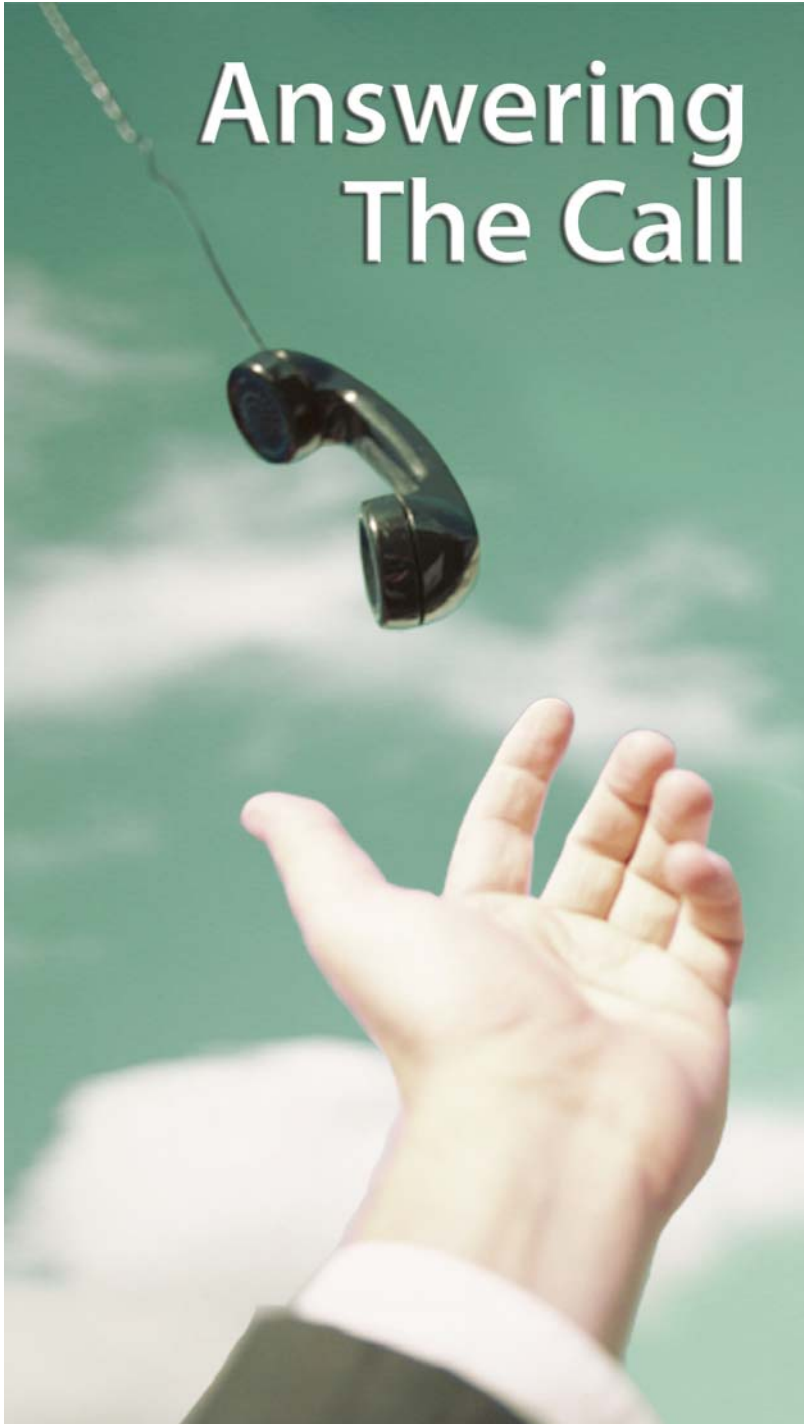


CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Answering The Call



Ministering Kingdom Principles to City Issues

Welcome To Celebration Sunday

Today is going to be a very special day for PVAG. We are having a special service at a special time for a very special reason. On this day we are coming together to celebrate the commitments we are making to the Answering The Call capital stewardship campaign raising funds for The 11th Street Project.

During today's service we will worship together, pray together, and commit together. Everybody will be included. The Children's Ministry will participate by presenting a check as well as declaring their two-year commitment. Refuge, the PVAG youth ministry, will also be presenting an offering as well as announcing their own two-year commitment.

Testimonies of God's incredible blessings will be shared as well as testimonies concerning The 11th Street Project as a whole.

