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OHIO PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 2016

Philippians 3:14

SCBO Annual Meeting
NOVEMBER 2, 2016

FBC Vandalia, 140 Elva Ct, Vandalia, OH 45377

New Pastor & Staff Orientation



September 6, 2016

9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

State Convention of Baptists
SCBO Resource Center
9000 Antares Avenue
Columbus, OH

The New Pastor and Staff Orientation provides opportunity to meet the State Resource Team Leaders and learn what resources are available. There is no registration fee; however, advance registration is necessary through Linnett Snodgrass. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. Orientation begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes by 3:00 p.m.

Contact Linnett Snodgrass (lsnodgrass@scbo.org) or Bruce Smith (brucesmith@scbo.org) for more information.

From the Desk of the President

Humility. It is one thing to preach about it, but quite another to practice it. 1 Peter 5:6 reminds us, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you." What many of us witnessed in St. Louis a few weeks at the Southern Baptist Convention whether in person or via watching online was both honoring to the Lord and historic. A situation that could have become divisive was diverted as Dr. JD Greear and Dr. Steve Gaines both clothed themselves in humility. What a model for us here in Ohio to follow as we lead

and live out the gospel in our churches and as a convention. May we support and pray for Dr. Steve Gaines as he leads us as our new SBC President.

Momentum continues to build as we march toward our Pastor's Conference on Tuesday, November 1st and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd. During the month of August, we will be unveiling the speakers and worship leaders for these events via our social media outlets. I am so excited and overwhelmed at the line-up that the Lord has aligned for us. Please be sure to stay connected with us to follow along

with all of the breaking news, announcement and updates. If you are on Facebook, please join the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio group page and on Twitter, please follow "@SCBO2016."

Finally, I want to say thank you for both your prayers and your giving. The 50-50 task force committee has voted and recommended that we move to a 50-50 CP distribution beginning immediately with the 2016-2017 budget. Both the finance and executive committee have voted and fully support this recommendation. My prayer is that this historic moment in Novem-



Dr. Jeremy Westbrook

ber will serve as a catalyst for a movement here in the Buckeye state! Once again, it is an honor to serve you and if I can ever help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Moving Forward,
Dr. Jeremy Westbrook
SCBO President



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Philippians 3:14

Hold the date and make plans to attend the 2016 Ohio Pastor's Conference, Tuesday November 1, 2016 at FBC Vandalia. The Conference will begin at 2pm and will be filled with outstanding worship, excellent preaching, peer to peer encouragement and networking, and good ole Baptist fellowship! FREE church resources will also be provided to every pastor/staff that attends and there will be multiple ministry resource giveaways! This conference will precede our Annual State Convention meeting being held the next day, Wednesday, November 2nd at FBC Vandalia! For more information contact Jack Helton at 614.309.9738 or jackhelton@scbo.org.

This conference is underwritten by your faithful support of the Cooperative Program!

Blessing on the Mountain

By: Quinton Moss

The 2016 Black Church Leadership and Family Conference (Black Church Week) sponsored by LifeWay

LEAD and the scripture reference came from Nehemiah 4:14. Dynamic preachers spoke each night from a



Ridgecrest Black Church Week



and led by Dr. Mark Croston and the LifeWay team did not disappoint the eight hundred plus in attendance. This event is held each year at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

What a time of excitement and blessings as African American Churches from across the country gather for training, meeting old acquaintances, and making new friends. The LifeWay team once again put together an exciting and informative schedule for all participants with dozen of breakouts and meaningful worship experiences.

This year's theme was



Rocci and Damika Withers

letter in the theme title. Monday, Fred Luter, Jr., of Louisiana spoke on Launch; Tuesday, Anthony Dockery of California spoke on Engage; Wednesday, Geoffrey Guns spoke on Advance and Thursday, H.B. Charles of Florida spoke on Destiny. Each morning Bible Exposition from the YOU material was led by the dynamic James McCaroll of Tennessee.

Ohio's own Damika Withers, a member of the United Faith Community Church, Reynoldsburg (Gerald Saffo, pastor) was recognized during the conference for completing the writing course and will become a contributing writer to the YOU curriculum. Way to go Damika! We are

