

*Celebrating the life of...*  
*Phil Sauvageot*

# LIGHT POST

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## MISSION: POSSIBLE!

As summer is winding down, activity is ramping up at King's Way!

### BACKPACK MINISTRY:

Joan Shaw once again initiated her backpack ministry to help the students at Sam Salem Elementary start out on the right foot. This year, we responded in such a big way that there were nearly more backpacks than free space in our lobby! Principal Anna Panning writes "I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the very generous donation from King's Way Alliance Church. Your donation of backpacks and school supplies to our students is very much appreciated – especially during this challenging time of a pandemic. [You] have blessed our students in a

special way. Thank you for your continued support of Akron Public Schools and especially the staff and students of Sam Salem CLC."

### RENEW THE CITY:


This year, King's Way will also be making a return to Cleveland to partner with Envision Ministries and its "Renew The City" day service project. Due to COVID-19, it was cancelled in 2020 and pushed back from earlier this spring. But that did little to dampen our spirit. Matt Branham writes "There's clearly a movement happening here, as more people have already signed up compared to when we first started in 2019. I pray that this opens more doors for us locally, nationally, and globally!"

### MISSIONS EMPHASIS:

King's Way Alliance is once again partnering with Akron Alliance Fellowship for Missions Emphasis Month. Whether we give our time, talents, abilities, money, prayers, or anything else we have, nothing is too little for God to use to advance His Kingdom. We invite you to learn what it means to "change our world by radically chasing Christ's mission" and get to meet two International Workers who are doing just that. Join us at Akron Alliance Fellowship (688 Diagonal Rd.) **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to hear from Josh and how he works within a creative-access country. You can also join him and his family for lunch at the Akron

Family Restaurant (250 W. Market St.) on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. We will conclude Missions Emphasis Month with a special Sunday service on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, featuring another International Worker! These people are supported thanks to your giving to the Great Commission Fund. If you would like to help, you are encouraged to donate through King's Way Alliance, or online at [cmalliance.org](http://cmalliance.org). There is also an opportunity to join The Central District 100, a program for people who sense God's call to overseas ministry and want to express such to others. More information can be found online at [cdcma.org/missions](http://cdcma.org/missions).



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### JOIN US

#### WEDNESDAYS

PRAYER NIGHT

07:00PM

#### SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL/GROUPS

09:30AM

WORSHIP/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

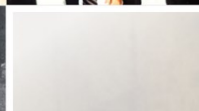
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# Philip Charles



## Obituary

Philip C. Sauvageot Philip "Phil" Charles Sauvageot, 74, of Barberton, Ohio, left this world behind to be with his Lord and Savior on August 21, 2021 after a three year battle with cancer.

He was a loving husband of 36 years to Nancy; father to Philip M. (Stephanie) Sauvageot, Tina Sauvageot (Mike McFeely), Janna Elliot, and Elizabeth (Tony) Kozenko; Grandpap/Grandpa/Papa to PJ, Gavin, Claire, Carson, Roman, Keegan, and Kelsie; son to the late Oscar and Hilda (Rohrig) Sauvageot; brother to Victor (Heidi) Sauvageot; uncle to Jean Davidson (Kojiro Umezaki); cousin and friend to many loved ones. Philip was born in Warwood, WV on December 2, 1946.

He attended West Liberty University and West Virginia University and obtained his master's degree at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. A servant to the Lord, Phil used his gift of teaching and music to enrich the lives of others. He served as Band Director "Mr. S" for Wheeling Central Catholic, Barnesville High School, John Marshall High School, and Wheeling Park High School until 1985 and Barberton City Schools until his retirement in 2007.

Continuing his passion for teaching, Phil taught private music lessons and played accompaniment for Lake Local Schools for 12 years. Phil faithfully served the church, mainly, King's Way Alliance Church, as music director and many other

capacities over his lifetime. When he wasn't teaching, Phil could be found cheering on his favorite teams, Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Pittsburgh Steelers, and The Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was known for his generosity, famous one-liners, infectious jubilee, and playing piano for anyone in need. His testimonial song was, "It is Well With My Soul," which gave him hope in the salvation he found in Jesus through the good times and the bad.

