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Life Church



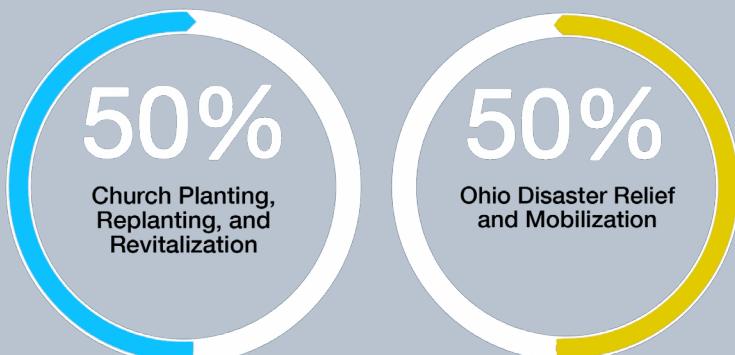
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September 18-25, 2022

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John Heading, Director

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Matt Pardi - Northwest

It is a great fall season in Northwest Ohio. A new season brings new members, new relationships, and new church plants to our Northwest Region. One of the highlights in the Northwest is the Kingdom impact of First Baptist Church in Perrysburg, Ohio (FBCP). Pastor Jeff Woolum has led there faithfully for over twelve years. Pastor Jeff and the church are so gracious with their building, opening it to ministries like AWANA, VBS, and Young Life. They are an extremely generous church.

The fruit of this generosity has also affected church planting. Through an AWANA relationship, Jeff met Pastor Yuepeng Deng, a passionate leader with a heart for Chinese and other nations.

Pastor Jeff and FBCP are now the sending church for Pastor Deng's church plant called All-Nations Bible Church which is launching this month! FBCP is not only sending them, but also letting them use their facility during the launch phase. We thank God for Pastor Jeff's faithfulness and generosity. His Kingdom mindset has impacted our whole region. We also praise God for Pastor Deng and his faith to reach our region.

We look forward to this new season of associational meetings, Multiplication Pipeline events, Serve Tour Dayton, and the Annual Celebration in Cleveland, Ohio. Contact me for coming events this fall at 419-494-9640.



Art Fulks - Southeast

Fall is exciting in the Southeast Region with football and festivals. Events like the Southwest Leadership Conference and the Amplify Preaching Conference are an encouraging investment in ministry teams. These events feature national and state speakers and leaders like Dover Pastor, Dr. Chris Rhodes.

Currently thirteen out of sixty-two churches in our region are facing the pastor search challenge. Several pastors are dealing with personal or family illnesses. If the Lord lays someone on your heart to pray for them, let me encourage you to call or send a personal note as well. Several of our

churches will engage in SEND Relief Serve Tour Dayton on October 7-8, as we seek to share the gospel and connect the community with our churches. On November 5, FBC Waverly will host Disaster Relief training.

Other upcoming events this fall: MVBA LIFT gathering on October 11, at 10 am in Cambridge; The Scioto Valley Association men's outing at Lakeview Baptist in Hamden on October 15, from 3-6 p.m. New Lexington Baptist Church will host the MVBA annual meeting on Sunday, October 23, at 6:00 pm. Finally, please make plans to join us at the SCBO Annual Celebration in Cleveland on November 14-15. Let me know if you need resources for taking the next step in your ministry.



Reagan Wagoner - Southwest

We had an incredible turnout for our first SW Ohio Leaders Conference with over 290 people joining us for an amazing day of leadership development. I am thankful for so many churches joining us with the vast majority being from the West and Southwest regions. We even had people there from other denominations, and almost everyone brought someone with them!

Vance Pitman, our new NAMB Send Network president, set the tone well sharing from Acts 1, "Throughout His ministry, Jesus focused more on succession than He did success." We also heard from Shane Pruitt, NAMB Next Gen director, about how we need to get back to "calling out the called," and Dr. Hershael York ended our time together with beautiful examples of how the gospel has changed lives at Buck Run Baptist.

