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# DISCIPLESHIP CATALOG

Parma Heights Baptist Church

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# DISCIPLESHIP AT PHBC

*And let us consider how to **stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near** (Hebrews 10:24-25, emphasis added).*

At PHBC, our greatest desire is to see the unbeliever come to saving faith in Jesus Christ, accepting His death on the cross as the ultimate payment for their sins. After their salvation, we strive to see the believer continually grow in their faith, learning more about who God is and about His love letter to us, the Bible.

We are called in Hebrews chapter 10 to, “*stir up one another to love and good works.*” This is done when we fellowship together, meeting together to study God’s Word. Sharpening each other as “*iron sharpens iron*” (Proverbs 27:17) and encouraging each other.

There are a number of exciting ways that we can help you grow in your faith and develop stronger relationships within our church. **Life Courses**, **Deep Dives**, and **Growth Groups** are all great places to start.

## LIFE COURSES:

Life Courses give you an opportunity to learn in an interactive, classroom-type setting. Some of the classes are ongoing courses, which have no definitive end date, while others follow the 8-week schedule of our Deep Dive classes. Some of our Life Courses are targeted toward a specific demographic within our church, such as age group or shared life experiences, while other courses are focused on a specific biblical topic.

## DEEP DIVE COURSES:

These are typically more of a lecture style format and focus on more complex topics, including doctrinal and theological issues or inductive teaching through a book of the Bible or specific passage. These 8-week classes are for the believer who wants to deepen their understanding of God’s Word. We plan to have 4 quarters of Deep Dives each year.

## **GROWTH GROUPS:**

The purpose of our Growth Group ministry is to bring together groups of believers that can live life together. Most of our groups are open to anyone who are interested in joining, with a few groups focused on a specific demographic (i.e. singles, young marrieds, seniors, etc.). Our “On-Campus” groups meet at PHBC, while “Off-Campus” groups meet in member’s homes, places of business, or in a public venue like a restaurant or coffee shop.

For more detailed information on our Life Courses, Deep Dives, Growth Groups, and how you can get plugged into one, contact Pastor Dave in the church office or by email at [davebuncher@phbaptist.org](mailto:davebuncher@phbaptist.org). You can also sign up at <https://phbaptist.churchcenter.com/groups>.

**There is a group  
waiting to welcome you!**

# LIFE COURSES & DEEP DIVE

## Quick Glance

COURSE	TEACHER	LENGTH	DAY	ROOM
DivorceCare	Walt Cooper Amy Spears	Ongoing	Wednesday	D-3
Faith and Works: A Study on the Book of James	Pastor Dave Buncher	8 Weeks	Wednesday	B-5
Grief Share	Dave & Cindy Pietrzak	12 Weeks	Wednesday	A-1
Heart 2 Heart	Dawn Kraidich	Ongoing	Wednesday	Conference Room
Identifying False Teachings and Deviant Sermons	Mark Laurenzi	8 Weeks	Sundays at 9:30am (Begins Nov. 7)	D-4
Lifestyle Evangelism	Ron Wagner	8 Weeks	Wednesday	A-5
Men of Valor	Brian Schubert	Ongoing	Wednesday	D-25
<b>DEEP DIVE</b>				
Questions That Shake The Faith	Corey Konicki	8 Weeks	Wednesday	B-7
Old Testament Survey	Becca Nesbitt	16 Weeks	Wednesday	B-2

# LIFE COURSES

## DivorceCare (Ongoing course)

Taught by Walt Cooper and Amy Spears

### ABOUT WALT AND AMY:

Walt has been a Christian for over 40 years, and began attending PHBC about 28 years ago. He was called to serve in our Drama Ministry, as well as ushering and various other ministries. His heart's desire is to help others, and DivorceCare is an excellent opportunity to do that through shared struggles.

Amy began attending PHBC over seven years ago. The Lord was working on her heart and directing her steps in calling her back to a deeper relationship with Him. Her desire is to reach out however the Lord is leading, and to help encourage others in our community.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

If you are separated or divorced, you are not alone! This group offers confidential support and healing for anyone affected by separation and/or divorce. You can Find Help, Discover Hope, and Experience Healing in our DivorceCare class. The course meets Wednesdays in D-3.

# LIFE COURSES

## Faith & Works: A Study on the Book of James (8-week course)

Taught by Pastor Dave Buncher

### ABOUT PASTOR DAVE:

Dave attended PHBC for the first 23 years of his life, receiving his call to ministry here. He has been in vocational ministry for the past 19 years. He recently joined our pastoral team as Pastor of Discipleship and Missions.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 8-week series covers the book of James, a letter that serves as a how-to manual for the Christian life. When we deal with trials, contentions, and lack of faith, James teaches us that we can still have joy in the midst of our circumstances. The foundation of this book is the importance of faith and the role our actions play in our life as we obediently follow our Savior. The course will meet for 8 weeks on Wednesdays beginning November 3 in B-5.

