

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

OCTOBER 13, 2019

MORE THAN CONQUERORS BY: DAN ADAMS

Have you ever walked away from a Sunday morning sermon thinking, "He was preaching directly to me, how did he know?!" When it's a sermon filled with love, compassion, and hope, that's a very encouraging feeling. Other times, it's quite different, leaving us feeling challenged and convicted, and rightly so.

Based on some of the conversations, and my personal experience, I know Pastor Shane's series "Baggage" has been resonating with many of us. (If you've missed any of the messages, you can find them at www.phbaptist.org/media)



Releasing the baggage of emotional hurt, addictions, depression, and the burdens from the past can be challenging. But there is hope and help from God! Over the past few weeks I've been encouraged by, and have shared these verses of encouragement with various people who want to be released from the past.

If you're carrying around baggage from the past, a burden that is weighing you down, remember this – your past doesn't have to define you or rule over you. Scripture is clear – we are **more than conquerors**. Take a few minutes to meditate on the following verses, and let them guide your thinking and actions today.

- *So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. (Romans 8:1-2 NLT)*
- *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angles nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)*
- *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)*
- *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*
- *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

Through Jesus Christ we have been forgiven and set free. We are more than conquerors. Today you get to do more than survive – you get to thrive, through Him.



AHUMBE PRAYER CORNER

Please continue to pray for the people of Ahumbe. Pray for the students as they attend schools we helped build. This is a photo of a brick-making machine that was used to make the bricks to build the school.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Pray for Ashley Tengler as she works with middle and high school students in Independence City Schools, partnering with Campus Crusade. Pray that students will be open to meet with the Campus Crusade staff. Pray also that city officials will continue to support Campus Crusade activities. Pray that God will draw more workers to help them with their club activities.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

“But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God’s love...”
(Jude 20-21a MSG)

Prayer builds up your faith so you stay in the center of God’s love.



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

It’s just around the corner... Our annual Fall Family Festival is October 26 from 12:30 to 3:00pm. We have a great opportunity to make a loving touch on our community, to provide a fun experience for families, and most importantly to allow God’s love to show through us. But we need your help to make it happen! Here’s what is still needed:

- 545 more bags of wrapped candy to be brought in to the church office for distribution.
- For everyone to pass out flyers and invite your neighbors, sports teams, and friends.
- Attend with your family.
- Sign up to help with:
 - Set-up, followed by prayer and lunch (10:00am to noon)
 - Run a game, face paint, or other miscellaneous opportunities (noon to 3:00pm)
 - Clean-up (3:00 to 4:00pm)
 - PRAY for God to do great things.

This event takes place rain or shine, as we have an indoor and outdoor plan. There will be something for everyone at this family event. Don’t miss it!



YOUTH MINISTRY

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us on Friday, November 8 at 5:30pm for Reverb, an overnight event with food, games, and prizes! This event is a great way for friends to hear the gospel. Please be sure to register at www.oneeightyone.org by October 16 for the early bird price of \$49.

MEN’S MINISTRY

Men of Valor is having a special Bangers and Bangers on Friday, October 18, in honor of Darryl Bednarski. Women are also included, and there will be a special women’s instructor on hand to help any woman wanting to learn to shoot. The event is 4:00 to 9:00pm, starting at Cladd Mechanical’s office. For more information, contact Tom Steiger.

Coming soon, Guys Night Out in early November. Keep an eye out for more details.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

On October 16, a new co-ed IMPACT class that takes an interactive look at The Beatitudes will begin. In this class, we will see what Jesus shares about a blessed life and about the people who are blessed. But Jesus does more than just describe a blessed life – He gives us a way to actually pursue it. Join us at 7:00pm in the parlor. There is an optional book that can be purchased in the class.

All women, including youth, are invited to a “Town Hall” meeting to hear about the direction, structure, and vision of Women’s Ministry for 2020. If you have ideas, thoughts, or just want information about what is happening, we would love to have you join us. The meeting is on Saturday, November 9 at 8:00am. Childcare and coffee will be provided.

If you are currently leading a Growth Group, Bible study, or are interested in leading in the spring, there will be a training and vision meeting on Sunday, November 10 at 6:00pm in the parlor. This meeting will cover a bit of training, but most importantly the new structure and offerings that will be available in the spring. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

There are many opportunities to make an eternal impact in the lives of children. Why not find your place in ministry, you'll never be the same! Talk to Pam Scott to hear about some opportunities in the following areas:

- An adult helper in our 4s and 5s Churchtime, beginning October 20.
- Helpers with our Churchtime for grades 1-4 as they prepare a Christmas play and musical to use as an outreach at possibly a homeless shelter and nursing home.
- Hopefully you read the last *Here and Now* about the doors that could be opening up to us to have an opportunity to connect with the kids in the apartments. This is a great way to serve as a family as we connect with the kids that are almost in the backyard of PHBC.

