

# HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING  
AT PHBC

JULY 22, 2018

## THE PURSUIT OF UNITY: PART 2 – UPLIFT BY: TIM H.

*In my previous post, I spoke about reconciliation and forgiveness. Once each of us has asked God for forgiveness of our sin, we can begin the reconciliation process with one another.*

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, we are called to *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”* Paul wrote this letter to the Thessalonians after receiving a report about the spiritual health of the church and a concern about growing issues they were having.

Why would uplifting one another be such a vital part of the process of unifying the body of Christ? I must believe it is because of what Paul writes in Philippians 2:3: *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”* When we lift up brothers and sisters in Christ, we are placing ourselves in a lower position.

Imagine being the disciples, hearing Jesus pray for them and uplift them to God the Father. Imagine the encouragement they received in these words from John 17:

*“Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them.”*

Jesus later told these men and us today, *“You are going to be the ones who take my gospel to the world. You are going to do things much greater than I did.”* Jesus chose His disciples to carry out this task because He believed they could change the world. Jesus believes the church today can continue changing the world by carrying out His command to take the Gospel to the whole world. Jesus prayed we would experience a unity that He had with His Father. This is a huge goal, one that I call a **BHAG (big hairy audacious goal)**.

As PHBC works through the process of being united in vision and mission, we as individuals need to ask the serious, hard question, *“How can I uplift my fellow brother or sister in Christ?”* or, *“What can I do that will help them follow Jesus Christ and fulfill their God-given mission?”* When we first focus on lifting up Christ in our lives and then one another, we begin taking steps to begin ministering in unity.

**ACTION STEP:** Take time this week to encourage someone you have never encouraged. A quick note, text, phone call, or even a quick visit face-to-face is all it takes to make a fellow believer's day!



## MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Scott and Lorna Muha serve with TEAM in Madrid, Spain. They meet Spanish people by teaching English classes, holding trivia nights in a cafe, and being friends with their neighbors. Pray for the salvation of the people they meet. Pray for the Muhas as they make plans for their retirement.

## 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. There is no expiration date, and there are no exceptions. God answers prayer."

– Mark Batterson, **The Circle Maker**



## AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Pray for Ahumbe. Pray that our partnership with Ahumbe will help them out of poverty.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sonshine & Gang Puppet Team is looking to add new members to the team this fall.** Begin to pray about being a part of this team that uses this unique tool to communicate the Gospel to children. The team ranges from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to senior adults, and practices from 4:00-6:00pm a couple of times a month. We also gather for some fun times together to celebrate what God is doing. Applications are available on the literature shelf.

**Deep56 is a Sunday School option for kids who will be entering grades 5 or 6 this fall.** If you have already completed New Life Class, and are interested in digging deeper and doing Bible work at home, this class may be for you. Applications can be found on the literature shelf and are due by August 26.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Join us for a great day at the beach together!**

Our time will be filled with games, friends, and food. Wednesday August 1, we'll leave the church at 10:00am and return at 4:00pm. Bring a towel, modest one-piece swimsuit (tankini is okay if covering), and sunscreen.



## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Save the date for the 2018 Men of Valor 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat, September 28–30.** This year's speaker will be Eric Schroeder. Also, on Saturday evening, we will celebrate the anniversary of 40 years of PHBC Men's Retreats. The cost is \$120. First-timers attending the whole weekend will receive half off. Sign-up will start August 5.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Workers from Kids Summer Shake Up, if you would like to keep your T-shirt, you can purchase it for \$5.** If you would like us to store it here to re-use next year, just bring it back to the office **clean** and folded.

**For those who participate in the church bowling league or who would like to get involved,** there will be a meeting on Sunday, August 5 in the parlor at 12:15pm. Please plan to attend to find out what's in store for this upcoming season.

## WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

*When IMPACT Night resumes on Wednesday nights this fall, there are places to serve* with our little ones, 4s and 5s, or any of our Pioneer Clubs. See Pam to get involved. There's also places to serve with our Stockade program. See Ron Orcutt to join the team.

*How about helping on Sundays?* We can use additional help in our Treasure Cove ministry and grades 3 and 4 Sunday School at 9:30am. See Pam to get involved, or mark your interest on the back of your Connect Card. Don't miss the great blessing of serving the Lord.

## PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*The PHCA office is closed through July 31 and will reopen on Wednesday, August 1 from 8:30am to 3:00pm.*

*PHCA has an opening for a part-time physical education teacher.* Applicants must be a born-again Christian, active in a local church, and have a great love for children. All interested applicants may contact the school administrator, Dave Griffey, at 440.845.8668.

