

HERE AND NOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT PHBC

JANUARY 19, 2020

HAVE HOPE FOR OUR CHURCH: PART 1 BY: TIM HUNSICKER

Over the past year, the Connections Ministry Team has been slowly digesting the book, "Scrappy Church" by Thom Rainer.

Throughout the book, the author explains what it takes for a church to make necessary changes to remain relevant and impactful to a world desperately needing to hear the message of Christ's love.

He defines a "scrappy church" as one that has leaders and members who refuse to give up and believe the best days of the church are yet to come. Their leaders are excited about the present and future and don't see limitations but see God's possibilities.

To be a church that assimilates to reaching the lost and one that develops disciples in today's world, there are some transitions suggested by Rainer:



- Move from excuses to ownership. We need to own the actions and decision needed to make changes, to make disciples more effectively and stop making excuses, including: we are not as big as the church across town, our budget just isn't big enough, we don't have the right people to lead, etc.
- Move from obstacles to allies. We need to work to convert critics, bullies, and undependable church members into thriving, encouraging, and unstoppable ministry partners through love explained in 1 Corinthians 13:4-5.
- Move from limitation to abundance. God has given PHBC the resources we need to carry out the ministry he has planned for us. We just need to release these resources from our tight grip and let him use them! Remember, "my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Stay tuned for the conclusion of this two-part blog series on January 30.

MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS



Becca Nesbitt has been teaching at Faith International Academy in Davao City, Philippines for over 3 years. She teaches math and science courses. She is able to teach Wycliffe missionary kids so their parents can work on the mission field. Becca grew up at PHBC.

PRAYER THOUGHTS

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so you can pray (1 Peter 4:7).

"God of grace, equip us as we put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the devil's schemes...so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand our ground...taking up the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God...

and pray. With this in mind, we remain self-controlled and alert while we keep on praying until we prevail in prayer."

– Ann Graham Lotz





CELEBRATION SUNDAY SERVICE

On February 2, join us for one combined Celebration Sunday Service at 10:30am in the worship center. This will be a time to celebrate baptisms and worship together as a church family. There will be no Growth Groups for adults or Sunday School classes for grades 1–12 that day.

Following the combined service, we will have a Chili Cook-Off in the FLC. Everyone is welcome! There are a few rules for entering your chili, so make sure you check out all the specifics on the flyer on the literature shelf. Chili and all the fixings, as well as drinks, will be provided. We ask that people bring a dessert to share and drop it off in the FLC before the service.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parents, are you doing all you can to pour God's direction and truth into the lives of your children? You will always have the biggest impact on them, but we also want you to know that we are here to help. On Sundays at 9:30am, there are classes for every age, where children learn how to apply God's Word in their daily lives with interaction in small groups and loving teachers who guide the children in exploring God's Word and how to apply it to their daily lives. During the 11:00am hour, children can be part of a Churchtime experience geared for their age. Preschoolers remain in their classes, but grades 1-4 join their parents in worship and then exit for Churchtime, which helps children grasp God's truths for their life. Wednesday IMPACT Night also offers various kids clubs that are full of fun, building relationships, and seeing how God's truth can guide them through life. Don't miss out on these great opportunities for your child.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The young adults and the Adult 101 Growth Group are going ice skating on Saturday, February 8 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. We will meet at the OBM Arena in Strongsville. The cost is \$8 plus \$3 for skate rental. We'll likely go out for food afterward. High school seniors are welcome to join.



WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

It's so exciting to know we have opportunities to impact a life for all eternity. If you haven't found a ministry yet, where you can experience the joy of serving the King of Kings, we would love to help you find your niche. Don't miss out on one of the greatest privileges as a follower of Jesus. Here are some opportunities where you can get involved now:

- Treasure Cove is our ministry to children with special needs. Presently we are looking for two people who would be willing to be involved during 9:30am Sunday School.
- 11:00am Churchtime with preschoolers or grades 1-4 on Sunday mornings. A team works together to make this an exciting, meaningful experience for the children.
- New launch of a children's ministry to our apartment neighbors during the week. This is a brand new ministry, and we really don't know what it looks like yet. Get on board and start dreaming and planning with us, and let's see how God opens doors for this new adventure. This will also be something where families will be able to serve together, so we have some kid-to-kid contacts.

Again, don't miss the excitement of serving the King of Kings. Mark your Connect Card or talk to Pam Scott, and she will help you explore what might be the best place for you to serve. You'll be blessed more than you can ever imagine.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Academy will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, 2020. Regular office hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The new shopping card program is up and running! Stop by the glass walkway table for more information and to purchase your new cards. Thank you for supporting our school through this program!

We still have some Malley's chocolate bars for sale. Stop in the Academy office if you are interested in supporting PHCA in this delicious way by purchasing a Malley's chocolate bar; they are only \$1 each! We are selling Milk Chocolate Pretzel, Crunch, Almond, CLE bar, and Dark Chocolate Pretzel.

PHCA's Community Open House is Saturday, February 1 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. This is an opportunity to tour the building, meet the teachers and staff, and learn more about the value of Christian education at PHCA!

Parma Heights Christian Academy Open Enrollment begins Monday, February 3. PHCA is a Kindergarten through 6th grade school that focuses on academic excellence within Christ-centered classrooms. Our students begin each day in God's Word before beginning their regular curriculum subjects. PHCA also offers a variety of specials classes in conjunction with our core subjects, including physical education, computer, library, art and music/band. A variety of athletic programs are offered for 5th and 6th grade students. We also provide speech and intervention services, as well as a gifted program for advanced learners. The school day is from 8:15am-2:50pm. PHCA has before school care available for students beginning at 7:00am at no cost and an affordable after school care beginning at 3:15pm. Hot lunch is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$3 per meal. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jen Robinson at 440.845.8668, or check out our website at www.phcawarriors.com.

Parma Heights Christian Academy is hiring! If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for a position, please contact Jen Robinson in the PHCA office at 440.845.8668 or office@phcawarriors.com. Teachers are required to have a valid teaching license through the state of Ohio, or the ability to obtain one prior to employment. There is an immediate need for **Substitute Teachers** (half days and full days available). There will also be an opening for a **Physical Education Teacher** (part-time).

THANK YOU

Dearest PHBC Family and Missions Team,

Russ and I are so eternally grateful for every single one of you as our church family, and for the Missions Team in particular, for the amazing, incredibly generous, and faithful role you have had in our ministry through the years we have served on your behalf! We would be unable to continue in ministry without your love, commitment, prayers and financial support! We are truly blessed to be able to serve as your representatives! May our Lord bless you all as you have and continue to bless us!

– Russ and Deb (Martin)

Thank you for the care this body has provided for my brother Dwight. I pray that the 21 Days of Prayer will bless this body. Your brother in Christ,

– Scott (Decker)

Thankful for the gift of the encouragement, fruit and chocolates from the church's Care Ministry over the Christmas holidays.

– Diane Koch

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

21 Days of Prayer Kick-Off – 6:00pm/WC

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Youth Game Day – 10:00am/parlor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Community Hot Meal – 6:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Women's Conference – 5:00pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Children's Worker Breakfast – 9:00am/FLC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Baptism Class – 12:30pm/B-5

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Senior Adult Meal – 12:00pm/FLC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

IMPACT Night – 7:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

PHCA Community Open House – 11:00am

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 – 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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