

the PULSE

September 2016

Monthly Vitals of Parma Heights Baptist Church

Missions Prayer Focus:



Scott and Lorna Muha serve with TEAM in the town of Boadilla del Monte. It's about 15 minutes from Madrid, the capital of Spain. They do many activities where they

are teaching English. This opens doors for the Muhas to tell the Spanish people why they are in Spain and answer questions about their faith in Jesus. Weekly, they have been able to hold an English trivia night at a local restaurant. This summer, a group from Illinois and a group from Michigan were able to help with the English activities. They had the opportunity to talk to 600 students at a high school. They had a Celebrate Michigan party and a Celebrate Chicago party with students from a local English Institute. The students were treated to pizza and hot dogs made the way they would be in Chicago and also in Detroit. Pray for the relationships that were started this summer. The Muhas are thankful for the many people they met during these summer activities. Pray also for the Muhas as they return to the states to renew Lorna's visa. They will get to spend some time with Lorna's mom and with their two children, Zach and Addison.

Prayer Thoughts:

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears (Psalm 34:17).

In 1857-58, America experienced a rise in church attendance, people coming to faith in Christ and an increase in missionary endeavors.

All this began with "The Great Prayer Revival". This revival started with one man initiating a small prayer meeting. Only six people attended the first meeting. Then God's people were inspired to pray and the numbers grew to over 10,000 people.

God will answer exceedingly in His way and in His time. How will God answer our prayers?

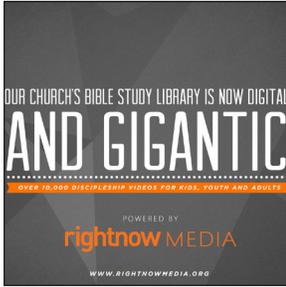


Check It Out:

September is the perfect time to join a Growth Group! Reset Sunday will be September 18. Check out the list of Growth Group options in our *Reset* booklet, located on the literature shelf outside the worship center. Groups are set up by ages, stage in life, and topics being studied. If you have a question about a group, contact the leader directly or the church office at 440.886.6100 for more information.



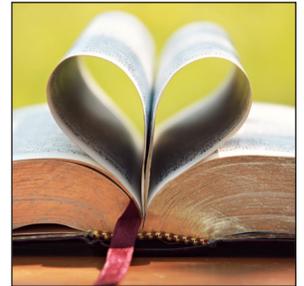
Discipleship:



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 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, 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.

September is a key month for our Growth Groups at PHBC! If you have never been a part of a group, or maybe you were but stepped away for a while, this is a great time for you to join. Many of our groups will be resetting and beginning new topics on Sunday, September 18. Our groups exist to help you grow in your walk with Christ. When you are a part of a group you will have opportunities to participate in:



- **In-Reach** – Caring for one another in your group
- **Up-Reach** – The study of God's Word and its application to your life
- **Out-Reach** – Reaching out to the lost through acts of service

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Many people in and outside of the church are exploring the concept of what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ. Maybe you are not a follower of Christ and want to know more about what this looks like. Perhaps you already placed your faith in Christ, but are not sure how to grow in that faith. Or maybe you have been a faithful follower of Christ and want to know how you can effectively disciple another person. ***Next Steps is a new initiative of PHBC, where we want to help you find and follow Jesus Christ*** through intentional growth. This class is designed to help you master the fundamentals of the Christian

life and pass on this good news to others. The Next Steps group will begin as part of IMPACT Night on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00pm.

Events & Classes:

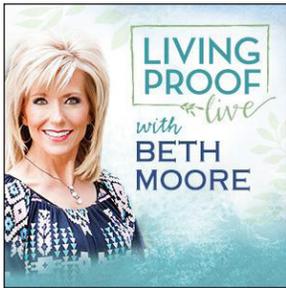
ALL IN MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Have you been attending PHBC and want to become a member? *All In* is PHBC's Membership Seminar. This 7-session study will cover key topics, including: Salvation, Baptism, Communion, the structure of the church (local and global), PHBC's strategy for ministry, and sharing the Gospel. At the end of the sessions there will be a time of celebration with the church family on your decision to be "All In" as a member of PHBC. Join Tim and Cara Hunsicker on this journey to church membership beginning Sunday, October 2 at 11:00am in B-5. You can sign up in the church office or on the back of your Connect Card.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is coming to PHBC and registration is now open! This ministry focuses on encouraging young moms through fellowship and the truth of the Word. The first meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 9:30am. You can contact Racheal Wolf at the PHBC MOPS page at www.mops.org/groups/phbc with any questions.