Calling hours, funeral, and luncheon were held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at King's Way Alliance Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society in memory of Philip's best pal, Scruffy. To share a memory or send a condolence,

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# Phil Sauvageot 2021



## Phil's Peroration

by Matt Branham

Upon entering eighth grade, my parents were divorced. My faith in

God was shattered. I stopped going to church and was largely removed from my friends and family. I went from being constantly bombed with love during homeschool to being constantly bullied during public school. Simply put... I was one depressed kid, and I probably would have done something cowardly had one person in particular not told me about the great potential I had as a musician.

Phil Sauvageot wasn't simply a nice teacher; He did everything he could to help me. He invited me to his house every week to make sure I had the basics down with my euphonium. He performed with me at the Ohio Solo and Ensemble Festival and couldn't have been any

prouder when I earned that coveted "1" rating. He inspired me to continue with The University of Akron "Ohio's Pride" Marching Band as well as the Freedom Brass Band of Northeast Ohio. And finally, he encouraged me to come back to church and part of the praise team here.

How many more lives has he touched outside of class, or outside the field, or outside the church? I can't imagine. I also can't imagine what all he went through to make it all happen. Perhaps the most important lesson I've learned from Phil was that if you're going to be a thorn in the enemy's agenda, it certainly won't go unnoticed. Phil

often stressed the importance of being grounded in Scripture because our enemy is relentless. But even when Phil didn't understand what was happening or why, He knew that God was still in control and that He still loves us. One of the last things I asked him was where he found the strength to hold on to all that. He said "I cannot do it in my strength. I have tried in the past and every time has failed. I don't know about tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand."

I never fell away because Phil was resolved to sustain me. Likewise, we will never fall away when God is resolved to hold us.

Rock  
Roll!





# THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

## AT A GLANCE

**cwsglobal.org** - Christian groups urge Biden to extend 'arbitrary and harmful' Afghanistan withdrawal deadline.

**christianpost.org** - Youth for Christ board member learns to walk again after accident, rides back across 14 states.

**uscourts.gov** - Court upholds death sentence for Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof.

**www1.cbn.com** - China: Police arrest 10 kids, 18 adults in arrest on worship gathering.

**nytimes.com** - Potter's House charity, churches raising aid for 25K Haitian families after massive quake.

**billboard.com** - Lauren Daigle's 'timeless' album 'Look Up Child' tops Christian Albums Chart for 100th week.

**instagram.com** - Gold medalist Sydney McLaughlin: 'What I have in Christ is far greater' than anything else.

**christianpost.org** - Mother of baby nearly hit in face by Antifa flash bomb at prayer rally slams media for ignoring violence.

**probe.org** - 60% of adults under 40 say Jesus isn't only way to salvation; equal to Buddha, Muhammad.

**kcr.com** - Calif. church offers religious exemption letters for people opposed to COVID vaccine.

**ifstudies.com** - Majority of parents prefer working from home, flexible work: study.

**si.com** - NFL quarterback Sam Ehlinger says there are more important things than football, cites Matthew 6.

**dailywire.com** - NY university suspends conservative student who criticized transgender ideology.

**twitter.com** - OnlyFans reverses plan to ban porn after uproar from adult content creators.

## ALLIANCE CHAPLAINS MINISTER TO DISPLACED AFGHAN FAMILIES



### ALLIANCE MILITARY CHAPLAINS ARE AT WORK MINISTERING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND AFGHAN REFUGEES IN A TIME OF CRISIS.

**cmalliance.org** -- During the past few months, the Taliban has advanced in Afghanistan, once again taking control of many cities and urban areas. On Sunday, August 15, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani retreated from the presidential palace and Taliban militants overtook Kabul, Afghanistan's capital city. While this coup by the Taliban was expected, it happened far more abruptly than many had thought possible. Due to the Taliban's historically extreme interpretation of Islamic law, those who have worked with the U.S. military, allied forces, or news agencies in Afghanistan fear retribution from the Taliban and have been desperate to get out of the country.