# LIFE COURSES

## Grief Share (12-week course)

Taught by Dave & Cindy Pietrzak

### ABOUT DAVE:

Dave and Cindy were married in 2009 and became members of PHBC in 2010. They have a heart to bring healing and care to those stricken with the grief of the loss of a loved one. Dave ministers in our Worship Band.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time, when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. This course meets to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each Grief Share session has three distinct elements: a video seminar with experts, support group discussion, and personal study and reflection. The course material covers a 12-week study to find comfort and peace through the study of Scripture, but you can join in anytime. The course meets Wednesdays in A-1. If you would like to join this course, contact Pastor Dave in the church office or email Dave Pietrzak at [DaveP@ShannonElectric.net](mailto:DaveP@ShannonElectric.net).

# LIFE COURSES

## Heart 2 Heart (Ongoing course)

Taught by Dawn Kraidich

### ABOUT DAWN:

Dawn has been a member of PHBC since 2004. She and her husband, Ryan, have been married for 29 years and have two teenage children.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Heart 2 Heart is a healing ministry. This group is currently closed. This course is for women who are looking for a place to process, heal, and grow through pain and grief from the past, as well as learn healthy ways to relate, support, and hear others in their own personal journeys of healing. Due to the sensitive nature of this group, we keep the group small, as trust and intimacy are key in promoting positive healing and weekly attendance has to be a priority. Sporadic attendance hinders the dynamic of the group's purpose. The book we will utilize as a tool in the healing process is *"Forgiving What You Can't Forget"* by Lysa TerKeurst. The course meets Wednesdays in the Conference Room. If you would like more information about this course, contact Pastor Dave in the church office or email Dawn Kraidich at [kraidichfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kraidichfamily@gmail.com).

# LIFE COURSES

## Identifying False Teachings and Deviant Sermons (8-week course)

Taught by Mark Laurenzi

### ABOUT MARK:

Mark came to Christ at the age of 12 and has attended PHBC since he was 14, joining as a member at 21. He has served as a youth leader since 2005. One of the things that pains his heart is false teaching and prophecies and how they corrupt a productive church and its laity. Good followers become misled, miss out on God's blessings, or worse propagate the heresy. He prays to stay such trends. In addition, he and his wonderful wife serve international college students and share the gospel with them through IFI.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will explore common false teachings effecting the modern church, identifying why they are false, and will equip you with methods in combating these false teachings when encountered. This course will meet at 9:30am on Sundays beginning November 7 in D-4.

# LIFE COURSES

## Lifestyle Evangelism (8-week course)

Taught by Ron Wagner

### ABOUT RON:

Ron accepted Jesus as his Savior in 1982 and has attended PHBC since 1995. He is married with one child, Joy. He has been actively sharing Jesus since 1995, and is passionate about sharing Jesus along with meeting and greeting people.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will share tips and ground rules for one-on-one evangelism with ordinary people in everyday situations. Ron will share personal experiences, which are easily taught to others for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will also welcome several guest teachers throughout the course. This course will meet for 8 weeks on Wednesdays beginning November 3 in A-5.

## Men of Valor (Ongoing course)

Taught by Brian Schubert

### ABOUT BRIAN:

Brian has been a Christian for 51 years and was saved at Camp Carl at the age of seven. He grew up attending The Chapel in Akron. As a student at Huntington College, he studied a lot of world religions during his time there. Brian has attended PHBC for 22 years.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will begin by looking into the transformative study “*Engagement Project*” written by Del Tackett, author of “*Truth Project*.” This study focuses on how we can use our faith to engage with the world around us, drawing them toward salvation. The course meets on Wednesdays in D-25.

# DEEP DIVE COURSES

## Questions That Shake The Faith

Taught by Corey Konicki

### ABOUT COREY:

Corey has been a Christian since returning home from the Army in 2011. He began attending PHBC with his wife in the summer of 2020, and became members last fall. As an adult convert, he is drawn to giving an answer for the hope that lies within him. Being prepared to answer objections to the faith and equipping Christians has become a passion.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Deep Dive will take a look at some objections to Christianity and the answers that are found in the Scriptures. By examining these questions, we can be better prepared to resist the attacks of the culture around us and be better prepared to persevere in our faith. The military trains for emergencies, we get vaccinated against diseases, but many of us haven't spent any time training for the "Gotcha!" objections to our faith. Let's tackle these issues now so that when the questions are asked you will have the answer! The course will meet Wednesdays beginning November 3 in B-7.