Special thanks go to the Grace Point Worship Team for leading us in worship and Travis Smalley and the Lakota Hills Team for hosting. I appreciate Chad Keck and First Baptist Kettering for their partnership, as well as David Starry, First Light; Wesley Montgomery, Life Point; Rick Williams, Violet Baptist; Jennifer & Jeremy Westbrook, John Heading, Jim Scott, Kirk Kirkland, Revive City; and the whole SCBO team for helping lead and speak at this event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming association meetings! See a list of all the 2022 Association Meetings on Page 12 of the Ohio Baptist Messenger.

As always, let me know if you would like to get together by sending an email to rwagoner@scbo.org!

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Rick Williams - Central

It is exciting to see God at work in and through Central Ohio pastors and churches! I have had the opportunity to meet with pastors who are experiencing great blessings. Adam Pursel, pastor of Lifepoint Mount Vernon, shared his plans with me to move into a new church building soon. I also had the opportunity to connect with Jeff Beisel, pastor of Maranatha in Pickerington. Maranatha is planting a new church in Canal Winchester. David Appelt will be the pastor. I am grateful for pastors in the Central Ohio area who will be part of a Finishing Well group I will be facilitating. We will be considering habits and resources for finishing well.

I am looking forward to the annual associational meetings in Central Ohio in October. Dr. Jeremy Westbrook, SCBO executive director-treasurer will be the guest speaker at the Buckeye Central Erie Baptist Association annual meeting on October 1, at Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Mansfield, at 10:00 am. The Metro Columbus Baptist Association annual meeting will be at the MCBA Ministry Hub, 5959 Sharon Woods Blvd. in Columbus at 11:30 am on October 24. Looking forward to seeing you there as we celebrate all that God is doing in Central Ohio.

It is my desire to connect with more Central Ohio pastors this month. Please contact me at rwilliams@scbo.org to meet for breakfast or lunch.



Chad Keck - West

What an incredible leadership conference we experienced on September 8, at Lakota Hills. When I think about the SCBO, I think about the spirit of learning, cooperation, and fellowship that we experienced together there.

One of the ways I desire to serve the churches in the Southwest Region is by connecting and building relationships with pastors and staff. Our entire system of cooperation is built on trust and there is no better way to develop that trust than by being together. This event was the first of several that we are planning, but the most important conversations I am having are over lunch. I have very much enjoyed meeting with many of you and hearing about what God is doing in your churches and families. If I have not already contacted you about getting together, I am working on it. If you want to move to the top of the list, send me an email (ckeck@scbo.org) and we can get that scheduled.



Stephen Owens - Northeast

September has been an encouraging month as I traveled around the Cleveland Hope Association. This month I had the privilege of preaching at a church plant in Cleveland, One Love Community Church with Pastor Karlie Hale, for the church's fourth anniversary. The church is located on the lower west side of Cleveland, and they are doing great work loving their community and local school.

I also spent time with a group of pastors at a Cleveland Hope pastor's breakfast conducted by Association Mission Strategist Darin Avery. It was a time for pastors to encourage one another in fellowship and prayer. It was good to see and hear the pastors share what God is doing in and through their ministries. God is still at work through the church reaching people for Jesus with the gospel. Let us pray for the pastors and churches in all three associations in the Northeast -- Summit Baptist Association, Steel Valley Baptist Association, and Cleveland Hope.

MESSENGER SPECIAL EDITION: **RAY ROBERTS OFFERING****Powell Ministry Center Becomes First Ohio Send Relief Affiliate Site**

By Stephanie Heading



The Finding Hope Center provides needed supplies to the community in a unique way.

Finding Hope Center, a ministry of Living Hope Church Columbus and a recipient of Ray Roberts Offering funds, recently became the first Send Relief affiliate site in Ohio. Finding Hope came to the attention of Send Relief, the compassion arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, through conversations between Church Planter Aaron Taylor and leaders at the North American Mission Board.

However, the Finding Hope Center is about more than just the ministry center. It is about a church plant that is willing to do “crazy things” to reach people for Christ. Living Hope Church Columbus and the Finding Hope Center are the story of “Jesus did more,” according to Pastor Aaron Taylor.

In 2018, Taylor planted Living Hope Church Columbus, and the new church quickly began community outreach. “We first started working with local non-profits One Dublin and Dublin Bridges, delivering beds once or twice a month to people in need in northwest Columbus.”

