

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

WE REMEMBER 9/11 BY: SHANE PREWITT

This past week marked eighteen years since our nation experienced the tragedies that took place on 9/11.

Our country was forever changed on that fateful day in which almost 3,000 people were killed through those acts of terrorism. On social media, there was a reminder going around that on September 10 eighteen years ago, 3,000 people had no idea that they were spending the last night of their lives with their family and friends.

That is a sobering thought.

And it is one that we should reflect upon.

Over and over again, God warns us in the Bible to not take our lives for granted. One of the most familiar passages in the Bible that speaks to this theme is found in James 4:13-14:

"Come on, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

I started pastoring my first church a month after the events of 9/11, and one of the lessons I have continually been reminded of is the lesson of not taking life for granted. It is true that we just never know what any day may bring. Life is so fragile, and in a matter of seconds it can change dramatically for any one of us. Things are not always going to be the same as they are now, and we will face many twists and turns in this life. Sometimes these twists will involve the pain of loss and death.

This is why God tells us we are to be well aware of the fragile nature of our lives. We need to learn to take advantage of each moment that we are given in this world. Hold on to those who are around you and make sure you are investing yourself into the lives of others. At the end of day, people will not remember us for all the things we accumulated in life, or the toys we bought or played with, or even the job titles that we earned. But they will remember the moments in time they shared with us.

Because of the fragile nature of life, we have to be really good at holding on to the most important and letting go of the things that weigh us down. Instead of holding on to hurts and hang-ups, be quick to give them over to God and learn how to treasure the people that He places in your life. Make sure you are following the Greatest of all Commands as taught by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40, *"Love the Lord Your God with all of your heart...and love your neighbor as yourself."*

Let us forever be reminded to take advantage of every precious moment that the Lord blesses us with on this earth.

Because eighteen years ago, 3,000 people didn't know they were about to leave this world and enter into eternity. They didn't know September 10, 2001 would be the last time they would have dinner with their spouse or play with their kids.



AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

We rejoice and give thanks to God with the people of Ahumbe that the school roof has been completed, just in time for classes and the heaviest rains of the year. Roofs are very expensive in Africa; this is why so many huts and homes still have thatched roofs. Roofs are also extremely important, not just to provide protection from the rain and shade from the sun, but also to protect the building itself.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Jeff and Beth work with Global Hope Network International. Jeff travels widely throughout Africa and the Middle East. Pray for the many villages where Jeff's workers are trying to transform their way of life through better water, education, food, and income generation. They are continually thankful for everyone who has partnered with them in prayer and financially.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

"Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25 NIV)

Pray that we would continue to come together to worship the Lord and to encourage one another.



CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Join others from across northeast Ohio at Love INC's annual fundraiser at 6:00pm on September 28 at Church on the Rise in Westlake. You can RSVP directly to Love INC at 216.459.0302 or email michelle@loveincucuy.org. Festivities include special guest and retired Browns player, Reggie Hodges.

You are invited to join the Fitch Growth Group as they become a "Dementia Friend" this week. Through a one-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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our annual community Fall Family Festival is just around the corner. Reserve October 26 on your calendar from 12:30 to 3:00pm for a great afternoon of games, food, candy, prizes, and much more. Bring the whole family, and invite your friends for this free fun event. We will need many helping hands to make this happen, so watch for opportunities to get involved and make your commitment early to help host and make this event special for everyone. We will also be collecting 600 bags of wrapped candy to share with all the kids. Don't miss the fun and connections with our community.

The kids fall retreat for grades 3-6 involved in Pioneer Clubs and Stockade is only three weeks away, October 5-6. It's not too late to join us on Wednesday nights and still take part in this great retreat. Permission slips are due September 25.

Is your child asking about baptism, church membership, or growing as a Christian? Then it may be time for them to participate in the next New Life Class for children. It begins October 13 and continues through the end of November. Children will join Miss Pam in C-5 once dismissed from the 11:00am service. Children in grades 1 or 2 must have a parent attend with them. Please sign up in the church office, and make sure your child brings a Bible and a pencil each week.

Parent-Child Dedications will all be held on a yearly basis on Mother's Day, unless there are special circumstances to accommodate. We look forward to celebrating these special milestones in the lives of our families.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The OneEightyOne Youth Ministry Calendar is available at www.oneeightyone.org on the Events & Calendar page. Be sure to check there early and often, as any changes and all important information will be available there first!

Wednesday, September 25 will be Growth Group Night from 7:00 to 8:30pm. If you're not part of a Growth Group, now's the time to join to enjoy these nights where your Growth Group chooses an activity to do together.