# DEEP DIVE COURSES

## Old Testament Survey (16-week course)

Taught by Becca Nesbitt

### ABOUT BECCA:

Becca has attended PHBC her whole life, but over the last five years she served with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines. She is currently on home assignment and is excited to share her passion for the Old Testament with her home church before returning to overseas missions next summer.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Deep Dive will be an overview of the entire Old Testament. The goal is to get to know God better by looking at the unified message of the Old Testament. We will work through the Old Testament in (roughly) chronological order to help you place all the classic stories you know in the proper context. The Old Testament is very long, so we won't be able to dig into a lot of details, but by looking at the big picture, you will come to a new understanding and appreciation of God's character and plan. The course will meet Wednesdays beginning November 3 in B-2. This course will meet for 16 weeks through both the second and third quarters.

# GROWTH GROUPS

## Quick Glance

ON-CAMPUS GROUPS				
GROUP	LEADER	EMAIL	DAY	LOCATION
College & Career	Pastor Dan Adams	DAdams@phbaptist.org	Sunday	A-1
Crossroads	John Kraidich Mike Miller	jjkraidich@juno.com mike.miller61074@gmail.com	Sunday	D-28
Explorers	Jim Lutzo	jelutzo@cox.net	Sunday	D-22
Faith, Life, and Family	Todd Sullivan Brian Schubert	tsw47th@yahoo.com sales@bndautomotive.com	Sunday	D-25
Lighthouse	Jeff Hemme	jdhemme@sbcglobal.net	Sunday	D-24
Marriage Builders	Wes & Linda Johnson	wes.l.johnson@gmail.com	Sunday	D-23
Monday Morning Men	Doug Schweitzer	dschweitzer1@gmail.com	Monday (7:15am)	B-5
The Gathering	Matt Stang Cayla Seeholzer	mattdstang@gmail.com seeholzercayla@gmail.com	Monday (7:00pm)	C-7
Seasons	Aaron Schaum	aaronnoelle@sbcglobal.net	Sunday	D-26
SonSeekers	George Leshan	gleshan@hotmail.com	Sunday	B-7 (Choir Room)
Women of Valor	Dorinda Lucas	dmlucas123@aol.com	Sunday	B-5
Young Singles & Marrieds	Dave Hemme Chris Hemme	djhemme@sbcglobal.net hemme.5buck-eyemail.osu.edu	Sunday	D-3

# GROWTH GROUPS

## Quick Glance

OFF-CAMPUS GROUPS				
GROUP	LEADER	EMAIL	DAY	LOCATION
The Arcadians	John Combs Terry Hickey	thickey10403@gmail.com	Sunday (5:30pm)	Parma & Parma Heights
Faith Warriors	Alice Fitch	alice.fitch@cox.net	Monday (7:00pm)	Parma
Guys Group	Ed Predota	predota@gogiesel.com	Saturday (7:30am)	Parma
Koinonia	Lincoln Yee	lyeefamily@yahoo.com	Saturday evening	Parma
The Lunch Bunch	Nancy Hanson	ccwny@juno.com	Tuesday (10:00am)	Seven Hills
Men of Character	Steve Matzek	smatzek@cox.net	Every other Saturday (7:30am)	Parma
The ROCK	Tom Steiger	tr51steiger@gmail.com	Sunday (4:00pm)	Broadview Heights

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## IMPACT NIGHT

Impact is what happens when one object comes forcibly into contact with another. For that reason, we call our Wednesday night program IMPACT. Your children can be “impacted” by the age-appropriate programs offered just for them. You can be “impacted” by one of the classes offered this quarter. There’s something for everyone!

## WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30PM:

### *PRESCHOOL*

#### **Newborn to Age 3 | B-3**

Loving workers tend to the needs of our little ones through age 3. Reading books, learning to play well together in an atmosphere filled with God’s love, makes this a profitable time for this age group. Parents must be on the premises.

#### **Beginners: Age 4, 5 and Kindergarten | A-7**

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 snack time.

### *PIONEER CLUBS*

#### **Voyagers: Grades 1 and 2 | D-2**

#### **Pathfinders: Grades 3 and 4 | D-4**

#### **Trailblazers: Grades 5 and 6 | C-5**

Pioneer Clubs is fun and challenging. Filled with Bible studies, new friends, skill development, awards, creative adventures and recreation, these clubs help girls build godly character in many different aspects of their lives. Girls enjoy special events throughout the year. Join us as we learn to deepen our relationship with God, as well as with others.

There is also a Junior Leader’s program for teens who have a desire to develop leadership skills.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ***BOYS BRIGADE***

### **Tree Climbers: Grades 1 and 2 | D-28**

This club is designed for boys and their dads to develop skills and learn how important they are to God, as well as how He wants to influence their lives.

### **Stockade: Grades 3 to 6 | D-21**

Stockade helps boys meet the challenges they face in their daily lives and ministers through Bible study, achievement and character development.