After seeing the reactions of furniture recipients who were grateful for the gift, but disappointed because they did not like the color or style, Taylor began praying about how Living Hope could begin its own outreach ministry in which people

“Jesus did more”

could choose their own furniture and mattresses, as well as other needed items for their families. In early August 2020, he shared his vision of the Finding Hope Center with the

Living Hope Church family, and they were “all in” to open a store where people could come and choose the items they needed and wanted.

Taylor had a vision for Finding Hope, but he needed a place to house the center. “Jesus did more” as he learned that the building directly behind the Living Hope facility was available for lease. He spoke with the owner, hoping she would allow the church to use the facility for free, but she did not accept that deal. However, “Jesus did more” and the owner allowed Living Hope to rent the facility for twelve months for the price of only nine months.

The cost to open the Finding Hope Center facility was \$25,000 so Taylor challenged the church to raise the money for the first year’s lease and remodeling costs. “Jesus did more” and in less than four weeks, the two-year-old church plant raised over \$30,000.

Remodeling and set up of the new facility began in September 2020, and The Finding Hope Center opened in November 2020 located only a ten-second walk from the Living Hope facility.

“Jesus did more” as the Finding Hope Center has also impacted Living Hope Church, bringing new



Live Hope Church began as a church plant in 2018

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people and culture into the church plant's fellowship. "Last May, a group of twenty-five to thirty Hispanics caught this wave of grace and now they are part of the Living Hope family," said Taylor.

Living Hope has adapted to having Spanish speakers in their fellowship. During worship service, the congregation sings songs in Spanish and the words are closed-captioned on the screens in Spanish as well. English speakers in the



The Finding Hope Center in Columbus

church are also taking classes to learn Spanish so they can communicate with their new Hispanic family.

"They want to learn English and build a productive life," said Taylor. "Living Hope has become a safe place for them."

After less than two years, Finding Hope Center has changed lives in northwest Columbus and the culture of Living Hope Church. "Finding Hope Center is not just what we do now. It is what Living Hope is."

Who Is Ray Roberts?

By Jeremy Westbrook

"Ray Roberts"

While many within the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio are familiar with that name, I have come across several in this state over the past year who are not. Since the focus of this edition will highlight the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering, I thought it wise to do a brief introduction of who Dr. Roberts was and why our annual offering bears his name.

Dr. Ray Roberts, a native of North Carolina, first visited Ohio in 1951. In July of 1952, Dr. Roberts began serving as a missionary in Ohio for the Home Mission Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention, and White-Water Baptist Association. On January 8, 1954, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio was organized under Dr.

Upon his retirement, the SCBO State Missions Offering was renamed...

Roberts' supervision - with thirty-nine churches representing ten thousand members. Roberts served the SCBO as Executive Secretary for twenty-five years, during which time the convention grew to include fourteen associations and 449 churches. Upon his retirement, the SCBO State Missions Offering was renamed the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering in his honor.

Churches and individuals can contribute financially to state missions any time, but one week of September is set aside each year to emphasize the importance of mission work in Ohio. This year, we will set aside September 18-25 for our week of prayer and offering emphasis. Many churches around the state will take this opportunity to join in prayer, to



Dr. Ray Roberts, first Executive Director of SCBO

share stories and testimonies of God's continued work in Ohio, and to collect financial gifts in support of the Ray Roberts Offering.

This year, we have built a special page on our SCBO website dedicated to the mission and vision of the offering. You can visit www.scbo.org/rayroberts to watch video testimonies, download the official prayer guide and give online if you choose to do so. This year, the offering will be split 50-50 between Disaster Relief and our Church Planting/Replanting/Revitalization efforts here in the Buckeye State.

Thank you in advance for your faithful prayer and financial support for the 2022 Ray Roberts State Missions Offering!

Moving Forward,

Dr. Jeremy Westbrook



Disaster Relief Partners with Local Church to Aid Storm Victims

By Stephanie Heading

One little-known, but important aspect of Disaster Relief is its partnership with local churches during disasters. DR teams regularly seek housing in Southern Baptist churches in or near disaster sites. These churches open their doors, providing DR teams a place to sleep, eat, and shower.

