

PARMA AREA - APRIL 2013



COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Connection

Many Hands Make Light Work

by Aaron Powell, Co-Director

With spring around the corner, well supposedly anyway, I am starting seedlings indoors to prepare for the coming planting season. This is my first year doing this and I was completely oblivious to the amount of time, care, and work that goes into making sure these little seeds have optimal conditions to germinate and pop up through the soil. Then when they do emerge from the soil you must ensure that these new little sprouts have sufficient light for enough hours during the day. You have to take great care to water them frequently enough to allow growth but not so much as to drown the plants and invite fungus. All of this happens before you can even plant them in the ground. Once they are in the ground, now is when you have to worry about weeds, insects, animals, and disease for some time before you finally begin to see fruit.



All of this process has helped me to see 1 Corinthians 3:6 in a whole new light.

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:6)

This heavy workload can be achieved much easier when we join forces and bear the weight together. I can remember hearing as a child "Many hands make light work..." which is just another way of saying "Collaboration gets more done!" What ways are you and your church reaching out into the harvest field? Have you been looking for a way to reach your community in a relevant and effective manner? Do you have an outreach program on your heart, but just can't see a way to make it happen? How can we help you? How can you help us?

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Luke 10:2, NIV)

When Jesus looks at the lost souls in the world, He sees a harvest that He has cared for and tended. He has done the work and spent the time in order to ensure that the harvest would be plentiful. Most of my generation and most of our culture is so far removed from the farming/gardening experience that this analogy doesn't quite hit home the way it did for the Agricultural minded Jews of the first century. Looking at the amount of labor and care that goes into getting to the harvest should wake us up as a church body and help us to realize that we need each other.

HEROES - LEGO NIGHT UPDATE

Last month we partnered with Bricks4Kidz out of Westlake to have a lego night for fathers and children. This event had a turnout that was far greater than we expected, but was a ton of fun. We had roughly 225 people attend this event where they were able to draw a face on the lego head, color in their own lego guy, free-play with bucket of legos, and build a robotic lego machine.

The kids had a blast and it seemed to really facilitate a great bonding experience between the kids and their dads. That is what HEROES is all about, we strive to create an atmosphere where the dads are engaged with the kids and not just watching from a distance. This event, and every HEROES event is free so that there are no barriers to someone being able to participate.

Do you know someone who would benefit from something like this? Do you know someone that would like to come and help facilitate an event like this? Please call us and let us know @ 216-200-7030.



HEROES RACE CAR NIGHT

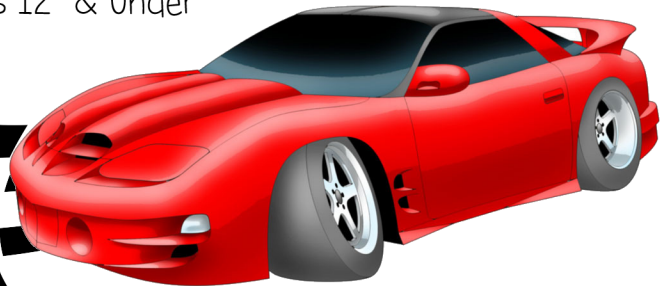
Friday, May 10 7:00-8:30 pm

@ Parmatown Mall

FREE father-kid night of fun & bonding!

Creative activities, car races, & prizes!

Geared for kids 12 & under



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25, Thursday - 8:00 - 9:30am

Parma Area Family Collab Meeting @ Community Ambassadors, Parmatown Mall (Next to Payless Shoes)

May 8, Wednesday - 8:30 - 10:30am

Ministerial Round Table @ Parma Area Family Collaborative, 11212 Snow Rd., Parma

May 10, Friday - 7:00 - 8:30pm

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