### **Battalion: Grades 7 to 12 | D-22**

Boys in grades 7 through 12 can choose to participate in Battalion. Battalion looks at what it means to be a Christian man in today's society through Bible study, games, outdoor activities, hands-on lessons, experiences, teamwork, and outings.

## ***YOUTH GROUP***

### **Grades 7 to 12**

Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00pm for simple hang-out time, where you can play numerous games like: pool, ping-pong, air hockey, basketball, and volleyball in the Diner and Family Life Center. From 7:00 to 8:30pm, join us in the Youth Center for a time of worship that includes group games, student-led worship, topical Bible studies for Jr. High and Sr. High, respectively, and then cap the night off with small group discussion, accountability, and prayer.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## **SUNDAYS:**

### **9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Newborn to 1 year in room A-8
- 1 year in room B-3
- 2 to 3 years in room A-4
- 4 to 5 years & Kindergarten in room A-7
- Grades 1 and 2 in room D-2
- Grades 3 and 4 in room D-21
- Grades 5 and 6 in room C-5

### **10:35AM TRANSITION**

Grades 1–6 should be with their parents, getting ready to attend worship. Grades 1–4 will be dismissed from the 11:00am service to attend Fortress Kids at approximately 11:20am.

**Treasure Cove** is the hub of our ministry to children with special needs. This room is designed to meet the needs of children through elementary age. Our trained volunteers lovingly care for each child while sharing truths from God's Word. Join us every Sunday in Treasure Cove (B-1) at 11:00am.

### **11:00AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- Nursery (newborn to 1 year) in room A-8
  - Toddlers (1 year) in room B-3
  - 2 to 3 years in room A-4
  - 4 to 5 years and Kindergarten in room A-7
  - Fortress Kids (Grades 1-4) in room C-8 \*
- \*Once dismissed from the 11:00am worship service.*



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## *YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL*

### **Grades 7 to 12**

Join us on Sundays in the Youth Center from 9:30 to 10:30am.

Each week we spend time in prayer and the study of God's Word.

We cover a variety of engaging and practical topics and Bible book studies throughout the year.

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: IS CHILDCARE PROVIDED?**

**A:** Not all of our Growth Groups offer childcare, but there are many options available. For all groups and courses that meet on our church campus on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning, childcare is provided through our incredible Children's Ministry. For all other groups, the answer is maybe. Some group's members share the responsibility of watching the kids or chip in for the cost of a babysitter, while other groups welcome children of all ages to be active participants in the group. Let us know if you are seeking a group with a childcare option.

*All Life Courses and Deep Dives have childcare on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning through our Children's Ministry.*

### **Q: DO I NEED TO REGISTER OR SIGN UP FOR A LIFE COURSE OR DEEP DIVE?**

**A:** Some of the courses are limited based on room capacity. You do not have to register, but it is recommended to ensure you get into the class you'd like. You can register at <https://phbaptist.churchcenter.com/groups>.

### **Q: I'M INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE GROWTH GROUPS. HOW DO I FIND OUT HOW I CAN GET PLUGGED IN?**

**A:** You can contact the Growth Group leader via email, or you can contact Pastor Dave in the church office at (440) 886-6100 or by email at [davebuncher@phbaptist.org](mailto:davebuncher@phbaptist.org).

### **Q: THE OFF-CAMPUS GROWTH GROUP I'M INTERESTED IN ONLY LISTS A CITY AS THE LOCATION. HOW DO I FIND OUT WHERE THIS GROUP MEETS?**

**A:** If you see a group that piques your interest, you can email the group leader for more information or you can contact Pastor Dave in the church office to get plugged in.

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: WHAT HAPPENS IN A GROWTH GROUP?**

**A:** Every group is different. Some groups study a book of the Bible, go through a prepared study, do a video lesson, etc. Many of the groups plan outings together such as dinner out, or taking in a sporting event or concert.

### **Q: WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THE FIRST GROUP I TRY?**

**A:** Growth Groups are about people, and people are all different, and... well, not perfect. If you try out a group and it doesn't feel like the right fit for you, try out another one until you find your group. We are confident that there is a group that is right for you.

# HOW-TO GUIDE

## Sign Up!

We've given you several options for signing up to attend a Growth Group, Life Course, or Deep Dive. When you see one that you think might meet your needs, you can contact us in a number of ways:

1. We have provided the contact name and email address of every Growth Group with their information in this catalog. Send them an email to get connected.
2. At anytime, you can register for a group or course that interests you at <https://phbaptist.churchcenter.com/groups>.
3. Contact Pastor Dave at (440) 886-6100 or email [DaveBuncher@phbaptist.org](mailto:DaveBuncher@phbaptist.org).

Soon after you sign up, your Growth Group Leader or Course Teacher will contact you with all the details. Sign up today!



**JOIN US ON SUNDAYS**

9:30am *Grow* | 11:00am *Worship*

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