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# CONFLICTS between THE BEST

By: Tim Hunsicker

## PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ARE PERECT

and they never have any problems!

Not so. I have heard many stories about athletes firing their personal trainers and walking away from teams because of disagreements with their coaches or fellow athletes. Many of these disgruntled, elite athletes felt their way was the right way, the best way or the only way, and did not want to deal with the possibility that maybe – just maybe – their teammate or coach might have had a better way to prepare for the competition.

Believe it or not, this same type of conflict can happen within the church. When we talk about discipleship, we often stay away from conflict resolution, but how we resolve conflict is a huge statement about how we serve our Lord. Fortunately, the Scriptures provide many opportunities to learn about how to handle disagreements between believers. In Acts 15:1-21, we see how Paul and Barnabas had a “sharp dispute” with some teachers. They were debating the concept that unless you were circumcised according to the *custom* taught by Moses you could not be saved. Notice the word “custom” is in italics. A custom is a far cry from a doctrinal or theological truth. It is more of a personal preference. It was with this personal point-of-view that

the dispute began. There was a disagreement between people following Christ.

Paul and Barnabas made their way to Jerusalem so this question could be debated by the apostles and elders (by the way, seeing many Gentiles become believers as they traveled). After some debate, Peter eventually spoke up and explained that God knows the heart of man and provided the Holy Spirit to them and He did not discriminate between the circumcised and uncircumcised (Jew or Gentile, respectively). God purified their hearts by faith. James also added that it should not be difficult for the Gentiles to become believers. He was all for telling them meaningful things that they should avoid, but not majoring on the minor things. As you see, the Apostles were all about keeping the main thing the main thing, salvation by faith, not by works or “customs”.

There are several practical principles that we can learn from this encounter when it comes to resolving a disagreement with another believer. While attending a training session with ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism), a pastor presented the following principles predicated on two assumptions. First, we need to ask ourselves if our disagreement with another brother or sister in Christ is in any way

wicked or sinful. In other words, what is the motive of our disagreement? Second, are we in prayer about the disagreement? If we are praying about it, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work on us and our heart's position on the disagreement.



The following are simple, yet often overlooked principles when working through a disagreement with a fellow believer. It is my hope that as we grow in our walk with Christ and encounter conflict with another follower, we will better handle ourselves and our differences.

### **PRINCIPLE 1: DISAGREEMENTS ARE INEVITABLE.**

If they happened to the Apostle Paul, they are going to happen to us!

### **PRINCIPLE 2: DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAIN THING.**

Remember, our goal is to bring glory to God and to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. It's not about what color carpet needs to be in the church lobby or what color paper to use to print out invitations to the next special event.

### **PRINCIPLE 3: SEEK AND LISTEN TO GODLY COUNSEL.**

The key word here is to listen to the advice you sought after.

Proverbs 12:15 says,

*"The way of fools seems right to them, but*

*the wise listen to advice."* So are you the fool or the wise?

### **PRINCIPLE 4: LEARN TO COMPROMISE WHERE YOU CAN.**

If you read through Romans 14, the Apostle Paul addresses this principle at great length.

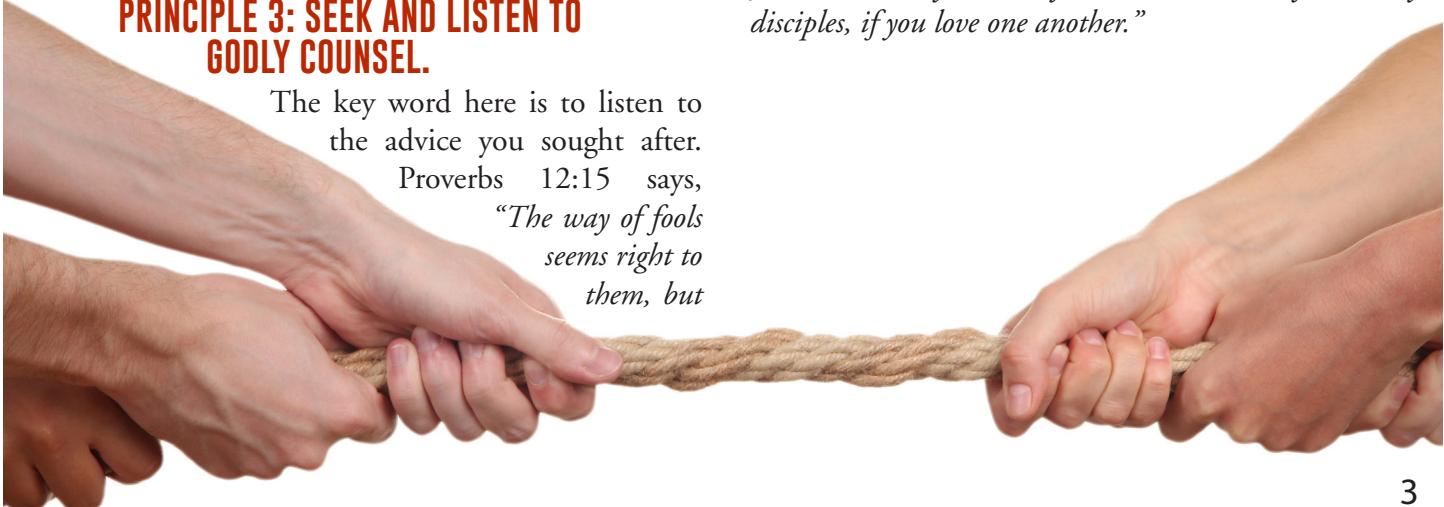
- We need to avoid quarreling over opinions (things that are measured subjectively or by preference tend to lead to quarrels).
- Don't despise the person you are in a conflict with. This simply leads to sin. See the assumptions that I stated preceding these principles.
- Lay down your personal rights for others. This is an act of love toward another brother or sister in Christ.

