicker at thunsicker@phbaptist.org to talk more.

Events & Classes:

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The next Guy's Night Out is at Fox and Hound on Friday, May 13. Come play pool, eat, and fellowship with other men from 5:30pm until 8:00pm.

Our next Men's Breakfast is June 18, and we will be setting up for Sports Camp. Cost is \$6 per guy for a steak and eggs breakfast. Sign up in the glass walkway soon.

We are looking for men to fill some needs in Men of PHBC Council. If you're interested in getting involved with Men of PHBC, join us at our next meeting on May 10 at 7:30pm or email us at men@phbaptist.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Bible Study is Tuesday, May 10 at 1:00pm in B-5. This month we are discussing the question, Does God ever use bad people? Come study one of the most colorful characters in the Bible for the answer. Bring you Bible, a friend, and a pen. Refreshments to follow.



The Senior Adult Trip will be Tuesday, May 17 to Der Dutchman in Bellville. Join our final trip of the season as we enjoy a delicious lunch buffet and shopping opportunities at the Carlisle Gift Shop and Bakery. We will also visit the Bible Walk Museum in Mansfield. The museum has life-size figures depicting miracles and scenes from the Old Testament. Cost for this trip is \$25 (includes meal and transportation). Tickets are only available in person at the church office beginning May 10.

The Autumn Fellowship Meal is *Monday, May 23* at noon in the family life center. It's time for our annual Hawaiian Luau Luncheon featuring sweet and sour meatballs and chicken over rice, fruit salad, and dessert. We will enjoy a musical concert with Tom Cooperrider, a former teenage regular on the Gene Carrol TV Amateur Show. Join us and bring a friend! Cost is \$4 per person.



Kids & Students:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Moms, dads, grandparents, and special friends, join us for our Pioneer Girls Encampment, as we grow beyond our borders. On Wednesday, May 18 from 7:00-8:30pm, come to the Cross of Hope Pavilion (weather-permitting) as we participate in several activity stations, and then the evening will culminate with our awards ceremony.

We're looking forward to a great closing picnic for our Pioneer Girls on Wednesday, May 25. Girls will meet at the church at 4:15pm and travel out to Brecksville Park. Buses will return by 8:30pm. We will 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 18.



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 earn as you learn.

Kids' Days Out are coming up soon! 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 prizes. Your date will be by the grade you just finished; don't forget to bring a friend! Permission slips will be available two Sundays before the event.

Kids' Days Out dates:

Grades 1 and 2: Tuesday, June 7 from 11:00am–3:30pm

Grades 3 and 4: Tuesday, June 14 from 11:00am–3:30pm

Grade 5: Wednesday, June 29 (Mystery Trip) from 10:30am–3:30pm

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Students registered for Word of Life Summer Camp must complete the online medical forms. Please check your email. Contact Pastor Dan Adams if you have any questions. It's not too late to sign up for summer camp. Go to www.oneeightyone.org for complete information and to register.

High school and college graduates, mark your calendars: Graduation Sunday is June 5. We will celebrate your accomplishments that day. Look for more information in the mail shortly.



Christian School Ministries:

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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 and extra-curricular events? Enrollment for Parma Heights Christian Academy is underway for next year and we have openings in all grades, but they are filling up! Visit our website at www.phcawarriors.com or call the Academy office at 440.845.8668 for more information.

Parma Heights Christian Academy has openings for a full-time 5th grade teacher, a part-time librarian, and a part-time computer education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. 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 20 at 7:00pm in the worship center. This year's concert will highlight what all the students have done in music throughout the year in music including lively dances and learning about the composers of the month. Both bands and the choir will perform and student artwork will be displayed. Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

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 Works, Amazon, or many other options. You can purchase gift cards to give or to use to shop for that special gift for Mom. You are always welcome to stop in the PHCA office Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm to purchase gift cards.

Where Will You Serve?:



Two months from now, this place will be transformed into Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School. Children will discover that God KNOWS me! HEARS me! STRENGTHENS me! LOVES me! SENDS me! They will realize that God has promised that *'He is with me wherever I go'*. 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 18-22. We need you to join our Deep Sea Discovery 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.

FOCUS Sports Camp is right around the corner and two training dates have been set aside to ensure the best year of Sports Camp yet. If you are going to serve at Sports Camp in any capacity, we would like to come to *one* of the trainings offered on Sunday, May 15 from 1:30 to 3:00pm, or Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 to 10:30am. At training, we will all meet together for a time of large group encouragement from Pastor Dan and then you will meet with the Sports Director of your interest or the Blue Shirt director for instruction. Several new policies and procedures are in place and we want you to get on board!

Special Thanks:

Join us in thanking John and Jeanette Kraidich for all of their time, energy, and faithfulness serving Christ on staff at PHBC for many years. As two of PHBC's finest, John and Jeanette recently retired. The staff recently had a lunch celebration to thank them for their years of service and dedication to the ministry at PHBC. Jeanette served 10 years as Communications Director and assistant to youth and children; and John served over 5 years as custodian. We are so thankful for their example of serving the LORD first, living out the words of Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Congratulations, John and Jeanette! We love you!



We are happy to welcome Stephanie Hemme to the PHBC team! Stephanie will be serving as our Communications Director and Assistant to Youth and Children's Ministry.

PHBC is also glad to have Matt Vince join our PHBC team! Matt will be serving as a part-time custodian during primarily days.



FYI:

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 a Wednesday appointment at the church with Matt, or for more information, please call the church office and ask for Kathy. The cost of each appointment is \$50. We are glad to be able to offer this needed help to our church family.

The PHBC Food Pantry is available to those in need within the church family. Operating hours are Mondays from 10:00am to noon. If you are unable to come on a Monday, contact Carol Varwig 440.845.6315 to make an appointment.

Thanks for all the donations of food and gift cards given to keep the shelves stocked in our food pantry. Each of us who work in the food pantry have been blessed beyond measure by being able to help in the pantry and share food, prayer and God's love with everyone who comes in. We thank the church for the help you give so that we may do something we love. We have seen God so many times and we are so thankful to everyone.



Thank You:

The entire Latimer family sends a "BIG" thank you to Betty Leshan, all the women who provided the delicious food, and all the people who helped serve and clean up after the Celebration of Life Service luncheon for Dennis Latimer. Our family and friends were overwhelmed by the love and fellowship shown by our church family at the service and the luncheon.

Londa Latimer



Stewardship:

Giving Update through April 2016		
	April Year to Date	April Per Week Average
Actual	\$498,522	\$31,606
Budget	\$466,701	\$27,453
% of Budget	107%	115%
Variance	\$31,821	\$4,153

Easter Offering \$17,545

April Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 252

April Average IMPACT Night Attendance: 210



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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