"In a disaster zone, if there are hotels, storm victims take shelter in them," said Dr. John Heading, Ohio DR Director. "The local churches who open their doors to house teams are essential to the success of our ministry."

"...essential to the success of our ministry"

In early July when three tornadoes touched down in the southwestern Ohio town of Goshen, another Disaster Relief-church partnership quickly formed. "Hill Station Baptist Church was the hosting site for the DR efforts in Goshen, Wayne Township, and Brown County," said Phil Hopper, pastor of Hill Station. "Our church was the headquarters and bunkhouse." Hill Station received funds from The Ray Roberts



Multiple tornadoes left widespread destruction over a large area of Southwest Ohio.

Offering to assist with tornado relief in Goshen.

With only 258 volunteers in Ohio DR and multiple deployments throughout 2022, Heading was short of food service volunteers. Hill Station stepped up. "We had the privilege of preparing meals for the first week of deployment in Goshen," said Hopper. "We also provided desserts the second week."

The severity of the tornado impact in Goshen called for more personnel than Ohio had available so Heading reached out to other DR units for help.

Tennessee, Illinois, and Kentucky Chainsaw Units and a Tennessee

Incident Command Unit responded to the call and arrived in Goshen to help. In addition, a Food Service Unit from Michigan provided meals during week two of the deployment. In total, approximately one-hundred DR members from five states made Hill Station home for two weeks.



Hill Station Baptist Church hosted meals for volunteers.

"The impact that DR had on our church was substantial because we had the opportunity to feed the teams and eat with them," said Hopper. "It was during this time that our church members were able to form relationships with the DR members. The team had a real impact on my family as well. The team members loved on my family the whole time, and my kids hated to see the teams pull out."

DR-local church partnerships are beneficial to both groups, according to Heading. "Our goal is to represent the local church in the communities in which we serve. As we help people, we refer them to the local churches



Volunteer teams arrive at Hill Station Baptist Church with heavy equipment and supplies.

which gives them an opportunity to minister to storm victims after we have moved on."

Hopper could not agree more. "DR left my church encouraged, revived, and more focused on evangelism. I have heard stories of pastors and churches not wanting Disaster Relief to use their buildings as a base of operations.



Those churches and pastors have missed tremendous blessings for their communities, churches, and themselves. If you have a disaster in your community and you can serve with DR, do not miss a special blessing."

PRAYER GUIDE Week of Prayer for State Missions in Ohio September 18-25, 2022

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: On the following pages you will find testimonies and prayer requests from seven different individuals whose ministries have received support through the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering. Each day is encouraged by one of their stories and pray specifically for them. Many individuals from all over Ohio will join with you in unity as we pray September 18-25, 2022.

Download additional resources: scbo.org/RayRoberts

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Hill Station Baptist Church

Phil Hopper, Pastor

When multiple tornadoes tore through Southern, Ohio - Hill Station Baptist Church jumped into action to care for the community. The Ray Roberts Offering provided funds for disaster relief that allowed them to supply their local fire department to feed the community while the electricity was out. They were able to buy items such as water, batteries, and even some of their refrigerators, so the church hosted an outreach to provide dinner for community members and to distribute "Catch-Up Bags" which contained necessities like ketchup, mustard, ranch dressing, BBQ sauce, and a jar of pickles. The team did a great job of distribution, but it also provided new opportunities to reach people for Christ.

Living Hope Church

Aaron Taylor, Pastor

At Living Hope Church, a church plant in Columbus, the Ray Roberts Offering is helping bring more people into the church through its "Finding Hope Center" ministry. The offering money provides items such as food, clothing, and shelter to help those who are hurting or families in need. As a result, the church has seen a significant uptake in families coming to Living Hope. Many of these families are from Central America, and many of them do not speak English. This has been a challenge, but it also provided new opportunities to reach people for Christ.

"Please pray we will make known the salvation of our Lord as we build new relationships and have opportunities to minister after the tornados."

Pastor Tim Birns, Pastor

Pastor Tim Birns is in the initial stages of planting Four13 Church in the Tipp City/Bethel Township area and a gift from the Ray Roberts Offering is helping them start well. The church plant has been able to secure a training stewardship class and are in preparation to begin offering worship services. In addition, the funds are being used to purchase the audio-visual equipment that they will need. The Ray Roberts money is allowing Four13 Church to focus on using their own resources to rent an audio-visual system to use for worship services and sharing the gospel with their community.

