

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

SERVING WITH POWER BY: MARK LAURENZI

In the middle of January, 11 men from PHBC had the joy of serving once again with POWER Men's Ministry along the Texas-Mexico border.

POWER Ministry is a mission to carry the gospel to Mexican nationals living in Mexican cities on the Texas border. The word POWER is an acronym for *Purposeful Outreach With Eternal Results*, and its driving verse is Acts 1:8. Men from all over the country meet in San Antonio and serve in three cities: Acuna, Reynosa, and Matamoros. During these visits, POWER undertakes missional work via construction projects, neighborhood visits called joy tours, and giving support to Magdiel Bible College, which is raising Mexico's next generation of ministry leadership. Each year, three separate groups undertake this mission, with each trip lasting one week. Eleven men participated in Week 1 and three will depart in March for Week 3.

The missionaries of POWER arrive from all over the country. They range in age, background, experience, and skills. One man, Luke Vance, is even 100 years old! However, despite this plurality, the unifying factor is Christ, the greatest linchpin in all of existence. Despite geographic, political, and experiential differences, the men put them aside for the greatest cause, the most daring race, and the highest mission of all; serving Christ and reaching the lost for Him.

The highlight of week one, to be sure, was the salvation of Lincoln Yee's friend Alan Lam. God used this trip to lead a man out of the lost wanderings of this world and into the eternal security and direction of His providence. It can truly be said that nothing ordinary happens on a POWER trip.

The team thanks those of you who supported us financially or with prayer. Due to God's generosity flowing through you, we are able to go. If you weren't able to donate this time, there are still other ways to give to the ministry. You can donate to the three men going in March. You can also visit www.powerministry.org to donate to the ministry via PayPal. Or you can find one of the POWER men and ask them for a raffle ticket, which gives you the chance to win some small prizes. You should hurry, as the tickets will be sent by the end of February. If you are a man and interested in the trip, you can visit the website or ask one of the POWER guys. If you cannot go to a mission, you can send the missionaries. Thank you for your time and God go with you.

POWER Group 1: Carl Burns, Bing Cheng, Allan Lam, Mark Laurenzi, Thomas Owens, Jon Perkins, Alfred Pickut, Ed Predota, Aaron Schaum, Dave Wozniak, Lincoln Yee

POWER Group 3: Terry Hickey, Mike Kling, Chris Piazza



MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Pray for the White Cross ladies at PHBC. Pray for them as they meet each month and wrap bandages for Cameroon. Pray also for them as they support our missionaries and missionary children. Pray for Betty Leshan as she leads White Cross.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

I love the LORD because He hears my voice. Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath. (Psalm 116:1a-2)

When we pray, our heavenly Father is leaning closer so He can hear what we are saying. What a loving Father!



AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the education of children in the village of Ahumbe. A school building is currently being built.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

New Life Class begins March 10 for children who are interested in baptism, church membership, or learning about drawing closer to Jesus. This is a 6-8 week class with Miss Pam, and meets on Sunday mornings. Children will need to bring a Bible and pencil each week and meet in C-5, once dismissed from the 11:00am service. Children in grades 1 and 2 need to have a parent attend with them. There will be Bible work the children do at home each week to get them in the habit of having daily quiet time with God. If your child seems ready and interested, please sign them up in the church office.

Do you need help shaping your son's/daughter's Pinewood Derby car? Men from our church will be on hand Wednesday, February 27 during IMPACT Night to help cut and sand cars so that your children, in grades 1-6 involved in Wednesday night clubs, can compete in the race. Equipment is provided, you just need to come with your child and their car, any time between 7:00 and 8:15pm. Regular meetings for Pioneer Club/Stockade/Treeclimbers, will be taking place, so kids may return to their rooms. **Children will not be allowed to go to the car building event without a responsible adult to accompany them.**



All children's workers, please join us for our annual breakfast and training on Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 to 11:00am in the FLC. We will be partnering with a security group that will equip us to deal with situations that face our world today. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am sharp, and teaching will begin as you eat. Beyond recognizing suspicious situations, we will be learning hands-on techniques for immediate protection. We will be performing classroom lockdown drills and using equipment that has been permanently installed in the classrooms. Following the hands-on practice sessions, our children's workers will return to the FLC to receive additional information from your children's ministry team. You will also receive your new worker name tag to be worn when you serve. Sign up in the glass walkway beginning March 3.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Attention, all students and parents! If you are interested in participating in one or more of our summer trips, please plan to attend our Summer Trips Information Meeting on February 24, immediately following the 11:00am service. We will meet in our Sr. High room, where we will give you all the important information about our trips for this summer! It is recommended that at least one parent attend with their interested teen.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Adult 101 Growth Group, along with high school seniors, are invited to an evening of ice skating on Saturday, March 16 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Details to come but mark your calendars and invite your friends!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

PHBC's new member seminar "All In" begins February 24. This highly interactive seminar will prepare you to be an active member at PHBC. Topics include salvation, baptism, the church structure, PHBC discipleship strategy, how to share the gospel with others. We want to help you to be *All In* at PHBC! Sign-up in the church office.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

We have learned that one of the mission organizations we support, Gospel for Asia (GFA), lost ECFA accreditation and has been unable to regain it after several years. ECFA provides accreditation to Christian nonprofits in the U.S. based on seven standards including items of doctrine, financial accountability and fundraising, transparency, and governance. You are probably familiar with the ECFA seal if you give to various mission organizations. As a result of this loss of accreditation, the Missions Committee decided to notify and stop support to GFA. We will reconsider support to GFA if ECFA accreditation is regained. A decision has not been made at this time as to the use of the funds budgeted to GFA.

