

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

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It was on my mind all summer. Well, maybe not ALL summer, but definitely the last month or so.

I remember the excitement of going back for my sophomore year of college and the angst of knowing that I'd hurt my best friend.

We had hung out the rest of the summer, and I had plenty of opportunities to come clean. Each time I saw him, my throat got tighter and tighter, knowing I had to tell him while at the same time hoping he hadn't found out. Summer ended and I was back at school. I still remember thinking, *Well, I dodged a bullet.*



The phone rang – this was before cell phones were commonplace – and I answered mainly because I had no idea who was on the other end. It was, of course, my best friend, asking not why I kissed her (a girl he liked), but why I didn't tell him. He never lost his temper or raised his voice but the hurt was evident. Although this happened 21 years ago this month, our friendship was never the same.

Yes, not the best story, and no, I am not proud of myself, but that unfortunate and unpleasant phone call taught me some valuable lessons and changed my life. That conversation was the tipping point for me realizing that I didn't know Christ on any level. My life with Christ started just a few days later, and of course, my life has not been the same since.

But the other valuable lesson was the power of reconciliation. Sounds weird, I know, especially since I just mentioned that our friendship was never the same, but him calling me and being honest with me was just as influential then as it is today.

That call taught me that it's okay to have that tough conversation. It couldn't have been easy for him to call me or for him to not just scream at me. He let me know that I'd let him down and gave me a chance to apologize. I think a lot of times when we read Matthew 18:15-17, we don't follow through because we are nervous or scared to even broach the topic. We'd rather ignore the situation or the person instead of having a difficult talk. I encourage you to not be scared of the conversation because it will help bring peace to you and the other person.

Just my luck, the next time I was home for break, I ran into him at the movies. Although I knew our friendship had changed, when I saw him it was like a huge weight was lifted off of me. I wasn't hiding anything from him and he allowed that to happen. See, when we have an offense against someone, often times they know they have hurt us in some way and are avoiding us and the situation the same way we are avoiding them and the situation. But if we confront them in a loving way, that allows the burden to not just be removed from us, but also from them.

AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Please continue to pray for the work being done in Ahumbe. Pray that the families hurt by the explosion in July will receive the medication they need and that the children will be cared for. Pray also for the teachers and the students who will be beginning school soon.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Russ and Deb Martin serve with YES at the International Linguistic Center in Dallas. They had to return from the mission field a few years ago due to Russ's health. Pray that Russ's kidney doesn't cause him problems. Pray also for Deb as she has some periodontal problems currently. Deb grew up at PHBC.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

...he [Cornelius] gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. An angel came to him in a vision and said, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God!" (Acts 10:2, 4)

When you pray regularly, irregular things happen on a regular basis.
– Mark Batterson



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Heart-2-Heart is a safe place for women to grow in their relationship with Jesus and each other and really be their whole selves. This is where healing begins. Through meaningful conversation, we find healing where it's needed. The book for this season is *It's Not Supposed To Be This Way*. Heart-2-Heart will meet during IMPACT Night on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 4. Please register in the glass walkway by September 1 in order to participate due to the confidential nature of the group. Cost is \$13 for the book.

Life With Kids is a Growth Group that meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in D-28. We are starting a new study looking through Randy Alcorn's famous book *Heaven*. As Alcorn addresses our most serious questions about heaven, including the nature of judgment, and answers a few of our less serious questions as well, including the accessibility of cafe mochas in the sweet by and by. Come with your own questions and thoughts as we discuss and collaborate together. This class is open to people of all ages (even if you don't have kids).

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Come discover God's purpose for your money at Love INC's Faith and Finance class being offered at PHBC during the fall session of IMPACT on Wednesday nights beginning September 4. This class is for those just starting out and learning how to manage money, those that don't have a lot of extra money to spare, those desiring to overcome financial obstacles of life, or those who want to save more and pay off debt. Each evening will begin with a small meal served at 6:00pm followed by the highly interactive course. There is a nominal \$10 per person cost for the materials you receive during the course, but scholarships are available through Love INC for those in need. To sign up, please contact Love INC at 216.459.0302 or email meesh@loveinccuy.org. The deadline to sign up is August 28.



Do you enjoy mentoring another person or couple? Do you manage your finances responsibly? If so, you may be an "Ally" candidate. Each participant or couple attending the Faith and Finance class is matched up with an ally or mentor for the duration of the class and then for several months beyond. You need to have the recommendation of a pastoral staff member, fill out an application, attend two weeks of training prior to the start of the sessions, attend all sessions, and provide follow-up mentoring and discipleship after the course is finished. If you are interested in being an ally, contact Tim Hunsicker at thunsicker@phbaptist.org.

A great way to be a part of supporting the Cleveland Pregnancy Center is by joining with others from across the greater Cleveland area in prayer. The CPC hosts a ministry prayer night at 6:30pm the third Thursday of each month at their offices at 3924 Loraine Avenue. Praying for the work of the CPC and those that will be impacted by this ministry is the foundation for any of the work done by the team and you can be a vital part with your participation.

Please join the Fitch Growth Group as they become a "Dementia Friend". Through a 1-hour session, you will learn about what it is like to live with dementia and then turn that understanding into action. From telling others about the Dementia Friends program to visiting those living with dementia, every action counts! The Growth Group has organized the training to better equip the church family with the skills needed to serve others. There will be the opportunity at a later date to minister in a local memory care unit. If interested, please join the Fitch Growth Group on September 16 at 7:15pm in B-5.