Beth Moore is coming to Youngstown! Beth Moore's *Living Proof LIVE* and Beth herself will be in Youngstown at the Covelli Centre November 4–5. You can register for this event directly via the Lifeway website by going to www.lifeway.com/Event/Womens-Event-Living-Proof-Live-Youngstown-OH.

For more information or links to the sites listed above, please visit our Facebook page, *Women's Ministries of PHBC*.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

As a reminder for those who have already signed up, the 2016 Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of September 23 and the theme is "*Men of Valor*". The speakers will be our PHBC pastors.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Senior Adult Bible Study will be held on Tuesday September 13 at 1:00pm in B-5. Join us as we are *Roaming Through Romans*. This month we will be learning how to be righteous. Bring a Bible, a pen, and a friend. Refreshments to follow.

Tuesday, September 20 will be our Senior Adult trip to Amish country. We'll be going back to Berlin Farmstead Restaurant. There will also be time to shop at some of the local stores. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets are only available in person at the church office beginning September 13.

The Autumn Fellowship Meal will be on September 27. Bring an appetite as we enjoy a delicious meal and hear from our guest speaker Pastor Dan Barfell. Cost is \$4 per person.



GRIEFSHARE

PHBC is offering a biblically-based grief recovery support group called GriefShare. It will be held in B-5 on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00pm. For more information, contact Dave Pietrzak at 440.227.8054 or Cindy Pietrzak at 440.341.2187.

Kids & Students:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



We can assist you in helping to build that strong biblical foundation in your child's life. There are Sunday School classes for every age group during the 9:30am service, where children learn in small groups and are challenged with daily application. Also, join us for IMPACT Night on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30pm, where children are involved in preschool activities, Pioneer Clubs for the girls, or Treeclimbers/Stockade for the boys. Children are introduced to Jesus as they learn many life skills that are fun and challenging. Now is the time to build that biblical worldview. These are great opportunities to invite your friends. For grades 3–6 who are part of IMPACT Night, keep

October 8–9 open for our annual retreat at Stony Glen.

New Life Class will start on September 25 for kids who are interested in baptism, church membership, or growing in their relationship with Jesus. The class will last 6–8 weeks. 1st and 2nd graders must be accompanied by a parent. Come to C-5, once kids are dismissed from the 11:00am service. Make sure you bring a Bible and a pencil. Sign up your children in the church office for this next step in their Christian growth.



Our Fall Family Festival is just around the corner on October 29, and it's such a great opportunity to connect with our community. We continue to add new ideas with the addition of the pavilion and land use, but also have a totally indoor plan if the weather dictates it. 160 volunteers will help all areas run more smoothly, and yes, you can already start bringing in bags of wrapped candy donations. Plan on joining us that day and begin to think about who you can invite. Sign-ups will begin in October. Keep October 29 open on your calendar for this great outreach event.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

IMPACT Night resumes Wednesday September 7. Students (grades 7-12) join us each week as we enjoy Open Gym from 6:00–7:00pm, followed by Youth Group from 7:00–8:30pm. Plan to join us for this engaging evening of friends, games, music, Bible study, and Growth Groups.

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Christian School Ministries:

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Parma Heights Christian Academy (PHCA) resumed its school hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm. Our phone number is 440.845.8668 and website is phcawarriors.com.

Our fall magazine drive is now underway until September 8. Be sure to stop at the Academy table in the glass walkway to pick up information. There is a link on our website www.phcawarriors.com to place orders online.

We would love for you to stop by the PHCA table in the glass walkway to purchase shopping cards. Simply pick up your cards for Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, Olive Garden, Wendy's, Steak and Shake, Marathon as well as dozens of other stores, restaurants and gas stations. We keep a large supply on hand so it is very convenient for you to pick them up while you are already here on Sunday morning. PHCA purchases the cards for less than their face value, so it is a great fundraiser for us without costing you any extra money. Thanks, PHBC, for supporting PHCA!



