

PARMA AREA - JANUARY 2013



COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Connection

2013: A Year of Total Commitment by Jeremy Kiner, Co-Director

As 2012 drew to a close, I felt a tugging in my spirit that 2013 would be a year of greater commitment. This past year, I have witnessed God do so many remarkable things in our community - from seeing countless lives touched by the love of Jesus Christ (many of which were unchurched), to seeing greater unity and collaboration among the local churches. Yet, as we round the curve to a new year, there remains within me a gnawing, unshakeable sense that God is compelling the Body of Christ into even greater things - growth, revelation, and power.



Albert Einstein once said, "Insanity [is] doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." I know you've probably heard that before, but let's ponder this thought for just a moment. What is your hope and expectation for 2013? What if you continue doing all the same things you did in 2012? Perhaps these questions

don't always reveal the need to change something, but they can challenge our level of commitment to the things God has called us to.

Luke 12:48 says, "To whom much is given... much will be required." What does God want to do in your church this year? What does God want to do in our community? I believe that God's desire is to give more. So the question becomes: What commitment will it require?

As I look ahead, I am not comfortable with the idea of repeating 2012. I want more. I want to grow in the knowledge and power of God. I want to see a dimension of the Kingdom that I have never seen before. I want to witness many more lives introduced to the love of Christ and profoundly changed. To see this reality, I am willing to commit to whatever it takes. And, after talking with many of our local pastors this past year, I know that this desire burns in your hearts, as well.

So, as 2013 begins, I pray that this year is a year of total commitment to seeing all that God desires for our ministries and for our community. May this be a year of shedding distractions and laying aside every weight that besets us from the calling of God. May we pause and take inventory - to determine what things in our life or ministry must go, and what things must grow. May we change those things that should be changed and commit wholly to those things that keep us moving God-ward. And may we, as Ambassadors of Christ, be willing and diligent to work together, effectively and harmoniously, to bring about God's Kingdom here in our community.

**HELP
WANTED**

The Pay It Forward Cafe is looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and/or clean-up on Saturdays from 12pm-2pm at Parmatown Mall. If your church would like to partner with us in this program, please contact us at contact@comamb.org or 216-200-7030.

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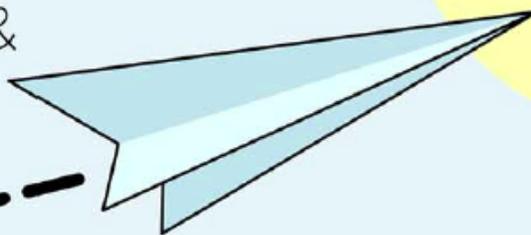
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PASTORS' COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Community Ambassadors will be holding another Ministerial Round Table at the Parma Area Family Collaborative offices on Wednesday, February 6, at 8:30 AM. These meetings serve to engage area church leaders in an effort to dialogue on community issues and to collaborate resources that may effectively address the community's most pressing needs. Your presence and input at these meetings is important and valued. If you have any questions, please contact us at contact@comamb.org or 216-200-7030.

PAPER AIRPLANE NIGHT

A father-son night of fun, food, &
the coolest airplane contest ever!
Geared for boys 12 & under



HEROES

Friday, January 18

7:00 - 8:30 pm

@ Parmatown Mall



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HEROES is a father-son initiative starting this month intended to support fathers and provide them with opportunities to engage in fun, free activities with their sons or grandsons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, Friday - 7:00 - 8:30pm

HEROES - Paper Airplane / Father & Sons Night at Parmatown Mall, next to Payless Shoes

January 18, Friday - 7:30 - 9:30am

C/B/S Partnership Meeting @ Parma Health Education Center, 7300 State Rd., Parma

January 24, Thursday - 8:00 - 9:30am

Parma Area Family Collab Meeting @ Parma Area Family Collaborative, 11212 Snow Rd., Parma

February 6, Wednesday - 8:30 - 10:00am

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