"Please pray for us as we continue to adapt our methods of ministry as ensure we can share the Gospel clearly with those joining our church family."

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For even more stories, a downloadable prayer guide, videos, and more...

BY THE NUMBERS: Ohio Disaster Relief

January 2022 - October 2022

13 Times Ohio DR was deployed

Gospel conversations **100+**

85 SCBO churches represented

680 Work days given by volunteers

4,534 Hours worked

\$250,000+
Total value of services performed

30
Professions of Faith

\$0.00
Cost to homeowners

MESSENGER SPECIAL EDITION: **RAY ROBERTS OFFERING**

The Future of Ohio Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Begins Now

By John Heading - SCBO Disaster Relief Director



Ohio's Quick Response Feeding Unit: purchased with the help of a grant from the North American Mission Board and Send Relief.

Ohio Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (DR) began in 1986. Over the last thirty-six years, DR has brought help, hope, and healing to victims of both natural and man-made disasters. As with all ministries, a time comes to refocus and restructure, looking to the future and planning for long-term growth. For Disaster Relief to move forward into the future, four things must happen.

First, DR must rely on the Lord through faith and prayer. The purpose of disaster relief is to help those in distress while praying for an opportunity to share hope in Jesus. Since it is God who draws all men to Himself, it is through prayer that He reveals His plan. Since the role is spiritual, volunteers must pray to discern

what the Lord is doing in the lives of those helped.

Second, it is imperative that Disaster Relief train new and



Ohio DR teams are prepared to serve whenever the need arises.

younger volunteers to serve. A deployment will see only 10%-15% of the total number of team members serve at any given time. Ohio DR has 258 volunteers which means that once 26-39 people deploy, there are no more people to send out.

In the past eight months, Ohio DR has deployed thirteen weeks, and the response rate has been a little higher than the 10%-15% average. However, Disaster Relief has had requests for deployment that it has not been able to meet this year due to a lack of team members who were able to volunteer.

To bridge this gap DR is hosting



Chainsaw teams work to remove fallen trees.

seven Unit Trainings in 2023. The goal is to train high school students, college students, recently retired adults, and anyone else who is willing to give one week a year to serve.

Third, DR must purchase heavy equipment to make serving safer and more efficient. Thanks to the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering and the faithful giving of Ohio churches to the Cooperative Program, Ohio DR will be able to purchase heavy equipment in 2023. In 2022, DR purchased Ohio's first Quick Response Feeding Unit with the help of a grant from the North American

Mission Board and Send Relief. This unit will deploy for the first time in October 2022. In 2021, DR purchased a Dodge pick-up with Ray Roberts Offering Funds.

Finally, DR must develop team leaders. Training team leaders is critical to the future of Ohio Disaster Relief. Without a leader, a team cannot deploy. Team leader candidates come from the pool of currently active DR members.

The compassion of Jesus drove Him to action. When a disaster strikes that still small voice prompts DR to action too. The time to get involved is now. It is time to commit and train to be ready when disaster strikes.

SCBO Ministry Wives: Meet Jennifer Westbrook

Hello, SCBO ministry wives. Let me introduce myself. I am Jennifer Westbrook, wife of Dr. Jeremy Westbrook, SCBO executive director. My husband and I have served in ministry since 2002. We have worked in youth ministry, college ministry, and church planting, as well as other ministries, and it has been an exciting journey with many faith moments along the way.

Throughout our ministry, there are things I treasure most. One of those is knowing that people are praying for us. I still remember moments when someone would come to me and say that they prayed for me and my family every morning. It felt like a breath of fresh air in that moment, and it was a precious gift to me.

It was in those moments that I realized that ministry is not something to tackle alone. We need each other and we need to be praying and encouraging each other.



Jennifer Westbrook

Pastor's wife, staff wife, or woman in a ministry role, I am writing to you. I want to personally thank you for your service and everything you give every single day to your ministry and to the Lord. What you do in your ministry does not go unnoticed or unappreciated, even though it feels that way sometimes!

