

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

JULY 7, 2019

LET FREEDOM RING! BY: SHANE PREWITT

The Fourth of July is a very special day for our country as we take time out of our busy schedules to celebrate the wonderful gift of freedom that we enjoy as a nation.

There has never been a nation of people who have enjoyed the immense freedoms that we have as Americans. The freedoms that we have today come as a direct result of the bravery of our men and women who have put everything on the line and sacrificed themselves to fight on our behalf.

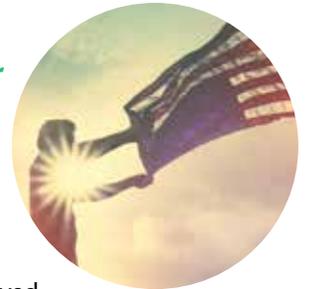
As important as this freedom is, as Christians, we are reminded of another type of freedom that we have received.

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom** (2 Corinthians 3:17, emphasis added).*

Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf has resulted in immeasurable freedoms for us. We have been given freedom from condemnation, guilt, sin, and death. Not only did His sacrifice free us from those tyrannical enemies, but His sacrifice brought us into an endless wealth of spiritual blessings. We now have the freedom to live daily in intimate relationship with the God of the universe who delights in blessing His children.

As followers of Jesus, we have even more reason to celebrate on Independence Day. Not only has God blessed us in a nation of freedom, but He has also given us freedom from the things that once held us spiritually hostage and brought us into a new, vibrant relationship with Himself.

Happy Independence Day!



MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Tim and Cara Hunsicker serve with ABWE while living in Parma. Pray for Tim as he balances his work as Project Manager for ABWE and his work as Connections Pastor at PHBC. Tim is an architect for various missionary projects. Pray also for their children as Madison begins married life and Jacob finished his summer internship and then begins his senior year at Judson College in Illinois.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

You came to my rescue, LORD, and saved my life. (Lamentations 3:58)

Pray for the children who will attend Kids Summer Shake-Up. Pray, as they learn this verse, that they will understand that Jesus came to rescue them and accept His salvation for their lives.





AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Our help in Ahumbe has allowed a missionary school to begin. Local students are being prepared to become missionaries that are sent out from Ahumbe. Please continue to pray for the people of Ahumbe. Pray that their lives are becoming better because of the clean water, education, and jobs to sustain a living that we are trying to provide. Pray that our help in their lives will draw them to know Jesus as their Lord. Pray also regarding your possible involvement in a mission trip to Ahumbe. Let Paul Bartlett know if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's hard to believe, but it's almost here, our second year of Kids Summer Shake-Up, July 15-19. There is still lots to do, so don't miss out on this great opportunity to serve the King of Kings, and point kids to Jesus. Where can you help?

- Pray! Pray! Pray! Only God can change hearts, and we are asking Him to do that in the lives of the kids He sends our way. Let's all pray together for people to see Jesus, and desire to follow after Him.
- We can still use many helping hands in our preschool and kindergarten areas, as well as a few more group leaders. Sign up today in the glass walkway, or call Pam in the church office, as we impact lives for eternity together, July 15-19.
- Training for all volunteers involved in any area of grades 1-6 Kids Summer Shake-Up is next Sunday, July 14 from 10:45am to noon in the FLC. If you missed the last training, make sure you are at this one, so Shake-Up can run most effectively in getting God's truth to kids.
- Work Day for Kids Summer Shake-Up is Wednesday, July 10 from 9:00am to noon. Stop by the church office so we can coordinate all your helping hands.
- Many many more pre-packaged snacks are needed (chips, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.) Please bring them to the church office any time this week.
- Missions Project: Our goal is to raise \$2,400 to send to our NAB Chain of Love Homes in Brazil. They would love to be able to buy every child a new outfit with the money raised.



The Follow-Up Picnic will be held on Thursday, July 25 for children who made decisions to follow Jesus during Kids Summer Shake-Up. We can use many helping hands. Let the church office know if we can count on you to reconnect with the kids. The picnic is 11:00am to 2:00pm. Workers should be here and ready to go by 10:45am.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The 41st Annual Men of Valor Retreat is coming September 27-29 at Camp Burton. Our speaker will be Barry Young and the cost will be same as last year, \$120 for the whole weekend. Sign-up will be online starting July 21. Any questions, please ask Dan Buncher or Justin Milam.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women of PHBC, summer is here, and you deserve a night to relax! Join us on Wednesday, July 24 at 6:00pm for *Sweet Tea*. Let's take an evening to picnic in the pavilion, enjoy the long summer evening, and make time to be together. Invite your friends and spread the word! If you're interested in helping, email Pastor Jon at jperkins@phbaptist.org.

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Connecting with One Another – Pastor Shane, Charlene and Chase's Installation Service and Welcome
We want to say a big thank you to the dozens of volunteers who helped make the Prewitts' introduction to the PHBC family and the Parma/Parma Heights community a special evening. The planning, hard work and attention to detail and excellence shows how

much each of you care for the church family and our surrounding community. The evening was a special time for the Prewitt family to begin their ministry and for the PHBC family to connect with one another. Thank you!

Connecting with Our Guests – Serving as a Guest Ambassadors, Greeters, or A-Team Member

Do you enjoy interacting with other people? If you do and you are looking for a place to minister at PHBC, let us know. We would love to train you in one of our guest relations areas, place you with a mentor, and prepare you to serve. Connect with Tim Hunsicker by calling the church at 440.886.6100, or email him at thunsicker@phbaptist.org. He will set up a time to talk with you about how you can be a part of this team.