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Are you looking for a place where you can take your love for Christ into our community by serving others?

University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for volunteers. There are many ways you can serve others. There are even fringe benefits including: free parking, complimentary meal on the day of service, annual complimentary flu vaccine, annual recognition luncheon, quarterly newsletters, and gift shop coupons. If you are interested in serving please contact the Auxiliary at UH Parma Medical Center at 440.743.2372 or email jill.kusmierek@UHhospitals.org.

On Friday, March 1 at 7:00pm in the worship center, you have an opportunity to be a part of a unique worship experience. The Judson University Choir, made up of students from across the country, will be leading us in a time of worship. This will include traditional and modern worship songs and choir arrangements designed to lift your soul. One of PHBC's own, Jacob Hunsicker, is a member of the Worship Choir. He would love to see the PHBC family come out and join their group for an evening of encouragement. Following the time of worship, there will be a light reception where you can meet and greet the students and faculty.

Hosting a baby shower for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center is a fun and easy way for your Growth Group to show your support! Most groups will invite their members to a casual get-together with a "gift list" that includes the most needed items that support the material needs of the CPC clients. A Cleveland Pregnancy Center representative is happy to answer your questions about hosting a baby shower, and often are able to attend the event. Interested in hosting a baby shower or need more information? Please contact Kim at 216.631.0964 or email volunteer@clevelandpregnancycenter.org. This is a great way to support one of the community ministries connected with PHBC.

It may seem like the Christmas season just ended, but PHBC is already looking forward to the 2019 celebration of Easter. Look for information coming soon about the commemoration of Good Friday and the celebration of Easter. Right now, we want to challenge and encourage the PHBC family to begin thinking about who you could invite to join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our risen Savior.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The 2018 Annual Report is now available. Pick up a copy on the literature shelf to find out how God has worked through the ministries at PHBC this past year.

Summer Intern applications are being taken for college students, who are pursuing ministry, and have preferably finished at least two years of schooling. Our interns gain a lot of experience with youth and children in just 10 weeks on the field. If you know of someone who may be interested, please direct them to our church office. Application deadline is March 1.

The PHBC Prayer Chain is our way of communicating prayer requests and needs with the church family. This email group is sent prayer requests as they come in to the church office throughout the week. This is also where deaths and funeral arrangements are communicated. If you have been missing out on this information and would like to be a part of our prayer chain, email the church office at info@phbaptist.org. Thank you for praying!

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Don't miss the blessing of making impressions that last for eternity in the lives of children. There are many opportunities right now to get involved on a weekly basis during 9:30am Sunday School or 11:00am Churchtime with preschoolers or grades 1-4. Or maybe you'd like to serve on rotation in our nursery/toddler area. Stop by the church office to pick up a worker screening packet, or talk to Pam about your interest, so we can help you find your place. Every worker must be a regular attender for at least 6 months, and then complete the worker screening process for the protection of the children and you as a worker.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

We are gearing up for our annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser. Please check out the Academy table located in the glass walkway or stop in the Academy office to pick up information to participate.

Kindergarten screening is Monday, March 4. Interested families should apply online and call or stop in the Academy office to schedule their new kindergartener's screening.

Open enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is now accessible to new families. More information is available on our website, www.phcawarriors.com. With questions or to schedule a tour, please contact Jen Robinson at 440.845.8668.

THANK YOU

Dear Parma Heights Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, visits, words of encouragement, and expressions of sympathy we received during Jerry's sickness and homegoing. Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. We are very grateful to have such a loving church family.

With great gratitude and love,
Phyllis and Chip Clapp
Jeff and Lauri Scott and Family

REVEALED BY: PAM SCOTT

Just recently, I attended the funeral of a 101-year-old lady, who had an impact on me when I was a child.

Ethel was one of my Sunday School teachers when I was in elementary school. I remember how she greeted us each week with a smile, and relayed how she was so glad to see each one of us.

As she creatively shared God's truths to us each week, her Bible was always open to emphasize that these were not her words, but God's Word to direct our lives. That always stuck with me, as I knew she was serious about us understanding that this truth was from God Himself. I believe until the day she died, God's Word was important to her.

Another thing that really stuck out to me was a mystery box that she had each week. We all got a turn to put our hand into the box to feel what was inside. Of course we couldn't see it, but just through touching it, we gained a glimpse of what it might be. Whoever came closest to identifying the treasure, would get to take it home – it was theirs.

As I was reflecting back to 57 years ago, I was reminded how Ethel relied on God's Word to help give her a glimpse of heaven. But upon her home going, those mysteries of heaven were revealed, and she is now experiencing the treasures to the fullest. I trust that each of us is spending time in God's Word, to help unveil the treasures God has for us each and every day. And that we, like Ethel, are passing on those same treasures as we point others to Jesus (1 Peter 1:23).



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

FEBRUARY/MARCH						
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

YA Bible Study – 3:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Food Pantry – 10:00am
GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Senior Adult Trip – 10:45am
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

All In Begins – 11:00am
YA Bible Study – 3:00pm
Puppet Team Rehearsal – 4:00pm/B-1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Food Pantry – 10:00am
GriefShare – 7:00pm/B-5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm
Pinewood Derby Workshop – FLC

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Judson Worship Choir – 7:00pm/WC

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Widow(er)s Banquet – 12:00pm/parlor



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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