

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

MARCH 17, 2019

ARE WE A “SCRAPPY CHURCH”? BY: TIM HUNSICKER

Today is Saint Patrick's Day, a day marked by many people talking about luck and good fortune.

I have taken the simple stance that “luck is for rabbits!” If you don't understand, just think about the superstition that a rabbit's foot brings good luck to the one who holds the foot, obviously not to the rabbit who lost the foot!

Now that I have your interest, let me share with you a few highlights about PHBC becoming a scrappy church. With the recent changes and changes still to come as God reshapes the ministry here, we need to be reminded that God is not done yet at PHBC. Tom Rainer, in his book Scrappy Church, encourages churches in transition to remain persistent and remember that the hope we have is God's hope and God's possibilities.

A “scrappy church” is a group of believers who refuse to give up and believe the best days with the greatest impact are yet to come through the power of God. Rainer suggests there are several transitions that need to take place by a church to set the foundation for transformational ministry to blossom:



- **Move from Excuses to Ownership** – We need to lean on God and quit making excuses for things.
- **Turn Obstacles to Allies** – Take the things and people that appear to be hindrances and through God's love turn them into allies and champions. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 – *“Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs.”*
- **Move from Limitations to Abundance** – Understand that God has all the resources needed to carry out His ministry at PHBC. Philippians 4:19 – *“And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*
- **Turn from Despair to Joy** – We need to shift our attitudes and dwell on the things that are praiseworthy. Philippians 4:4, 8 – *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*
- **Transition from Fear to Courage** – What are we afraid of? If God has placed us here, we need to carry out His ministry and take the Gospel boldly to a world that desperately needs to hear it. Joshua 1:9 – *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*
- **Move from Seeing the Impossible to the Possible** – Philippians 4:13 says, *“I am able to do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

Had the “unlucky” rabbit been a bit more “scrappy”, I suppose he would be in my backyard with all four feet eating my flowers as they come up this spring. Fully knowing PHBC's mission of **“Helping people find and follow Jesus Christ”**, we have the opportunity to decide if we are going to be “scrappy” and fight for the lost in our community, or continue the status quo and settle, running the risk of someday no longer being of use to God and His plan.



AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the children of Ahumbe. Pray that they will know Jesus as their personal Savior. This is a picture of them building the new school.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Russ and Deb Martin serve with YES in Dallas, Texas. They are able to help at the Wycliffe headquarters. Deb grew up at PHBC. Pray for Russ' continued good health. Pray that their work at Wycliffe will allow the translation of the Bible to continue.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father (Colossians 1:11-12a NLT).

Pray for God's strength so you can endure life with patience and joyfully give thanks to Him.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"HELP IS HERE" Children's Worker Breakfast and Training is Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 to 11:00am in the FLC. Whether you work with kids, youth, or other areas in the church, this is an important time to learn hands-on techniques to help keep our kids and youth safe. Besides this active training, we will be having a scrumptious breakfast, and update you on some children's procedures to assist in caring for the needs of today's kids. New worker name badges will also be issued. Sign up in the glass walkway. This training will be beneficial to all who attend, and it will be a special time together.



The Kids Summer Shake-Up team has been hard at work, refining old ideas, sharing new ideas, and planning for new activities, Bible challenges, and life-changing discussions. It's exciting to anticipate where God is taking us on this new adventure. But in order for us to be effective, we need YOU to get involved. There is literally a job for everyone, so don't miss out. On April 7, you will have the opportunity to commit to make an impact for eternity. So put July 15-19 on your calendar and begin praying about how God may use you to make a difference in the lives of kids.