### **PRINCIPLE 5: CHOOSE TEMPORARY SEPARATION INSTEAD OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION FOR THE SAKE OF THE TESTIMONY.**

- This is a temporary suspension of the relationship with the fellow believer.

- The goal is resolution and restoration of the friendship.

Conflicts can and will happen among believers, just like they do between elite athletes. How we handle ourselves during these conflicts will speak volumes about our testimony to others. For one reason or another, people seem to remember how you reacted when you were pushed up against the wall quicker than how you may have lived during times of peace and quiet. The next time you begin to enter into a disagreement with a fellow believer, remember John 13:35, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*



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# LIVING WISELY WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

By: Tim Hunsicker

*Be Smart, Not Scared!*

**I WAS WATCHING THE RECENT NFL DRAFT** to see who our beloved Browns would select as the eighth pick. Unfortunately, they traded that pick for a later one and more selections in the draft. I had to wait another 30 minutes to see who they would select. It ended up being wide receiver Corey Coleman from Baylor University. However, this isn't the point of my story about wise living. A side story was starting to erupt during the draft about photos posted by a hacker to Laremy Tunsil's Twitter page.

Laremy Tunsil was expected to be one of the top three picks in the draft. However, the photos and the possibility that he was asking for money from the head coach at Ole Miss quickly dashed his hopes and dreams of being an elite selection. He was eventually picked by the Miami Dolphins.

This is a great and very recent example of the importance to live wisely and think of the consequences of our actions. Young people can often be heard saying, "What I do and post to my Facebook doesn't matter", and shrug off the volatility of a questionable Tweet or Instagram photo. Because of his actions, Tunsil's expected salary level dropped with each team that passed him by as a selection – a major consequence of an unchecked action earlier in his life.

If the life of an up-and-coming star football player can be crushed in an instant from a poor decision, so can our lives.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:15-21, *"So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: speak to each other in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."*

**IN TODAY'S "GOTTA CONNECT" SOCIETY, WHERE WE POST, TWEET, SHARE AND PHOTOGRAPH EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES (GOOD AND BAD), WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE BIBLE CALLS OUT BELIEVERS TO LIVE QUITE DIFFERENTLY THAN THE WORLD.**

Does your life reflect the call to be in this world, but not a part of its foolishness and unwise living? You could live the first 20 years of your life in step with God's instructions and then make one misstep that could cost you your reputation. There is good news. God still loves you even if you do make a mistake. Not unlike the Miami Dolphins giving Tunsil a "second chance", God gives us multiple "second chances" at living how He wants us to.

I am a participant in the social media arena. I have seen many positive uses for the various tools that have been

made available and I have seen a fair share of failures through social media. Here are some practical steps to living wisely with social media that I have picked up:

**PARENTS —** Require your kids to allow you to follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media venues.

**PARENTS —** If you pay for your child's Internet access (mobile or home Wi-Fi) then set the parameters of what they can and cannot be a part of online. Talk with them about why you are setting boundaries.



**KIDS —** Talk with your parents about why you want to use social media. Help your parents understand how you can responsibly be a part of the community. Allow your parents to make the wise decisions on what you can and can't do.

**SPOUSES —** Either have a joint account for social media that both of you can use, or provide open login and passwords to your spouse so they can access it at any time.

**YOUNG ADULTS —** Be wise about what you post. Future employers will "stalk" you on social media. I know, because I didn't hire a potential intern due to a blog site's content.

**GRANDPARENTS —** Be a part of the social media scene and provide encouragement and wise counsel to the young generation (without being too corny).

**EVERYONE —** Be aware that the Internet *always* remembers. Even after you think you have deleted

something, it may still exist. People take screenshots and keep things on personal devices all of the time.

**THE ADDICTED —** Take a vacation from social media. There are studies showing that people can become addicted to social media. It is healthy to step away from this from time to time. Take the challenge; instead of posting to a friend's Facebook page, try calling them or getting together with them.