Connecting with Our Community – The Cleveland City Mission Stand In

Thank you to everyone from PHBC who joined The Cleveland City Mission on June 29 for Stand In. Over 3,000 participants stood up for the 3,000 homeless children in the Cleveland Municipal School District. We were joined by over 113 other churches from across the greater Cleveland area showing God's church is much larger than PHBC and together we can begin to make a difference in the lives of these kids. To see a recap of the event, go to The Cleveland City Mission's video at <https://vimeo.com/345531109>. You can also go to The City Mission's website for next steps opportunities.

PHBC will be organizing a personal hygiene drive to collect items for Love INC. These items will be put into care packages to be given away to those in need. Many times people forget the comforts of having personal care products available and these are often missed items when helping the homeless in great need. The drive at PHBC will be taking place in August. Look for more details to come, including the types of items needed.

Thank you for everyone who donated loose change collected from Mother's Day to Father's Day! The CPC reported that \$1,756 was donated through this simple and easy giving period. The CPC has extended an offer to the PHBC family for tours of the center and to experience the work that is happening firsthand. If you are interested, please contact Bob Hershey, the executive director of the CPC, at 216.631.0964.

You can be an integral behind-the-scenes participant in the Cleveland Pregnancy Center by participating in Prayer Life. Prayer Life is a gathering of believers praying for the ministry of the CPC. A report just issued by Care-Net stated "51% of women agree that churches do not have a ministry prepared to discuss options during an unplanned pregnancy and 70% of women who have had an abortion indicate their religious preference is Christian." Gathering to pray for this important partner ministry of PHBC is critical to changing the statistics and hearts of singles and couples in unplanned pregnancies. The group will meet at the CPC's offices at 3924 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland on Monday July 8.

You are invited to join others who support the CPC on July 19 for a night at the Lake Erie Crushers Ballpark located at 2009 Baseball Blvd in Avon, Ohio. First pitch is at 7:00pm and tickets are \$10 per person and includes fireworks after the game! Tickets are available at the CPC's website: <http://clevelandpregnancycenter.org>. This is not a fundraiser but a time for the pro-life community to come together, take in a fun baseball game and help getting the CPC's name and ministry out to others.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

The Mission Team is in the process of organizing the next trip to PHBC's adopted village of Ahumbe, Nigeria. This trip is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of November 2019. If you feel that God could be calling you to participate, please contact Paul Bartlett as soon as possible. An information meeting will be scheduled for those interested. Email prbartlett@wowway.com or call 216.433.0122.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our PHBC family will be going to see the Cleveland Indians baseball game on August 23 at 7:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person. This game is a dollar dog night and a fireworks night. Tickets go on sale on Sunday, July 7. See Dan Buncher or Justin Milam in the welcome center.

The PHBC Bowling League is having an informational meeting. If you are interested in joining or want to know more, join us in B-5 after the 11:00am service on August 4.

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Do you like to paint? We are looking for people to help paint the first floor of the Academy wing beginning July 22. We will have two weeks to paint the walls before the new carpet arrives. We will have people painting both during the day and the evenings, and on Saturday, July 27. Please let Dan Buncher know when you might be available by calling the church office or emailing dbuncher@phbaptist.org.

BETTER TOGETHER BY: SHANE PREWITT

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit (I Corinthians 12:12-13, emphasis added).

What a journey we have all been on over the past year. If you would have told me at the turn of the year, that before July my family and I would have moved from Michigan to Ohio, I would not have been able to comprehend it. But the Lord in His goodness graciously opened the door for us to be here at Parma Heights Baptist Church, and I can't begin to express to you how excited we are to be a part of this church body. And that is exactly who we are. We are the body of Christ. While we are made up of many different members, we are one.



If you haven't figured it out by now, you will soon: I love the church. Make no mistake about it; the church is not a perfect place. That's true because none of us are perfect. We all have our share of faults, and we tend to bump into one another from time to time, but we do have a perfect Savior who loves us and never gives up on us. And Jesus thinks His church is pretty important. He even calls us His bride. He has a home waiting for us one day in heaven, but right now, He wants us to be about the business of building His church.

I am convinced from Scripture that healthy churches are growing churches. The more we surrender ourselves to His rule and His power, the more effective we will be in our world. One of the things that you simply cannot get past from Jesus' plan for His church is that He expects us to build His church together. There are no superstars in the church other than Jesus. We all have a role to play and we need each other.

As we look towards the future of PHBC, we have every reason to dream big dreams together. There is no reason the best days cannot still yet be ahead of us. But this will only happen as we surrender to the Master Architect's plan for His church. And while there are many aspects of church health that we must consider, be assured of this, a health church can only be healthy when we have a fundamental understanding that "we do it better when we do it together."

And I for one can't wait to get started joining together with our church family in fulfilling the Lord's will for PHBC.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

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SUNDAY, JULY 7

Ice Cream Social – 6:00pm/pavilion

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Summer Shake-Up Work Day – 9:00am

White Cross – 11:30am/parlor

Youth Messy Olympics – 2:00pm

Prayer First Gathering – 7:00pm/pavilion

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Shake-Up Training – 10:45am/FLC

MONDAY, JULY 15

Kids Summer Shake-Up – 9:20am

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Kids Summer Shake-Up – 9:20am

Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/pavilion

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Kids Summer Shake-Up – 9:20am

Youth Pow Wow – 6:30pm/pavilion

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Kids Summer Shake-Up – 9:20am

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Kids Summer Shake-Up – 9:20am

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Costa Rica Mission Trip Departure



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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