I want you to know that I am praying for you, and I would love to know how I can specifically lift you in prayer. I want to support and encourage you in any way I can. You are welcome to reach out to me through email. Just send me a note telling me where you serve and how I can specifically

pray for you. I would be thrilled to know how I can pray for you and encourage you.

Thank you again for your ministry and heart for Jesus!

In Christ,

Jennifer Westbrook

President's Pen



by Ray Umphrey

We often feel guilty about calling for investment. As a result, sometimes pastors preach timidly on stewardship. However, if we believe that our church, denomination, or ministry is aligned with God's purpose and work, we should be bold in calling for others to invest. Our timidity in raising the bar for investment may unintentionally trivialize the work of the Kingdom. Partnering for the sake of the gospel is not a burden, but an opportunity.

Throughout the past several months serving as SCBO President, I have repeated one key phrase again and again: "Create Great Commission value and call for Great Commission investment." Simply put, investment follows vision. I want to see our convention so aligned with the Great Commission that no pastor or church would ever ask the question, "Why are we part of the SCBO?" When people see the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, they should see a gospel-centered, Spirit-empowered fellowship of churches engaged in forwarding the Kingdom through church planting, revitalization, and evangelism.

I believe we are seeing God do a fresh work in Ohio. I am more excited about the work of the SCBO now than ever before. I hope you will join us at our Pastor's Conference and Annual Celebration at Cuyahoga Valley Church on November 14 and 15 and seek to join in the work God is doing in our state. You can visit <https://scbo.org/celebration> for more information. I hope to see you there!

Your partner in the gospel,

Ray Umphrey
SCBO President
president@scbo.org

AROUND OHIO

Conference Empowers Leaders in Southwest Ohio by Jack Helton



Vance Pittman addresses leaders during a general session.

On Thursday, September 8, more than 290 leaders from around Ohio convened at Lakota Hills Baptist Church for the first annual Southwest Ohio Regional Leadership Conference.

Those in attendance were equipped and encouraged by

national evangelical leaders Vance Pitman, president of the NAMB Send Network; Shane Pruitt, national next-gen director at NAMB, and Dr. Hershael York, dean of theology and preaching, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition, the conference offered individual breakout sessions on subjects such as church missions, kids/student ministries, evangelism, church planting, leading well as women, and community connections. Attendees enjoyed a day full of faith, fellowship, food, and fun!

Mark your calendars now for next year's conference at First Baptist Church Kettering on Thursday, September 7, 2023.



Heather Wagoner leads a breakout session at the Southwest Ohio Leadership Conference

Ohio WMU Sets Course for the Future at Missions Celebration and Fall Retreat



Marisol Fernandez provides Spanish language interpretation as Odelle Cadwell speaks to women at the WMU Fall Retreat.

One hundred twenty-two women gathered recently at First Baptist Church, Mt. Healthy for the 2022 Missions Celebration and Fall

Retreat. Susie Emery, First Baptist Church Woodsfield, was elected as the Ohio WMU President and asked for prayer as she seeks

to engage SCBO churches in praying, supporting, and getting the gospel across the street and around the world. The women also honored outgoing WMU President Jean DiFilippo for her productive four-year tenure. They collected \$700 for the WMU Scholarship Fund which provides financial help for women and girls who are going on their first mission trip.



Women's Missions & Ministry

Ohio Deaf Missions Begins New Era



Attendees at the 2022 Ohio Baptist Conference of the Deaf.

The Ohio Baptist Conference of the Deaf met recently to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary and to announce that the conference is changing its name and will be moving forward as Ohio Deaf Missions. The mission of Ohio Deaf Missions (ODM) is to provide opportunities for training and equipping Deaf Ministries in and around Ohio.

There are an estimated 303,000 deaf/hard of hearing people in

Ohio, and only 1.5 percent have accepted Christ. In Ohio, only three SBC churches to the Deaf exist. Would you join with us in this ministry to reach the Deaf for Christ? Ways to help: pray for the Deaf, publicize ODM conferences, help fund Deaf members to attend, and consider giving financial support. Please send financial support to Ohio Baptist Foundation with Ohio Deaf Missions in the memo.