**LIVING WISELY IS A DAILY DECISION THAT HAS TO BE MADE WHEN YOU WAKE UP AND CONTINUES UNTIL YOUR HEAD HITS THE PILLOW AT THE END OF THE DAY.**

If you are looking for a Bible study on how you should live, the book of Romans and James offer plenty of insight to keep you occupied for months. You can pick up a study guide on either of these books at a local Christian bookstore or online at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). There are also great resources available for men, women, young adults and teens at [RightNowMedia.com](http://RightNowMedia.com). The beauty of being part of a church like PHBC is knowing there are others surrounding you that want to see you develop a healthy walk with Christ and to live wisely. Don't be afraid to ask for help! We don't want to see you plummet like Laremy Tunsil did in the 2016 NFL Draft.



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# Dive into SUMMER

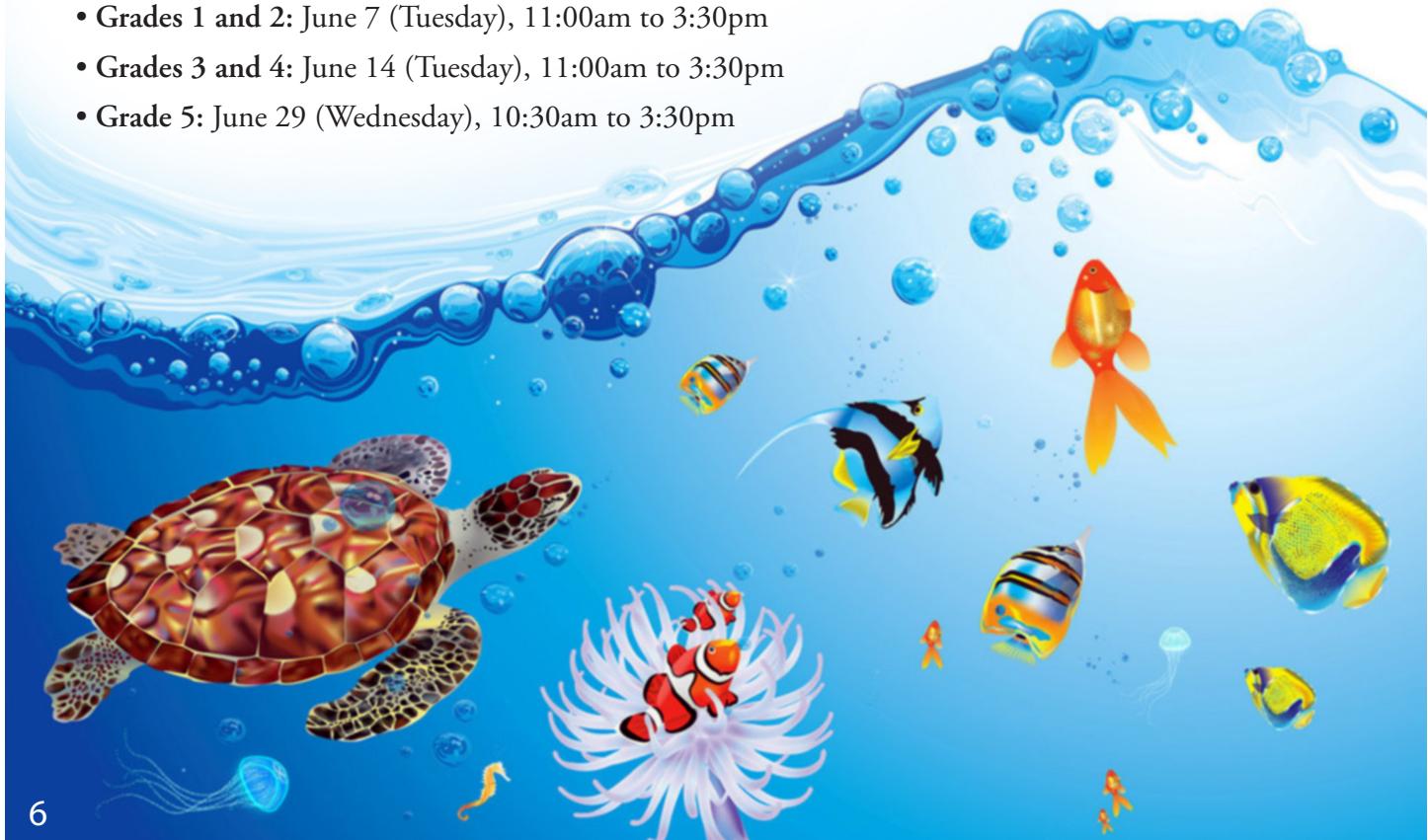
## Kids' Days Out

By: Pam Scott

Kids' Days Out are full of excitement – with hiking, crazy games, a picnic lunch, and many other surprises. This is a day all of our kids look forward to, so join us for an action packed day in God's outdoors. It's also a great time to bring a friend, where they can begin to hear about and see what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. Grades 1-4 will go to Pam's ranch, where kids will be able to explore acres of woods while seeing wildlife along the way. Grade 5 will take a mystery trip in search of "The Ice Box". The grade level is the one that you just finished. Put the date on your calendar, and make sure you turn in your permission slip the Sunday before your Kids' Day Out. Don't miss it – we have a blast!