Where Will You Serve?:

Want to make a difference in lives by helping 6th graders understand God's truth and how it influences their daily lives? We have a great opportunity for you during the 9:30am Sunday School hour to impact lives for eternity. If God is leading you to fill this exciting role as a Sunday School teacher, see Pam or sign up outside the worship center.



Preschoolers are like sponges, and many of their attitudes, thinking, beliefs, and habits are established during these early years. You can have a vital role in impacting these young lives. On Sundays, we have opportunities during the 11:00am hour for you to make a difference. A team is needed for a quarter at a time (3 months) to lead and assist during 4s and 5s churchtime. Mr. Woody will work with you until you learn the ropes. Sign up in the glass walkway or talk to Pam Scott. You will love serving the Lord as you have the privilege of making a difference in the lives of our little ones.

Treasure Cove is a wonderful place, where we have great opportunities to share the love of Jesus with children who have special needs. These vital classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00am on Sundays. See Pam Scott or Lea Smith to get involved in this exciting ministry with children.

It's so exciting to watch little ones explore and discover new things, and share in giving them the love and care they need as a baby or toddler. You can be a part of this important team by joining our nursery-toddler rotational staff. You can serve weekly, monthly, or every other month, in this important ministry. Sign up today.

Sonshine & Gang Puppet Team continues to add new members to help share the gospel with children through this unique ministry. We meet a couple of times a month from 4:00 to 6:00pm on Sundays, in preparation for the children's Christmas Service and Easter Service. We will train you, we just need willing hearts and hands (it's open to 5th graders through senior adults). Pick up an application on the literature shelf and return it to the church office by September 11.



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 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 Barb Shumaker at 440.746.0944 to make an appointment. *The food pantry will be closed Labor Day, September 5.*

Remembering former PHBC pastor, Dr. David J. Draewell, who passed away on March 13, 2016. Dr. Draewell was a PHBC pastor from 1960-62, he went on to serve as the president of Sioux Falls Seminary. In retirement, Draewell and his wife, Betty, lived in Bradenton, FL while remaining involved in the Sioux Falls Seminary. In 2014 the Draewells relocated to Sioux Falls to be closer to their son and his family.



The next Community Hot Meal will be on Tuesday, September 20. If you would like to share the love of Christ with our community by participating in this ministry, contact Dwight Brandon or the church office.

Make plans to be part of the Cry Out! Simulcast in the worship center on Friday, September 23 from 7:00 to 10:00pm. This event is a nationwide prayer gathering with speaker Nancy DeMoss Woglemuth. Bring a Bible, pen, and paper. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Franklin Graham will be traveling to every state capital on his Decision America Tour. Graham will be in Columbus Thursday, October 6. PHBC will be providing transportation to those who would like to attend this event. The prayer rally takes place from noon to 1:00pm at Capital West Plaza in Columbus. Buses will leave the PHBC parking lot at 8:00am and return by 4:00pm. Bring a packed lunch. Sign up in the glass walkway or contact Denise Luczywo at 440.526.6662 with any questions.

Thank You:

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Christian love extended to us over and over by your continued prayers, cards, telephone calls over many months. Your generous preparation of food items contributed much to the success of the buffet luncheon, which followed after the memorial service that acknowledged God's blessings on Jane's many years of service to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to her family and friends.

Your continued concern and prayer support is essential to our adjustment to family life without its matriarch, even as they did during her long illness.

May our great God allow you to be a blessing to others in the days ahead.

The Acker Family

To all the ladies that provided for (the) Sheila Mickey luncheon. What a blessing you are! Thank you, thank you! Thank you to any other church member who sent sympathy cards and for all prayers. We have a wonderful church.

God's Blessing to all,
Love, Sandra and Jessica



We are happy to welcome Jennifer Milam to the PHBC team! She will be our Ministry Assistant serving in the front office. Jenny will be job-sharing with Annie Perusek. Jenny will work Monday through Wednesday and Annie will work Thursday and Friday.

Stewardship:

Giving Update through August 28, 2016		
	August 28 Year to Date	August 28 Per Week Average
Actual	\$988,467	\$28,242
Budget	\$960,855	\$27,453
% of Budget	103%	103%
Variance	\$27,612	\$789

August Average Sunday Growth Group Attendance: 231

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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