"Reaching Your Neighbor" in Elyria



Pastor Joshua Hargis leads a community outreach event.

Elyria Baptist Church, in the Northcoast Baptist Association, recently conducted a city outreach entitled "Reaching Your Neighbor." This event helped the church connect to friends, family, and neighbors that are far from Christ.

Pray for Pastor Joshua Hargis and his congregation as they continue to take the gospel into the highways and byways of their culture and community!

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UPCOMING ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Buckeye Central/Erie	Saturday, October 1	10:00 AM	Lincoln Heights 512 Stewart Rd N Mansfield
Cincinnati Area	Monday, October 3	6:45 PM	The Summit Church 8136 Wooster Pike Cincinnati
Cleveland Hope	Sunday, October 23	5:00 PM	Cuyahoga Valley 5055 E Wallings Road Broadview Heights
Greater Dayton	Tuesday, October 11	4:00 PM	Refuge Church 1500 Huffman Ave Dayton
Metro Columbus	Monday, October 24	11:30 AM	Hub Ministry Center 5959 Sharon Woods Blvd. Columbus
Muskingum Valley	Sunday, October 23	6:00 PM	New Lexington 890 S Main St New Lexington
Northcoast	Saturday, October 15	10:00 AM	Good Shepherd 1100 Cleveland Ave Amherst
Northwest	Monday, October 3	6:00 PM	Haven Heights 1373 North Ottkee St Wauseon
Ohio Valley	Tuesday, October 18	7:00 PM	McKelvey Road 9865 McKelvey Rd Cincinnati
Southwestern	Thursday, October 20	6:00 PM	Bethany Baptist 6049 Yankee Rd Liberty Township
Steel Valley	Saturday, October 15	9:00 AM	FBC Garrettsville 7656 State Route 82 Garrettsville
Summit	Sunday, October 16	5:00 PM	Broadman Baptist 350 E Bath Rd Cuyahoga Falls
West Central	Saturday, October 15	9:00 AM	Indian Lake 340 N. Main St Lakeview, OH

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The State Convention Of Baptists In Ohio

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Rediscovering Gospel Multiplication

Monday, November 14
4pm-7pm

Tuesday, November 15
9am-4pm

Pastors' Conference

Everyone is welcome, not just pastors!

Ohio leaders, this is your time!

Join other pastors and leaders from all over the state for an evening of powerful speakers, engaging worship, and “can’t miss” fellowship opportunities. You’ll be encouraged and energized by the special program featuring guest speakers Brian Croft & Alistair Begg.

Annual Meeting

The SCBO thrives in cooperation.

This annual event provides Ohio churches with a rare opportunity to come together in unity. Let’s join voices in worship and prayer, connect with friends both old and new, deepen ties with ministry partners, and collaborate to see God’s Kingdom expand in Ohio.

November 14-15 | Cuyahoga Valley Community Church | Cleveland, Ohio

Job Postings

LEAD PASTOR

Beacon of Christ Church (BCC), Cincinnati, is searching for a full-time Lead Pastor. BCC has recently finished an intentional and successful revitalization. Our ideal candidate is a man with effective communication skills, at least five years experience as a Lead/Senior Pastor, able to work with teams, and possesses proven leadership skills. Please send resumes to: Beacon of Christ Church Lead Pastor Search Team, 6384 Harrison Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio, 4524, or email to jerryhowardesq@gmail.com now through October 2022.

SENIOR PASTOR

Woodsfield Baptist Church is a conservative Southern Baptist Church with a blended style of worship, located in the small southeastern Ohio community of Woodsfield. Our church has a desire to grow, and we seek a pastor who has the same desire, as well as the ability to work compassionately with all types of people. Agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message is required, and pastoral experience and education are preferred. Please submit resume through email to woodsfieldfbc@gmail.com.

SENIOR PASTOR

First Baptist Church Auburn is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. In existence since 1959, FBC Auburn is a small Southern Baptist church that meets on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The church is looking for the following in a pastor: strong communication skills, leadership experience, and a servant's heart. Please send a resume, including three personal references, to Timothy P. Wisecup at 513-633-0644. Please text if possible or email to tmwiseup@gmail.com.

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