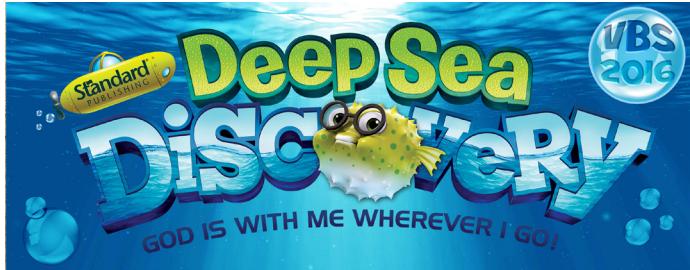
### Kids' Days Out Schedule: *(For the grade just finished)*

- Grades 1 and 2: June 7 (Tuesday), 11:00am to 3:30pm
- Grades 3 and 4: June 14 (Tuesday), 11:00am to 3:30pm
- Grade 5: June 29 (Wednesday), 10:30am to 3:30pm



## Deep Sea Discovery VBS

Take a deep breath and dive into adventure at **Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School**, July 18–22 from 9:30am to noon for children age 4 through grade 6. Classes are available for ages 0-3 if mom is on the premises. The opening rally for grades 1-6 begins at 9:20am. It's FREE! Children will discover that God KNOWS them, HEARS them, STRENGTHENS them, LOVES them, and SENDS them. They will realize that God has promised that "*He is with me wherever I go.*" Join us for games, crafts, skits, moms class, snacks (*if your child has special dietary needs, please supply their snack*), Bible stories, and more! Register online at [www.phbaptist.org](http://www.phbaptist.org), or call the church office at 440.886.6100. See you there!



## 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 towels, bed sheets, and shoes for children at our NAB Chain of Love orphanage in Brazil. Children will also have the opportunity to bring in hygiene items that will be taken by our Youth Missions team to needy children in Indianapolis. Items may include: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, face wash, Q-Tips, bar soap, body wash, and antibacterial gel (personal size). Our goal is to collect \$1,800 plus 600 hygiene items, or a combination of 2,400 (money and items). It's so exciting to see kids have generous hearts in helping others.

## Feed The Cookie Monsters At VBS



Homemade cookies are still a highlight for our kids at Vacation Bible School. Unfortunately, they don't get homemade treats often, and you all are such awesome bakers. The last few years, we've struggled with having enough for the week, so I encourage all of us to warm up those ovens to help supply the 8,000 homemade cookies needed for our hungry munchkins at VBS. You can begin baking now and put them in the freezer for safekeeping. Let's show our kids that we think they are special, because they are! ***Because of allergies, we ask that you do not use nuts.*** Thanks ahead of time for pitching in as you bake with love.



## Join Our Underwater Team At VBS

How exciting to be part of our underwater team to help kids find and follow Jesus Christ at 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, preschool recreation, and much more. This is a week you'll never forget, as kids are amazed with the discovery that God is with me and will watch over me wherever I go! Sign up in the glass walkway and make your commitment to being involved in this life-changing experience, July 18–22. You'll be blessed after spending a week with kids in this life-changing opportunity. Now is the time to put our teams in place so we can be ready for the 900 students God sends our way. If you have just finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade, you may still attend or begin serving with a younger age. And don't forget to pre-register your kids for VBS by stopping at the table in the glass walkway, or go to our website at [www.phbaptist.org](http://www.phbaptist.org).



## VBS Work Day

Many helping hands are needed from 9:00am to noon on Wednesday, July 13 for our VBS Work Day. We'll be counting handouts for each department, sorting supplies, sharpening pencils, decorating, and whatever else needs done to get us ready for ***Deep Sea Discovery*** VBS. We will meet in B-5 and divide up from there. Many helping hands make the work light. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

## Follow-Up Picnic Helpers



We can use your help on Tuesday, July 26 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 re-connect with kids and their families and be there for extra hands and personal conversations with kids. It's a lot of fun, too – with games, lunch, Bible studies, and goop sundaes. Call the church office if we can count on you to join us for this exciting re-connection with the kids.



# Kids Are Growing Up And Moving On

By the end of the summer, children will be gearing up to move into their new grade level at school. Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders officially join the Jr. High Ministry on June 5, but all the other grade levels will move up to their new classes in Sunday School on September 4. Throughout the summer, children will participate in activities for the grade they just finished. On August 28, Promotion Sunday, children will celebrate and reflect on their year together in their Sunday School classes, before moving up the next week. Children going into 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will receive new Bibles in Sunday School on Promotion Sunday. If your child isn't involved in Sunday School, there is no better time to get them started than now. In small groups, children learn important truths from God's Word and how to apply it to their daily lives. Join us on Sundays at 9:30am. Let's help build that important biblical foundation early in the lives of our children. You can help your child get the most out of Sunday School by bringing them on time, so they don't miss any of the important activities that lead into their lesson, and then by reviewing with your child what they've learned and remind them how to apply that to their daily lives.