Our Campaign Consultant, Rev. Peter A. Joudry, will be part of today's service as well. He has been a valuable asset to the overall effort and a good friend to PVAG.

Following a time of prayer, we will have the opportunity to join the children and youth by making our own two-year commitments.

Together, we will bring our gifts to the front of the church so we can ask God to bless them. The commitments will be tallied and announced so that we can have a time of celebration.

There are days that are defining moments in the life of a church. Today is one of those moments! Rejoice in it!



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First time visitors:

We welcome you and ask that you fill out our visitor's packet that will be distributed during the service.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday:

6:00 pm New Horizons School of Ministry

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Elder's & Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday:

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer

7:00 pm Family Night

Thursday:

6:00 pm Worship Rehearsal

7:00 pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal

7:00 pm Potter's Wheel Transformation Group

Saturday:

9:00 am Drama Rehearsal

10:00 am Adopt-A-Block

5:00 pm Father's House Thanksgiving Dinner

November 18 - Water Baptismal Service to be held at the beginning of the second service. Sign the sheet in the lobby, if you are interested in being baptized. Pastor John will be holding a class that morning, at 9:30 for all who have signed up.

November 26 - New Horizons School of Ministry Recital - 7:00 pm

December 2 - Church Christmas Party - 5:00 pm

Adults - \$5.00 / Children - \$3.00 (ages 4-10) children 3 & under are free. Tickets on sale in lobby.

December 4 - Senior's Christmas Party

Sign up sheet on table in lobby.

December 7-8-9 - Christmas Musical Production, One Quiet Night.

Tickets on sale now in lobby.

Wanted: Your Canceled Postage Stamps - All types of stamps are accepted. Please leave approx. 1/4 in. margin around the stamp. There is a box in the lobby for you to place your stamps. The W.M. dept. of the A/G sell these stamps to collectors who in turn help provide religious references & books for the libraries of the A/G World & National Home Bible Schools.

ANSWERING THE CALL

The 11th Street Project has an estimated retail budget of \$1.3 million dollars. PVAG knows this is a major step of faith, but also knows that it is a necessary step of faith, necessary to meet the critical needs of a neighborhood.

Beginning November 11, 2007, PVAG will enter into a two-year capital stewardship campaign entitled “Answering The Call” to raise \$400,000.00 towards the overall cost.

The leadership team of PVAG consisting of Elders, Deacons, and the Pastoral Staff have already committed to giving \$120,000 over the next two years. The money raised through the campaign plus donations of money, gifts in kind, and labor from outside sources will provide the needed resources for completion of the project.

Following is a question and answer summary of the Answering The Call campaign:

Q: Why is the campaign called “Answering The Call”?

“Answering” is an action word that effectively depicts what PVAG has been doing and will need to do so God’s mandate can be fulfilled.

“Call” reminds us that it was God who has called PVAG to this project.

Q: How long is the campaign?

Two years. The campaign will begin today, November 11, 2007 and continue through November 18, 2009.

Q: What’s the two-year goal?

\$400,000

Q: What has happened up to this point?

September 30, 2007	Campaign theme unveiled.
October 14, 2007	Vision Message #1 - It’s For You
October 21, 2007	Vision Message #2 – Will You Accept the Charges?
October 28, 2007	Vision Message #3 – Reverse the Charges
November 4, 2007	Vision Message #4 – The Completed Call
November 4, 2007	Concert of Prayer at an evening service

Q: When do the commitments start?

Since today is the official beginning for the campaign, an individual can begin fulfilling their commitments today. Some have chosen to give their commitments weekly, monthly, or in one lump-sum. The choice is really up to the individual, but the campaign officially begins today.

Q: What am I expected to give?

We only expect people to give what God tells them to give. Our hope is that the people of PVAG will ask God what they should commit to the campaign. Remember, it's not about equal giving; it's about equal sacrifice.

Q: What was the Leadership Commitment Dinner?

The Leadership Commitment dinner was held on November 2, 2007, for the Elders, Deacons, and Pastoral Staff of PVAG to commit to the Answering The Call campaign. The program featured thoughts and comments by Campaign Chairman, Harold Ferguson and Vice-Chair, Dick Scholton. Randy and Patty Bracken shared a testimony of God's amazing blessings in response to a gift of faith they had made for the roof offering. Peter Joudry, campaign consultant, also shared some encouraging and challenging remarks. Pastor Jim concluded the speaking part with a short message entitled, "The Judah Spirit". A time of prayer was held followed by leaders being asked to respond with their two-year commitment. After everything was calculated the leadership of PVAG had committed to \$120,000 to Answering The Call.