LOVE INC HYGIENE DRIVE

There are still two weeks left in August for you to stuff the trailer as PHBC collects personal hygiene items for distribution by Love INC to those in great need. Imagine not having basic hygiene items like shampoo, toothpaste, razors, etc. because you had to pay your mortgage or put gas in your car to get to work. These simple personal items can give a person who is unable to purchase them great comfort. Lists of needed items are available in the glass walkway and on the literature rack.



MEN'S MINISTRY

The 41st Annual Men of Valor Retreat is September 27–29 at Camp Burton. Our speaker will be Barry Young, and the cost is \$120 for the whole weekend. Sign up online at www.phbaptist.org. Stop by the glass walkway for assistance signing up or if you have any questions.

Bangers and Bangers – oh wait, Bangers and BIKES! Join us Friday, September 13 from 4:30 to 9:00pm. For more information, contact Dan Buncher.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

There's still time to sign up for Deep56. It's an opportunity for 5th and 6th graders to dig deeper in God's Word. Participants in this class must be a regular Sunday School attendee and have already completed New Life class. Applications are on the literature shelf and must be turned in to Pam by August 25. Deep56 classes will start on September 8.

Promotion Celebrations will take place during Sunday School on August 25. Children going into grades 1 and 4 will receive new Bibles. Children moving into new grade level departments will start in their new classes on September 8.



So what's happening with kids on September 1 during our combined Worship in the Woods at 10:30am? Nursery through Kindergarten and Treasure Cove will have Sunday School in their rooms, while grades 1-6 will worship with their families in the Cross of Hope Pavilion.

Sonshine & Gang Puppet Team has a place for you! 5th graders through senior adults serve together on this unique, effective, and fun team. Pick up an application on the literature shelf today and return it to the church office by the end of August. Rehearsals are generally a couple of Sundays a month from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Our kick-off picnic will be at Pam's house on Sunday, September 22 from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Hey kids, don't miss IMPACT Night starting September 4, 7:00 to 8:30pm! There is something for everyone!

- **Ages 0-3** are well taken care of by loving adults, while the children enjoy playing together in an atmosphere filled with God's love. *(Parents need to remain on the premises).*
- **Ages 4-5 and Kindergarten:** Excitement, questions, a desire to try new things, plus wanting to learn more about God characterizes this fast-moving age group. These children begin to learn how God is interested in every area of their lives through Bible stories, singing, crafts, and snacks.
- **Pioneer Clubs for girls:** Whether they are in Voyagers (grades 1 & 2), Pathfinders (grades 3 & 4), or Trailblazers (grades 5 & 6), the girls experience games, creative projects, special events, helping others, Bible adventures, fun group outings, skill building activities, and making new friends.
- **Christian Service Brigade for boys:** (Tree Climbers: grades 1 & 2 and dads, Stockade: grades 3-6, and Battalion: grades 7-12) These boys build strong relationships with one another and God as they experience games, Bible truths, camping, hands-on activities, backpacking trips, and practical skills training.

Come out and bring your friends for IMPACT Night, 7:00 to 8:30pm each Wednesday. It's a fun growing experience for all! See you on Wednesday, September 4.

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

There are many opportunities to serve in our children's ministry areas, from nursery through grade 6 on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. See Pam, she'll be glad to help you find your niche. Don't miss out on the great joy of serving our Lord together!

There is an urgent need for men who are willing to help in Stockade (grades 3-6) on Wednesday nights. This is a great opportunity to help mentor these young men. Please contact Matt Vince or Ron Orcutt if interested.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is starting up a new year on Friday, September 13. This year we are also introducing MOMSnext, so all moms of babies through school age children are invited. MOPS & MOMSnext is a place offering friendship, encouragement, community, support, and growth. We meet the second Friday of every month at 9:30am in the parlor. For more information, see Christen Spatholt or email mopsofphbc@gmail.com. Check us out on Facebook at *MOPS of PHBC*. We are also in need of volunteers to help with childcare during the meetings so our moms have uninterrupted fellowship time.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PHCA office hours, beginning August 22, will be from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

We still have a selection of shopping cards available in the office for purchase. Please call or stop by the office to see what is available.

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 from 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, or call 440.845.8668 to speak with Jen Robinson.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who took time out of your Saturday to help move Mom (Eloise Wilson)! Your help was greatly appreciated: Paul Bartlett, Jeff Hemme, Steve Matzek, and Jim Nesbitt.

– The Ramsey Family

The long awaited change to the Academy hallways is complete! New paint on the walls and new carpet on the floor creates a fun and sophisticated new look. We want to thank the Monday Morning guys, Elly Shubert, Tim Church, Tim Hunsicker, Roman Pyzh, Mike and Staci Kling, Patty Buncher, Della Gray, and Linda Johnson for all the hard work they did helping get this project done. We also thank Interfinish Floor for installing the carpet and going above and beyond when the job turned out to be harder than planned. Thank you also to the church members and school board for your financial support so we could pull this off. Thank you to anyone else I might have missed. This project definitely changes the look for everyone that comes into our building.



Thank you,
Dan Buncher and the Property Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PHBC

AUGUST						
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
Swingtime Concert – 6:00pm/pavilion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
Prayer First Gathering – 6:00pm/pavilion

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
Food Pantry – 10:00am



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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