## Get On Board This Fall

Don't miss out on opportunities to serve the King of Kings! **Pioneer Girls** 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 so thankful for leaders who are 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 connect with these girls, teach them life skills, and most importantly teach them about the God who loves them and wants to make a difference in their lives. We are looking for volunteers to work with our *Voyagers* (Grades 1 and 2), *Pathfinders* (Grades 3 and 4), and *Trailblazers* (Grades 5 and 6). We also are putting together a team who will work behind the scenes as treasurer, special events coordinator, Wednesday night overall assistant, etc. If Wednesday night is a time where you can serve, there are many possibilities for you. Talk to Pam Scott to get involved in this life-changing ministry. **Children's Church** is another great opportunity to serve the King, as we can help our young ones discover God's love and care for them. Every activity and connection points these young children to the love God has for them. In 4s and 5s church time, it's been exciting to see a team of people work together and use every learning center to point kids to Jesus. We want to continue this model and are looking for additional workers who are willing to serve every other quarter in directing these young lives to God's path for them. See Pam to join this exciting team of workers. **Church time helpers** in Grades 1-4 are also needed for the summer to serve with our summer interns. See Pam if you would be willing to help support our interns as they lead our kids to important truths from God's Word each week.



## God Is At Work



Sometimes after some very intense ministry, we are left with the nagging question, is this really worth it? I don't seem to SEE any results. I think the short answer is that we have been called to share the Gospel and make disciples, but only God can change the heart. And so many results come years later, as God continues to take the seeds that were planted, and causes them to sprout and grow. There have been times when someone attended VBS as a child, and then once they have children will return to PHBC because of the influence that was made on them as a child. But there is an exciting story I have been following the last few years that should be an encouragement to all.

When she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, a gal began attending Sports Camp and Vacation Bible School. Mom commented that she learned more here in a week about God than she ever had before. In the fall, she began to attend Pioneer Girls on Wednesday nights. God continued to work in her heart, and she continued in Pioneer Girls, VBS, and Sports Camp. Three years later, while attending Sports Camp, she gave her life to Jesus. God had taken those seeds that were planted and changed her heart. After completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Pioneer Girls, she desired to pursue Junior Guide Training. It was during this time that she says God reignited her heart and she re-connected with Him. She is now one of our very faithful, committed leaders with our Pioneer Girls, attends youth Sunday School, and is part of the missions team this summer. Is ministry worth it? Absolutely, because God continues to changes lives, and then uses these changed lives to continue impacting the world around us. Thank you, volunteers, for faithfully serving. Yes, it is really worth it!

## Do You Know This Person?

- Fun-loving
- Good listener
- Adventurous
- Motivator
- Reliable
- Passionate
- Wise
- Sense of humor
- Stands on God's Word
- Out-of-the-box thinker
- Energetic
- Creative
- Silly
- Brave
- Curious
- Compassionate
- On fire for Jesus
- Inner strength
- Inspiration to others
- People-person
- Well caffeinated

Those are just some of the words that might describe our Sue Hickey. 26 years ago, Sue began working with the Pioneer Girl Trailblazers, and then eventually moved into the Pioneer Girls Coordinator Position. But the Lord has now given Sue a new direction in her life, and she will be taking on the position of the teaching leader for the Cleveland Evening Women's Bible Study Fellowship. Some of the things Sue loved about her role

with Pioneer Girls was the weekly connection and relationships that were developed with the leaders and the kids. She will also miss using her God-given creativity with the special events that were held throughout the year for parents and kids, along with those same opportunities to share Christ.

Another thing she loves is the training time and opportunities to encourage the leaders. It truly has been an honor and privilege to share in ministry with Sue all of these years, and she will be greatly missed. But we also know that God's journey for her is where He has placed her. And we are excited to see how God continues to grow the leadership in Pioneer Girls, so the Gospel is effectively proclaimed.



Thanks, Sue, for how we have grown because of the impact you have made in all of our lives. We know you'll be visiting us on occasion in Pioneer Girls, and you are always invited to enjoy ministry with us whenever you can. You are a blessing, and you will be missed!