Each of these areas can use many helping hands, and they are great opportunities to make a difference for eternity. See Pam Scott to explore the best opportunity for you to serve.

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

The Heart, Mind & Soul: LGBTQ Seminar is an interactive seminar presented by ABWE EveryEthne, where you will learn how to share the gospel with unbelieving gay individuals by building relationships built on grace and truth. This seminar will be held at PHBC on Saturday, November 9. Check-in and a light breakfast will begin at 8:00am, with the seminar concluding at 1:30pm. A light lunch will be served during one of the breaks. If you are interested in this life-changing training, sign up in the glass walkway by Sunday, October 27. Cost for the materials and meals is \$25. This seminar is limited to 50 participants and open to the PHBC church family ages 15 and up.

Join the CPC on Saturday, October 19 at 8:30am at Edgewater Park Upper Pavilion for their annual 1-mile benefit walk. Live music, art auction, refreshments, and presentations will take place following the walk. You can sign up and pay for the walk at www.clevelandpregnancycenter.org/events/. All proceeds provide material assistance, pregnancy support, and parenting education for families throughout the Cleveland area.

Were you one of the 3,000 people who stood in for homeless students in the Cleveland Municipal School District on June 29? Do you wish you could have been one of those people helping raise awareness for these kids? Over the coming months, the Cleveland City Mission will be focusing efforts on a plan to make a difference. Soon the faith community from across the city of Cleveland will be asked to Step Out and work with one another to end the poverty cycle. Visit www.thecitymission.org/stand-in for three ways to be a part of the solution today.

Love INC is collecting coats for the homeless and disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County through October 28. All the coats are professionally dry cleaned and distributed through partner churches and ministries. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, October 27. Children's and men's coats are the most needed. We are also collecting hats, scarves, and gloves. You will find a box for donations in the glass walkway and the welcome center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have a new contacts directory! As a way for our church family to stay better connected, we have a brand new directory of contact information. You can pick up a copy for your family in the glass walkway.



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY HOT MEAL

Our Community Hot Meal is the third Tuesday of each month, and November's big Thanksgiving Hot Food night is right around the corner. We will be collecting \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards to hand out to the families at this meal. Starting October 27, we will have a table set up in the welcome center to turn in your gift cards. We also will have cards for you to write a word of encouragement for the families. There will be further information passed out to Growth Groups in the near future. Also, start thinking: apple or pumpkin? Which pie will you bake for the November meal? We need 20 of each.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

We still have a selection of shopping cards available in the Academy office for purchase. Please call or stop into the office to see what is available. We'll be starting a new shopping card program – details coming soon!

Our Malley's Chocolate Fundraiser begins October 14. Stop in to the Academy office if you are interested in supporting PHCA by purchasing a Malley's chocolate bar (\$1 each)!

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 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.

KIDS RETREAT RECAP

God is at work in the lives of children! If you were here on Sunday afternoon as we returned from our weekend retreat, you may have seen leaders who looked tired and were in need of a shower. You may have noticed kids who were chattering with their friends or starry-eyed because they had a full 30 hours of activities and fun with their friends. I want you to know every moment was worth it – God was at work. Kids hiked and saw the beauty of God's creation in the numerous waterfalls, the Grand River, and the endless up and down terrain of the forest. They canoed, cooked over an open fire, sang and had devotions around a campfire under the stars, played gaga ball, went on a hayride, created some very useful projects like birdhouses, candle holders out of clay, wall hangings out of nature, and more. They ate very well, too, as there was a team of cooks who started planning for this weekend a year in advance (and I should say is already working on next year). Amidst all these activities, the kids heard from God as their leaders took the time to share about who He is and what it means to have Him in our life, and as the youth SLAM Team led in worship and interacted with the kids throughout the retreat. What makes a retreat like this all worth it is to see four kids give their lives to Jesus. Praise God for the opportunities we have to impact young lives, and then for God's faithfulness in drawing them to Himself. By Wednesday, our leaders looked well rested, kids were cleaned up quite well, and we were all rejoicing about another great weekend at Stony Glen Camp. We're already planning and looking forward to next year's retreat, October 3-4, 2020.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

New Life Class – 11:20am/C-5
Puppet Team Rehearsal – 4:00pm/B-1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Women's Bible Study – 9:30am/parlor
Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Senior Adult Trip – 10:15am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Bangers and Bangers – 4:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

New Life Class – 11:20am/C-5
Puppet Team Rehearsal – 4:00pm/B-1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Women's Bible Study – 9:30am/parlor
Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Fall Family Festival – 12:30pm



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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