See You at The Pole on Wednesday, September 25 is a national movement calling for student-led prayer at every school across the nation. You can get more info and tools to help organize a time of prayer at your school at www.syatp.com.

Friday, September 27 is the monthly meeting of GEMS (Girls Enthusiastically Modeling the Savior) for all girls in grades 7-12. They are meeting at the Mischs' home for s'mores and a bonfire. Details can be found on the calendar at www.oneeightyone.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men of Valor Retreat is coming September 27–29 at Camp Burton. If you haven't paid, please do so online today.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women, there is a new Bible study starting on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:45am. In this 7-week study, we will be working through the book *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks* by Priscilla Shirer, daughter of Dr. Tony Evans. Sign up and purchase your book in the glass walkway through September 22 before and after the 9:30am service. This study will begin September 24.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The PHBC food pantry is here to minister to needs within our church family. The food pantry is open from 10:00am to 12:00pm the last Monday of every month. Currently our food pantry is in need of donations in the following areas to help restock our shelves: toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, pudding cups, macaroni, and cake mixes. If you are able help with these items, please drop off your donations in the wooden carts in the glass walkway.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PHCA office hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

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.

SUMMER INTERN THANK YOU



Dear PHBC Family,

Thank you so much for a great summer experience of serving the church. It was my joy to get to know everybody. Parents, thank you for entrusting us with your kids over the summer. I loved my time getting to connect with all the students. The children and the teenagers in this church are very special. I know that God has great things in store for them this school year. Thank you for every moment of the summer that I got to spend with you all.

This internship provided a great space to learn a lot this summer. I learned all the behind the scenes planning and preparation it takes to pull off events. I was able to practice my teaching a lot this summer and improve throughout the summer. I learned that there needs to be a high level of commitment to a ministry in order to make an impact. I have learned a lot in the classroom, and it was great to put it use this summer. As always, the classroom is useful in preparation and training, but there is nothing like hands on experience. There is no doubt that I have grown and learned a lot about ministry in my time here.

Thank you for all the memories that I have gained throughout the summer. This internship program is something very special. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of PHBC for the summer. I have loved every moment.

Much Love,
Isaac Eames

Wow, PHBC! Thank you, thank you, thank you for a summer that will forever hold a piece of my heart. God has so evidently handpicked the people of your church to serve and grow in a community of strong believers. I was so encouraged to meet you all. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes and hearts. The biggest thing that I learned this summer was how to adapt and love people that are so uniquely different than me. You have amazing youth that are going to do great things to serve the kingdom. You also have amazing children that are excited to learn about God and passionate about loving others. Don't forget to encourage them and support them as I know you do. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. I really am coming away from this summer with a renewed sense of God's presence and leading for my life. I hope this is not a goodbye but rather a see you again soon!

– Angela Farlow



THANK YOU

I want to thank so many of you for your support during my husband's illness (Len Gavlen) all the way back to last year until the good Lord called him home on May 20 of this year. From Pastor Dan Adams, George and Betty Leshan, Pastor Jon Perkins, Walt Cooper, Kathy and Tom Babitt, and the team who put delicious food together for the funeral services. Linda McMillen who had assisted with home care for Len, and countless others from our church family who constantly were checking in on us and doing so many good deeds (praying, calling, visiting, encouraging, sending cards, generous gifts, helping with funeral/burial arrangements, the list goes on and on). God is so good, and we have been so blessed to be a part of this church family who are so loving and considerate.

With much love and gratitude,

– Paula Gavlen

Once again, I want to say thank you to Pastor Shane, our Deacons, and our PHBC Family for providing a wonderful mini-sabbatical in August. We enjoyed great time as a family. I was able to get caught up on some fun/needed projects, and was able to get away for some rest. This was a real blessing. We look forward to this next season of ministry with you all!

– Dan Adams

We want to send a special thank you to Parma Heights Baptist Church. They graciously collected toiletries throughout August for our Clothing Ministry. Cuyahoga County residents are not able to purchase toiletries with their county benefits. We will be able to continue to bless residents with personal hygiene products, paper products and cleaning products to alleviate some of the financial burden of families in need.

– Excerpt from Love INC September Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER						
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Back to Church Sunday!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Senior Adult Trip – 10:30am
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GuestLink – 10:35am/B-5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-29

Men's Retreat

PHBC LEADERSHIP STAFF

Shane Prewitt – Senior Pastor

Dan Adams – Associate Pastor

Pam Scott – Children's Pastor

Jon Perkins – Discipleship and Senior Adults Pastor

Tim Hunsicker – Connections Pastor

Matt Vince – Interim Youth Director

Sarah Likowski – Interim Christian Schools Administrator

Jen Moench – Preschool Director



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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