## Thank You!

# Financial Report

## as of April 29, 2016

### income to date

offering	502,853.71
misc. income	8,095.04
total income	510,948.75
year to date budget	478,810.64

### expenses to date

missions	64,159.25
worship	11,185.37
evangelism	2,757.58
para-church ministries	2,800.00
care giving	2,459.34
children	4,223.76
youth	6,561.55
young adults	87.17
discipleship	3,363.24
operations	2,370.14
utilities	32,659.67
insurance/taxes	10,354.49
housekeeping	7,785.34
maintenance	23,387.16
admin services	21,021.92
preaching/admin	2,433.94
salaries/benefits	235,277.88
other	54,658.80
total expenses	487,546.60
excess income/expenses	23,402.15

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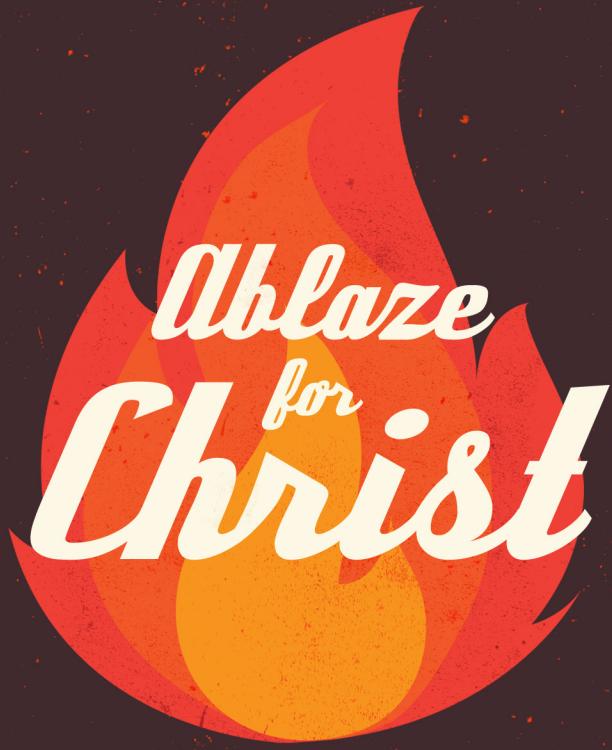
balance	17,132.51
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### Pavilion and Property Fund

balance	10,260.29
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student ministries



## Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction Thanks

In April, OneEightyOne Student Ministries hosted our 12th Annual Pasta Dinner and Dessert Auction. We had a lot of fun and were encouraged by your strong show of support. This event raises money for our students to go on life-changing ministry trips like Summer Camp and our Summer Mission Trip. Our students, families, and youth ministry were blessed by your support on so many levels. Every ticket purchased, meal enjoyed, donation, and auction bid helps our students and their families directly.



Because of PHBC's generous help, we were able to raise approximately \$4,000! Thank you for your part in all of this. Your hard work, generous donations, time in the kitchen, volunteering, etc., have blessed more than words can express.



Thank you for your strong and generous support!

Dan Adams  
Pastor of Student Ministries



## Welcome To Our Summer Interns

We are excited to welcome and introduce our 2016 Summer Interns. Each summer, through God's provision and your generosity, we are able to bring on two interns to support our Children's and Youth Ministries. Summer is one of the busiest seasons for both of these ministries. For one, children and youth are more available with school out. Secondly, the summer is full with extra activities, programs, trips, and events such as: FOCUS Sports Camp, Summer Youth Camp, VBS, Summer Mission Trip, Kids' Days Out, and Youth Outings, just to name a few. So we're very grateful for the addition and help of two interns each summer.

Additionally, our Summer Internship program provides excellent and practical training for two fine college-aged students who are preparing for life and ministry. Each of these interns works closely with both Dan Adams, Pastor of Student Ministries, as well as Pam Scott, Minister to Children. We meet at least weekly for devotions, prayer, training, evaluation, and planning.

Thank you for supporting our children, youth, and future ministers by allowing us to run this amazing internship program. On May 25, these fine interns will be added to our team:

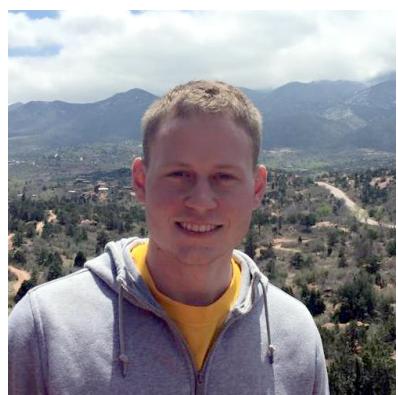
### *Camilla Bush*



Camilla is no stranger to many of us. She has grown up in our church and graduated from our Youth Ministry in 2013. She is finishing up at Tri-C this spring and will continue her education to become a teacher at Baldwin Wallace in the fall. She's prayerfully considering using her teaching skills and education as a missionary in the future.

### *Ben Jones*

Ben is currently studying Pastoral Studies at Cedarville University and plans to pursue full-time pastoral ministry. He enjoys outdoor activities like Ultimate Frisbee and canoeing.



Please join us in praying for both Camilla and Ben and their summer ministry at PHBC. As you have opportunity to meet them throughout the summer, please take a moment to help them feel welcome.