Q: What is the first fruits offering?

During today's service we will receive a special "first fruits" offering toward the overall goal of the campaign. Today's offering can be the first of your two-year commitment, or a gift over and beyond that. The choice is yours.

Q: Will there be days of celebration throughout the campaign?

Yes.

March 30, 2008	6-month mark
November 9, 2008	Half-Time
May 31, 2009	18 Month
November 15, 2009	Completion

Q: Is there additional information available about The 11th Street Project and Answering The Call?

Yes. The following is available either in the foyer, or by contacting the church office. Available items are:

The 11th Street Updates (monthly newsletters depicting progress)
Answering The Call Newsletters
Answering The Call Devotional (adapted for use during any 28 day period)

For further information, see members of the Pastoral Staff who are available to discuss the project as well as answer any questions you may have better.

ATC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Executive Team

Pastor Jim Balzano
Pastor Peter Joudry
Dick Scholton
Harold Ferguson

Children's Team

Teresa Miller

Chris Heller
Joyce Kennedy
Leslie Salyards
Judy Orlando
Nancy Luciano

Promotion Team

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Linda Roberts
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Jordan Kelley

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Patty Bracken

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George Bell
Cory Bell

Leadership Dinner Team

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Nick Balzano
Lisa McGough
Tony Passanita
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Nora Keller
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Bonnie Fox
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Dave Dunio
Sherry Dunio
Rusty Focht
Kelly Focht
Dan Garrison
Cathy Shumaker

Follow Up Team

Will Heller

John Miller
Linda Gracey

Celebration Sunday Team

Karen Maher

Pastors
Team Leaders

Note: **Bold text** denotes team leader

MINISTERING KINGDOM PRINCIPLES TO CITY ISSUES

In 2004, Pleasant Valley Assembly of God adopted a mission statement of: **Ministering Kingdom Principles to City Issues**. It was birthed out of the belief that every issue facing our city is offset by a Biblical principle. Through the implementation of these principles, we will help the city resolve or reduce the critical issues that are facing it. As believers in Jesus Christ, and the kingdom that He spoke of, we believe it is our obligation to put those principles into implementation. An example of this strategy follows:

CITY ISSUE	KINGDOM PRINCIPLE	MINISTRY INITIATIVE
<p>13% of the families of the city of Altoona are under the poverty level. In some census tracts, the figure is as high as 34%.</p>	<p>Isaiah 58 says: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give shelter to the poor wanderer.”</p>	<p>The Father’s House Food, clothing and other miscellaneous items are distributed to people in need on a weekly basis.</p> <p>The Potter’s House Free haircuts for families in need.</p> <p>Benevolence Financial help for needy families.</p>

A biblical example of this strategy is found in Acts 8. Philip went to a city in Samaria where he preached, healed the sick, and did many miracles in the name of Jesus Christ. He preached the “good news” of the kingdom. The result of his ministering kingdom principles to the city is found in Acts 8:8: **“so there was great joy in the city.”** As part of the body of Christ in this city, we have the duty to minister kingdom principles that result in great joy.

Out of this, PVAG has implemented many ministries. As a result of these ministries, The 11th Street Project was born.



www.pvag.org updated

Visit our revised website to see:

- Recent online sermons
- Answering The Call section
- Media Library
- Upcoming Events
- Ministry Opportunities Booklet
- Framework for Ministries Booklet

THE 11TH STREET PROJECT

Beginning in 2005, PVAG investigated the possibility of acquiring an abandoned and condemned church on the corner of 11th street and 16th avenue. Formerly a house of worship, this former center for the glory of God had become a place for homeless people, drug use, and overall blight.

Fall 2006 - The Call to Clean It Out

In the fall of 2006, PVAG acquired possession of the building. Work crews consisting of teenagers, adults, and senior citizens then set out to rid the building of the trash accumulation. The remnants of drug paraphernalia were removed from classrooms that were once used for teaching the Word of God. Mattresses were dragged out from the makeshift bedrooms used by homeless people. Debris was gathered up from the scavenging efforts of those who had once torn down wiring and copper tubing to then sell it likely to help appease addictions. Truck load after truck load of garbage was removed from the building.

Spring 2007 - The Call to Tear Down

Spring always brings a sense of excitement as the winter snows are gone and the days begin to get warmer. Well, Spring was an exciting time as work crews once again set out to work on the building after a winter of inactivity. Now that the garbage was removed from the building, the work of demolition had to begin. Water damaged walls, flooring, and ceilings were removed to get ready for new construction.