*The Academy has a few grades this fall that still have space for your child!* 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). More information is available on our website, [www.phcawarriors.com](http://www.phcawarriors.com), or call 440.845.8668 to schedule a tour.

## KIDS SUMMER SHAKE-UP REPORT

It has been an amazing 9 months, as God revealed His plan for Kids Summer Shake-Up. It was exciting to see how the older kids especially wanted to give this new adventure a try. Thank you to each of you who gave and gave of yourself to carry out God's ministry. Lives were changed for all eternity, as daily we would learn about another group of children who gave their lives to Jesus. **Here's some highlights of the week:**



- You brought in over 3,500 snacks, supplied the special sugar cookies, and many of you worked behind the scenes to make preparations for the week.
- Each day there were over 200 workers who faithfully showed God's love to children.
- Almost 700 students were registered for the week, and they all heard about and experienced the love of Jesus. 80%+ were from the community.
- God worked through the children to provide money to purchase hygiene products and other needed items for the Chain of Love orphanage in Brazil.
- We continue to pray that God will draw many of these kids to Himself, because of what they heard and experienced at our first ever Kids Summer Shake-Up. Whether they were involved in the Obstacle Course, Create (a whole new way of looking at art), Wacky Science, Large Group Games, developing a beautiful butterfly garden at Nature Alive, and Bible Impact time, they were hearing about the love of Jesus. Staying in their small groups throughout the morning allowed them to develop relationships and get to know their leader on a deeper level, seeing God's love at work.
- Our preschool and kindergarten areas also provided a quality experience with loving teachers, as they had lots of fun and learned about the love of Jesus. So many seeds were planted.
- Tuesday, July 31 from 11:00am to 2:00pm is our Follow-Up Picnic for all the kids who made decisions at Kids Summer Shake-Up. Again, we can use your helping hands. Let the church office know if you can join us.

**PRAISE GOD** for His direction, presence, and changing of hearts during the Kids Summer Shake-Up. We are truly thankful for each of you who partnered with God this week to impact lives for eternity.

## MINISTRY ASSISTANT POSITION

**PHBC is looking to fill the position of Front Desk Ministry Assistant.** This position is part-time, 16-20 hours per week, Thursdays and Fridays with additional hours on a flexible basis as requested. The primary responsibilities include answering phones, assisting at the front counter, social media, approving room requests, event coordinating, and general ministry support as needed. Applications can be found in the church office.

# MINISTRY TRANSITION UPDATE

## Kathy Babitt – THANK YOU

For 26 years, God blessed PHBC with the constant and heartfelt ministry support of Kathy Babitt. Two weeks ago, Kathy shared with the staff that she decided to resign as administrative assistant, effective Friday, July 13. This news was also shared at all three services on Sunday, July 8. She has served in many support roles, such as administrative support for deacons, our last two senior pastors, membership, children’s ministry, funerals, weddings and so very much more. What people will most remember and appreciate about her service to Christ, is simply how she cared so deeply for people and had a knack for helping them in ways they didn’t even know they needed. Thank you, Kathy, for loving God and loving people!

## Annie Perusek – THANK YOU

Annie (Hickey) Perusek has been a PHBC administrative assistant for over 6 years. She started out full-time until she had an opportunity to teach drama part-time at a middle school two years ago. She and her husband, Eric, recently celebrated the birth of their second child. Annie has decided to teach two days a week and remain at home with her children the rest of the time. Annie’s last day will be Friday, August 3. Besides anchoring the front desk, Annie’s primary responsibilities have included our social media strategy, mailings, room reservations, and administrative support for senior adult ministries. Annie, thank you for blessing us with many years of joyful service to Christ!

# WHAT’S HAPPENING AT PHBC

JULY						
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### SUNDAY, JULY 22

Mission Team Leaves for Indianapolis  
All Church Meeting – 6:00pm/WC

### MONDAY, JULY 23

Mission Team Leaves for Washington DC

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

Mission Team Returns from Indianapolis  
Mission Team Returns from Washington DC

### TUESDAY, JULY 31

Follow-Up Picnic – 11:00am/pavilion

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Youth Beach Day – 10:00am

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 3-5

Youth SLAM Team Retreat

# PHBC LEADERSHIP STAFF

Kraig Anderson – Executive Pastor

Dan Adams – NextGen Pastor

Pam Scott – Children’s Pastor

Jon Perkins – Discipleship and Senior Adults Pastor

Tim Hunsicker – Connections Pastor

Matt Williams – Young Adults Pastor

Dave Griffey – Christian Schools Administrator

Jen Moench – Preschool Director



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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