Dan Adams  
Pastor of Student Ministries



## Mission Indy 2016

Each year OneEightyOne Student Ministries embarks on a mission trip for a variety of reasons:

- God has commissioned us to be the salt and the light to this world, to share His love, and make disciples.
- There are great needs all around us that our students can help with in very tangible ways.
- We're training our students to live missional lives, loving God and sharing God's love in practical ways with everyone they encounter.

This year our team of 37 students and adults is returning to Indianapolis, IN to expand on the work we started last summer. We will be in Indianapolis from July 24 through July 30, working closely with KIDS Inc., which is a church-based inner city ministry. We will focus our efforts on strengthening their ministry, facilities, community impact, and relationships with outreach kids, teens, and families.

Our projects will include: basic facility maintenance, running a Vacation Bible School for elementary aged kids, running a teen program, an outreach event for their outreach families, prayer walks, and evangelism.

Some of you have already supported our team financially at our Pasta Dinner and through support letters you've received. Thank you! Your generosity is a huge help and blessing. You can also support us through prayer. Please pray for:

- Team unity
- Safety
- Opportunities to share Christ with the kids, teens, and families
- That the students learn to have eyes for the needs around them



There is one last way we're asking for help. One of our projects is to put together hundreds of hygiene kits that are needed within the community. These will be distributed during our week of ministry as well as throughout the year by KIDS Inc. and a local elementary school. We're looking for donated hygiene items to fill these kits. You'll receive more specific information about this as our trip approaches.

Thank you for your strong support!

Dan Adams  
Pastor of Student Ministries

## Important Dates and Info

- 6.3** **7-Up Party**, 6:00–8:30pm  
Upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to join us for a fun and informative evening. We'll enjoy dinner, games, meet the youth ministry team, and get an introduction to OneEighty One Student Ministries.
- 6.5** **Graduation Sunday**  
Upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders join our Junior High ministry at 9:30am in the Youth Diner. Students going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade join our Senior High Ministry at 9:30am in the Youth Diner. We'll celebrate with our graduating seniors at 9:30am during Sunday School. Graduates should register at [www.oneeightyone.org/high-school-graduation/](http://www.oneeightyone.org/high-school-graduation/).
- 6.8** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 6.10** **Intern Lock-In**
- 6.12** **Mission Trip Training #3**, 12:30–2:30pm
- 6.15** **June Youth Outing**
- 6.29** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 7.3-9** **Word of Life Summer Camp**  
Info and registration is available at [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org). Online medical forms are due ASAP.
- 7.6** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 7.13** **July Youth Outing**
- 7.13** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 7.24-30** **Summer Mission Trip to Indianapolis**
- 8.3** **August Youth Outing**
- 8.3** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 8.7** **SLAM Team Applications Due**
- 8.17** **Youth Worship Extravaganza**, 7:00–9:00pm
- 8.28** **School Year Kick-Off Cookout**

**Go to [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org) for additional and updated info, sign-ups and forms.**

**Blog:** Sign up at [www.oneeightyone.org](http://www.oneeightyone.org) to receive weekly updates

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# IN THIS Moment

By: Kraig Anderson

**Seven years ago**, Kristin and I felt called to move 800 miles from our home to serve at PHBC. It is a blessing and a calling confirmed by God over and over. Though we committed to our families to travel back to Minnesota each Christmas and summer to stay connected, we certainly do miss a lot in the life events of our dearly loved family. But when we are together, we're learning to live in the moment, in the conversation, in the laughter, in the simple joy of sharing a meal.

In April, my brother had the opportunity to spend a week with us. Unfortunately, his family couldn't join him. But those seven days were precious for us. Whether exploring the wonders that Cleveland offers or having fun doing remodeling projects in our home, we were able to be in this special moment of time together – brother to brother.



The last day Keith was here, my parents arrived and joined us for two weeks. I can't tell you how treasured that time was also. It didn't matter what we were doing, each moment had meaning. The morning they left, I don't think I'll ever forget when we were saying our goodbyes.

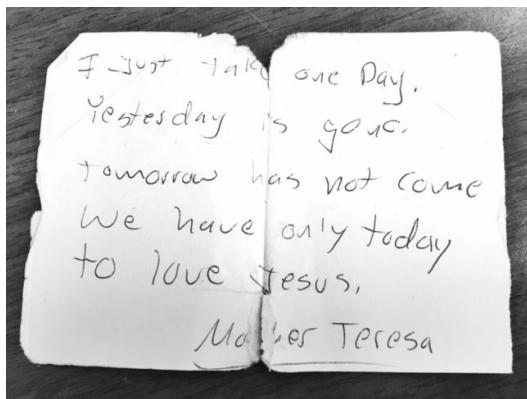


I hugged my parents and stepped back. My mom and Kristin hugged. Then as Kristin and my dad embraced, there was this extra special moment that happened. He spoke softly to her, saying how proud he was of her, how he sees her loving their son, about the amazing job she is doing raising our two boys and the beautiful person she is. Despite Kristin running a little late for work, they stood there, arms around each other, my dad and my wife sharing this treasured moment.

