

PARMA AREA - NOVEMBER 2012



COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

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I am an Ambassador!
by Jeremy Kiner, Co-Director

The campaigning is done, the election is now over, and thankfully the barrage of political ads have ceased, at least for a little while. But where does that leave us?

On election night, so many emotions and questions coursed through my mind. Is our nation better? Is it worse? What does the future hold? Leading up to election day, it felt like so much was at stake. And, indeed, there was. But, as the results rolled in and I began to weigh out the impending consequences for our nation, I was reminded of something so simple. Regardless of the outcome, good or bad, one thing still remained. The calling of my life, and that of every Christian, continues. Tomorrow will come whether the sky is red or blue. The show does, in fact, go on. And the mission remains.

Invariably, God didn't save the Church to win elections. He saved us to win the lost; to make disciples; to grow in Christ, to care for the orphan, widow, and poor. Sure, as Christians, we bear a critical, unwavering responsibility to employ our civic duty, to champion biblical principle, and to protect family values. Without question, our care and concern for this country and its course are vital. But when election outcomes unfold as they may, what is our response then? What is our resolve?

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (2 Cor 5:20)

Now is not the time for contention or anxiety, distraction or divisiveness. Rather, it is a time to rise up, refocus, and reprioritize. We need to engage the community and culture with renewed fervor. We need to rededicate ourselves to rebuilding the American family. We need to continue speaking hope to the poor and broken. We need to keep introducing people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the mission that remains. This is the cause in which we live.

Obama or Romney? At this moment, what matters even more to me is my election in Christ, of which I am an ambassador to a hurting world, a missionary even to my own community. C.S. Lewis once wrote, "The Church exists to draw men into Christ. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, sermons.... are simply a waste of time." At this critical junction in America, may we redeem the time and, most importantly, be about our Father's business.

PLEASE PRAY!

As you may have seen in the news, Parmatown Mall was recently sold to Phillips Edison & Company. Since 2011, Community Ambassadors has been privileged to have a space in the mall to conduct our various community outreach programs. Future plans for the mall have been hush, so we wait to see what direction the new owners go and what impact it may have on our ministry's operations. We sincerely ask that you pray for our leadership team that we may have wisdom and favor to continue the work the Lord has called us to do. We know that God is faithful and is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.



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PASTORS' COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

Last week you should have received a letter from the Parma Area Family to Family Collaborative inviting you to a Pastors' Round Table on Wednesday, November 28th, at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Family Collaborative's new office at 11212 Snow Road in Parma (The old Hanna Elementary School building).

If you are not yet familiar with the Family Collaborative, this meeting will be a great opportunity to get acquainted, as well as learn how you and your church can get more involved in the community. The purpose of this meeting will focus on how the churches within the Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills area can collaborate more to:

- Identify needs and challenges within our community
- Discuss possible and available untapped resources that may effectively address needs/challenges
- Explore ways that more churches can get involved with community projects and events

It goes without saying, collaboration gets more done! I strongly encourage your participation at this very important meeting. Just imagine what great things might be accomplished in our community through greater partnerships among our churches. If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact us at 216-200-7030.

Prayer Summit *Update*

Thank you to all the pastors that attended the Parma Area Prayer Summit held on November 3. What an encouragement it was to fellowship and to bind together in prayer over our community! God is, indeed, equipping the Church right now for a greater level of ministry and evangelism to unfold across our community.

We would like to spotlight your ministry or outreach!

Please tell us about how you are serving your community!



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EVERY WEDNESDAY
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM
@PARMATOWN MALL**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15, Thursday - 8:15am - 9:30am

Parma Area Family Collaborative Meeting at Parma Hunger Center, 5280 Broadview Rd., Parma

November 28, Wednesday - 8:30am - 9:30am

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

November 30, Friday - 7:30am - 9:30am

C/B/S Partnership Meeting @ DeVry University, 4141 Rockside Rd., Seven Hills

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