As soldiers and other service members redeploy to provide stability and security to the Kabul airport, chaplains will accompany them to provide valuable ministry among their troops. Chaplains also serve as first responders, welcoming refugees and immigrants into the U.S. at various military installations, providing ministry and helping to meet the needs of these incoming Afghan families. Among these chaplains are some of the 60 Alliance military chaplains who serve in every branch of the U.S. military. Alliance air force chaplains are ministering to crews on flights in and out of Kabul who are airlifting Afghan refugees as quickly as possible. Our chaplains on a senior level are also overseeing these missions from strategic and global perspectives.

Fort Lee, Virginia, is the first designated welcoming center for

incoming Afghan families, many of whom served as translators and key support personnel to U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan over these past two decades. Other welcome sites will likely include Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. So far, about 3,000 Afghans have transitioned through Fort Lee. It is suspected that the need will only increase with the rapid fall of Afghanistan and tens of thousands of refugees fleeing to places like Turkey.

Most of these Afghan families arrive with only what they can carry in several suitcases. This presents greater opportunities for chaplains to assist in humanitarian efforts and in religious and practical support. Aligning with historical precedent, chaplains will seek to coordinate with support agencies, international aid organizations, chapels, and churches as the U.S. State Department screens the Afghan interpreters and their families as part of an expedited visa process.

Amongst the agencies contacted is the C&MA's Compassion and Mercy Associates (CAMA), along with other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like The International Rescue Committee, which is already a primary NGO connected to the effort. These organizations can provide connections in the various states and cities where these Afghan families will be relocated, and these connections will provide significant support for the refugees.

Over the past several decades, U.S. Alliance churches have been heavily involved in helping immigrants and refugees resettle in U.S. communities.

The expected influx of Afghan families to the U.S. in the coming year will open new opportunities to continue in these important works of ministry and outreach.

In times of global trouble, military chaplains step up to serve. Chaplains are essential not only in ministering to our military personnel but also in providing humanitarian aid. Now, with the abrupt withdrawal of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, we are seeing a familiar trend—our chaplains are rising to the occasion by providing spiritual and practical support to incoming Afghans to the U.S. at Fort Lee, Virginia.

#### C&MA family, join us in lifting these concerns up in prayer:

Pray for the ministry to the Afghan families. They feel deep gratitude to be safe with their families in the United States, but are experiencing heartache and worry over those left behind.

Pray for our C&MA military chaplains to have wisdom and access to resources for viable support for these Afghan families.

Pray that our churches and other U.S. assistance organizations have an increased awareness of this refugee influx and provide both a welcome and timely ministry to these families.

Pray for peace as even now U.S. military service members continue to provide security and stability in Afghanistan. Chaplains are embedded in these units and need our prayers.



# CENTRAL DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT

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## MISSIONS EMPHASIS

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# prayer NIGHT

Every Wednesday @ 7pm!

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# WAITRESS PAYS RENT WITH MILLION-DOLLAR GOSPEL TRACT

NEWPORT BEACH, to charity.

CA—Stating she was overjoyed to have received the unexpected gift, local waitress Rachel Palmer was left a single million-dollar bill gospel tract after serving a family at the diner where she works for over 90 minutes, after which she realized she'd be able to afford rent this month using the counterfeit bill.

An emotional Palmer further stated she'd be giving whatever was left over from paying her rent

behind on my bills, too," large tips sometimes, but I Palmer said. "You read about never imagined anything like "I just can't believe it—I was waitstaff getting unexpectedly this would happen to me."

"I didn't even know a million-dollar bill existed, or that they had religious stuff all over the back of them," she said as she proudly held up the million-dollar gospel tract for reporters to see.

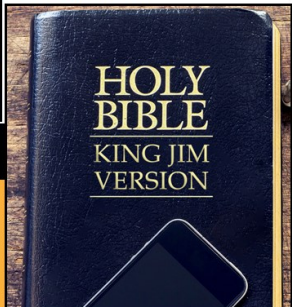
At publishing time, other waiters and waitresses had reported receiving similar generous tips this week, including trillion-dollar gospel tracts and Bible verses scribbled down next to Christian fish symbols.



## IN OTHER SATIRE:

God's Got It Under Control,  
Reports Confirm

New, Less Formal King Jim  
Bible Introduced



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