Summer 2007 - The Call to Build

July 26-28 was reserved on the PVAG calendar. The new standing seam metal roof was going to be constructed on those dates. Before that, there was much that needed to be accomplished. As before, the PVAG work crews launched into the effort with zeal and excitement. Additional walls were built to provide necessary support for the new roof. The new walls provided an additional classroom plus enabled the flat roof system to be replaced with a gable roof structure. Once the new trusses were in place and purlins were mounted on the existing roof, it was ready for the metal.

The roof had an estimated retail value of \$75,000. PVAG didn't have the money to pay for the roof so a special offering was scheduled for June 10, 2007. The goal for the offering was \$30,000 with the remainder of the cost coming from unknown sources. It was an incredible step of faith. The day the offering was given revealed the hearts of the people and the faithfulness of God. \$76,000 was given through the attendees of PVAG. Not only was it \$1,000 more than was needed, but more than doubled the \$30,000 goal.

The roof was done at approximately one-half the estimated retail cost due to the hard working volunteers that made up the PVAG work crews. Through their sacrifice of time, we were able to maximize and leverage the offering.

Spring 2008 -- The Call to Occupy

The Spring of 2008 will prove to be one of excitement and newness. The goal for the Spring is to have the former parsonage section of the facility remodeled to house ministry offices. These offices will provide a ministry presence in the neighborhood that will allow residents to begin utilizing the resources of the center. The project will progress from there in phases.

Q: What will be housed in the 11th Street Project renovated building?

Primarily, ministries will be developed in response to the on-going needs of the community. Just a few of the ministries that will be a foundation of the project are:

- **The Father's House**
Food, clothing and other miscellaneous items for people in need.
- **The Potter's House**
Free haircuts for families in need.
- **After-School Programs**
Safe place for children to go after school to use a state of the art computer lab, do homework, and receive tutoring.
- **Literacy Training**
Adult tutoring.
- **A House of Worship**
- **Support Groups for people dealing with addictions.**

The 11th Street Project is an initiative of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God, owned and directed by Pleasant Valley Assembly of God. Although The 11th Street Project is directed by PVAG, we welcome partnerships with other ministries, churches, and organizations to effectively meet all the needs of residents within the area.



Pleasant Valley Assembly of God would like to take the time to thank all of our Veterans who have Answered The Call on behalf of a grateful nation.

Q: What is the difference between The 11th Street Project and The Nehemiah Project?

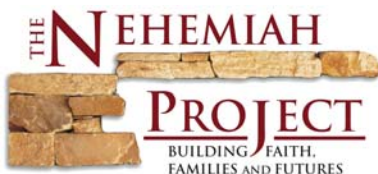
The 11th Street Project:

1. An Initiative of PVAG to renovate the building on 11th Street & 16th Ave. making it a place where ministries for the neighborhood can be housed.
2. It is owned by PVAG.
3. It is directed by PVAG.
4. The 11th Street Project deals with the activities that will happen in the building:
 - to house a church one day
 - to house after-school programs
 - to house The Father's House activities
 - to house The Potter's House activities
 - to partner with other community agencies in use of the building
 - to partner with The Nehemiah Project.
 - to work more directly with ministry that involves individuals and families



The Nehemiah Project

1. TNP grew out of The 11th Street Project.
2. It is a separate, 501 (c) (3) non-profit faith-based corporation.
3. It has a separate operating board
4. It has a separate budget from PVAG.
5. The Executive Board of TNP is made up of:
 - Jim Balzano
 - Dave Miller
 - Dick Scholton
 - Peter Joudry
6. TNP is partnering with PVAG and their 11th Street Project.
7. TNP will raise funds to work in conjunction with The 11th Street Project.
8. TNP will sponsor community activities at the 11th St Center.
9. TNP will rehabilitate other properties in the Lower Fairview area.
10. TNP will eventually do more work in the city than just in Lower Fairview.
 - Currently, Lower Fairview and The 11th Street Project are its focus.
 - As a separate 501 (c) (3) faith based organization, TNP can partner with outside agencies easier than PVAG.
 - TNP can access grants that PVAG cannot.
 - TNP grew out of The 11th Street Project, but it's scope will ultimately be much broader than one building.



Many physical transformations have already taken place as you have Answered The Call. As we continue, we will see a place that brought pain and destruction bring life and restoration to this community.

BEFORE

AFTER