For those of you who love to cut, there are some things you can begin using your scissors on for Kids Summer Shake-Up. Stop in the church office and pick up some work to do at home. Anything we can do now will be a huge help later. We are truly excited to see what God is going to do in the second year of this new adventure.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies, join us on Saturday, April 6 for Downpour. From 11:00am to 1:30pm, we will have a special time of encouragement, lunch, and showering the Cleveland Pregnancy Center with much needed items. Sign up in the glass walkway today for this free event. In the glass walkway, you will also find a list of needed items to donate to the CPC.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

White Cross is in need of white or light-colored sheets, preferably queen or king size. Drop off the sheets in the church office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PHBC is updating our church directory. While collecting and updating contact information for our Members and Regular Attenders, we can also update our church database. Please visit the table in the glass walkway to give us your family's current contact information. Turn in your form in the glass walkway today.

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Still looking for your place in ministry? We have some great opportunities on Sunday mornings during the 11:00am service to get involved with our 4s and 5s churchtime, or our Children's Church for grades 1-4, who are constantly making new discoveries. These are great places to serve as helpers and impact young lives as you interact with them. See Pam Scott to get involved, or mark your interest on the back of your Connect Card. If you are new here in ministry, stop by the church office and pick up a worker packet, so we can start taking steps to help you get involved. All workers complete a simple screening process before getting involved with our children or youth. So jump on board and serve the King of Kings with us – there's no greater privilege.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Support the Academy through the ongoing Shopping Card Program fundraiser. By picking just one business you regularly visit and committing to only go there with our gift/shopping cards in your wallet, you will help us keep tuition costs low for families. Stop by the Academy table in the glass walkway to purchase shopping cards at face value before you shop. Many cards are on hand right now and ready for you to take with you.

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.

REMEMBER BY: DAN ADAMS

Memory is a powerful gift from God. We're able to recall facts, figures, and past events instantly if we want to. We have the mental ability to relive some of our favorite moments.

Walks down memory lane transport us back to times and places we enjoy revisiting. I love to remember the events of May 26, 2001, when I married my wife.

Our memories can be funny and fickle things at times, too. I have phone numbers and Bible verses committed to memory. And yet I consistently forget to grab my coffee or lunch from the kitchen countertop when I leave for work.

Sometimes our memories take us by surprise, triggered by some outside stimulus. Just the other day I smelled someone popping popcorn, and I was immediately mentally back in the movie theater with my family the last time we went to see a film together. And yet for the life of me, I can't remember what movie we saw.

Our memories are a real gift from God. But He also knew we'd need reminders along the way – reminders of some of the most important things. This past Sunday was one of those reminders for our church family: Communion Sunday. In each of our services we gathered around the communion table to remember Christ's sacrifice for our sins. It's good to remember.

Jesus gave us these very real and familiar reminders, so that we wouldn't forget His love for us. At the last supper, He said to His followers:

This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:24)

This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:25)

Of all of the things that our Savior could ask us to remember, He reminds us of His great love, His powerful sacrifice, and our forgiveness in Him.

But memories are funny and fickle things. Sometimes, instead of His sacrifice and forgiveness, I remember my guilt and shame. It's in these moments that I need another reminder. A reminder of what Christ chooses not to remember.

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. (Hebrews 8:12)

I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. (Hebrews 10:17)

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:10-12)

For those of us who have confessed our sins to Christ, trusting Him for forgiveness and salvation, we don't need to hold on to the burden of guilt and shame. Instead, we get to remember Christ, and His great love for us!

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

MARCH						
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17		19	20		22	23
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SUNDAY, MARCH 17

All In – 11:00am/B-5
New Life Class – 11:20am/C-5

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Senior Adult Trip – 11:00am
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Pinewood Derby Race – 6:30pm/FLC
IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

PHCA Spring Concert – 7:00pm/WC
Family Cavs Night – 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Children's Worker Breakfast – 8:00am/FLC

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

All In – 11:00am/B-5
New Life Class – 11:20am/C-5

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

PHBC LEADERSHIP STAFF

Dan Adams – Interim Senior Pastor

Pam Scott – Children's Pastor

Jon Perkins – Discipleship and Senior Adults Pastor

Tim Hunsicker – Connections Pastor

Matt Vince – Interim Youth Director

Dave Griffey – Christian Schools Administrator

Jen Moench – Preschool Director



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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