I stood back and watched this simple, priceless moment. Tears welled up inside of me. I felt blessed to see and hear fatherly love extend from my dad to my wife. I also know that, though my parents are very active and in excellent health, we all understand that could change in an instant. We have learned each moment we have is the moment to cherish. And that was a cherished moment!

There are times I find myself wishing for more consistency in living in the moment of my relationship with Christ, as well. My responses to so many situations would be more loving, filled with His wisdom, encouragement and guided more closely by the will of my Heavenly Father.

There is a small picture on a wall in my parent's house with a quote attributed to Mother Teresa that often touches and refocuses my relationship with Christ. I wrote it down and still keep it in my wallet many years later: "I just take one day. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not come. We have only today to love Jesus."



I hope I continue to grow closer to living that out in my relationship with Jesus Christ and my relationships with the people around me. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not come. This moment, with this person, is all I know I have. And when the next moment with the next person comes, may I cherish that, as well. All while I am loving my Father God, in that moment, not worrying about what tomorrow will bring, just concerned with loving Him today.

May you be encouraged in this moment, on this day!

worship arts ministry



# GOD BLESS THIS

# Hot

# THIS

# Mess

By: Jen Moench

**IF WE'RE HONEST,** we can all identify with this statement – even if it is only from time to time. For me, this is so wildly descriptive for most days that I can't stand it. I love the friend that sent it to me, with a note that lovingly stated it 'reminded her of me'. I wish I could hide it, but it's me, and now you all know it, too.

We all have days, or seasons, where we feel like this. I think our natural response is to retreat, to hide, to feel like less than enough. But nothing could be farther from the truth.

Ephesians 2:10 reads, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* So even in the "hot mess" of it all, we are being perfected, deemed suitable for the Master's use.



Do we offer this to God? Do we hold this up to Him, asking Him to 'bless my hot mess'? It's all His anyway, right? The truth is when we slow down enough to let the inconvenient set backs become opportunities to minister to others, we become fit for the Master's use. Some days, the more I plan the less I get accomplished. Ministering to others, especially women, takes time and interrupted schedules. It takes an already overtaxed schedule and throws it out the window. It's having no free time and running into someone we haven't seen in a while at the grocery store; taking a minute to talk to the neighbor we haven't seen all season; answering the call from a friend when we don't have time to talk. Those are the God moments of the day – when we have the chance to make the difference in someone's day – when heaven touches earth for a moment. Sometimes it's having a friend over to coffee among the piles of clean clothes and dirty dishes, and sometimes it's meeting friends at church for an evening out.

Recently, I've been intrigued by the number of women who respectfully share that they don't enjoy Women's Ministries. Those who say they'll never attend, just aren't interested, with no time... etcetera, etcetera. I get it. I completely understand. But that is a story for another time. Women's Ministries is so much more than flowers, candles, painting nails and coloring books. Though the atmosphere is one intentionally set to allow for a sensory experience of relaxation and fellowship, it's so much more than fluff.

I challenge you to join us at an upcoming event. If you always join us, that's excellent – you know what to expect. This time, bring a friend! If you haven't joined us, consider stopping in at our upcoming WoW Luau on June 10, or join us in September for the WoW fall fellowship. These will be evenings of snacks and fellowship, encouragement, prayer and focus. And it's okay if you are running from here to there – it's okay to be a *hot mess*. Let's just hold it up to the One who makes beauty from ashes and see what He will do when we let Him.



hospitality ministry

**'We want Parma Heights Baptist Church to be the *nicest* place around.'**

– Pastor Dan Barfell

**If you think back to the first time** you visited PHBC, chances are you remember a face. You may even remember the name of the person who went out of their way to make you feel at home, showed you around, invited you to a small group or to come back next week.

Personal touches are important – they go where Facebook and Instagram can't. They make a building come to life, smiles become tangible and friends are family. The personal and simple touches that make the church, our church, *home*. To a road-weary visitor, this can make all the difference – even add a little Disney magic. Make them feel like we've been waiting for them to arrive. And haven't we?

The first impression is a lasting one – one that says, *'Jesus met me at the door.'* *'I felt connected.'* *'They were ready for me.'* *'I was accepted.'*

So, you wonder how you can help. It's simple. Can you smile? Are you familiar with the church layout? Can you get from the Welcome Center to the worship center and find a restroom? Then you can do this – and make it look easy! Some areas you can serve are door greeters, guest ambassadors, or driving the church bus. If you are more of a behind-the-scenes kind of person, you can serve on the coffee team, set up or clean up the Welcome Center.

Your partnership can help us extend our reach on Sunday mornings, to aid us in accomplishing the goal, to help people find and follow Jesus Christ, we can welcome them *home* and be the nicest place in Parma Heights!

Please contact Dave Moench at [supadafe@aol.com](mailto:supadafe@aol.com) or 440.570.7806 with any questions or to sign up to serve in this vital ministry.





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