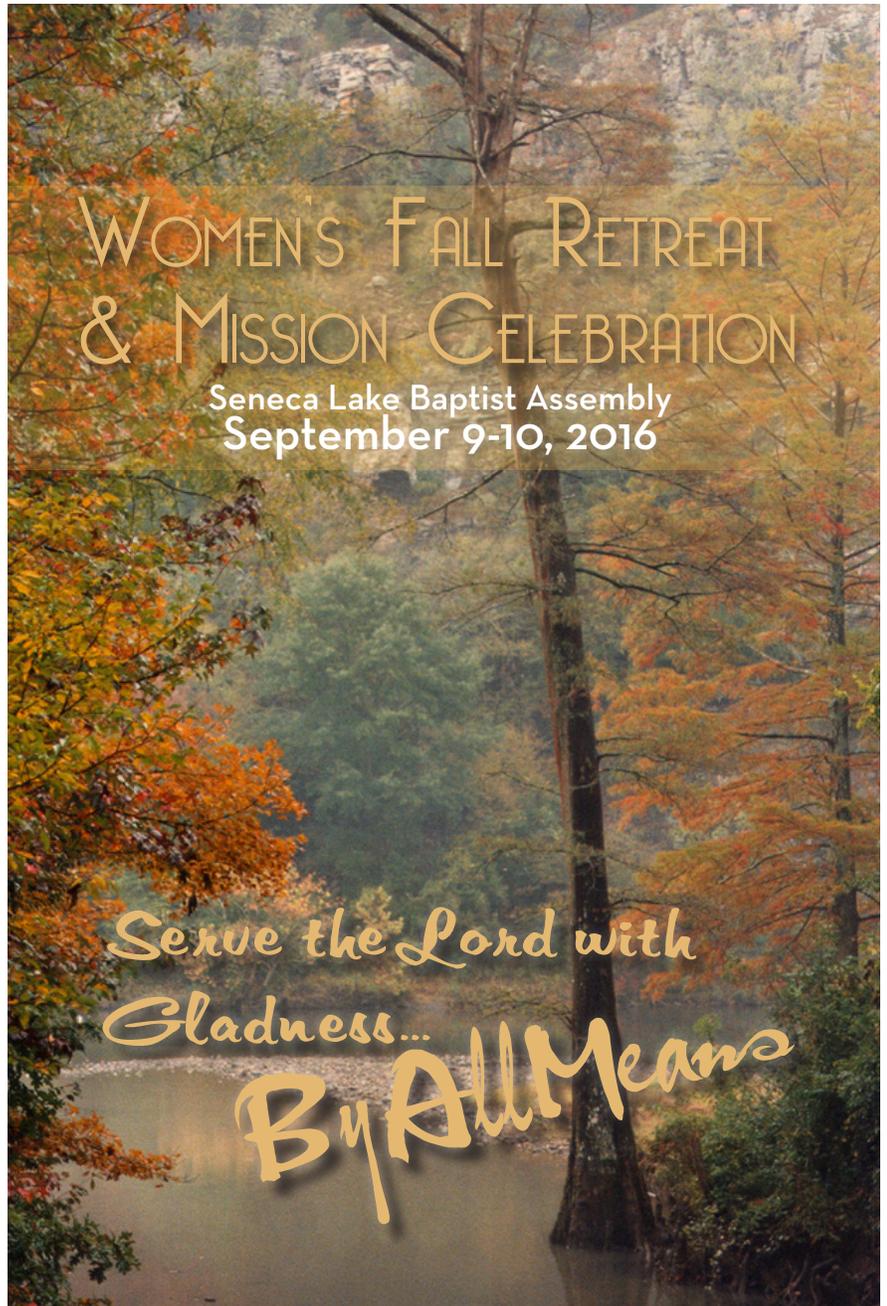


proud of you.

Centrifuge was held this same week at Ridgecrest for the youth of these churches and 13 salvations were reported.

On this mountain, fervent

prayers were lifted, high praise was offered, and true worship took place. What a BLESSING!!!



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Praying Strategically for Your Spiritual Leaders PrayOhio! 2016 Prayer Initiative: Our Most Strategic Weapon:

Leith Anderson writes about a critical turning point in the American War of Independence, the Battle of Saratoga. The Patriots faced a British regiment with more soldiers, muskets, gunpowder, and shot. Daniel Morgan, the commanding officer for a rag-tag group of farmers known as 'Morgan's Rifles,' walked among his men the night before the battle, October 6, 1777. His orders: *'Don't waste your shot on those who fight for six pence a day, save your shot for the epaulet men.'* His point was simple. Limited ammunition meant they needed to use what they had where it would have the greatest effect. Rather than focusing on the foot soldier, they were to target the officers, those with epaulets on their shoulders. By the second day of the battle, the British officer ranks were decimated, their tactical plan confused. Though they still had plenty of soldiers, firepower, and supplies, the British were forced to surrender. Those who serve today know officers no longer wear such distinguishing marks in battle! (*Dying for Change*, Bethany House 1998)

'I know of no greater kindness my people can do for me than to pray for me.'

Charles Spurgeon

As go the leaders, so goes the battle. Our enemy has adopted the tactic of Morgan, but he doesn't need epaulets to know

those who lead. He is going after leaders, not because they are more important than others, but because leaders are a strategic target. Whether it is



Surrender of General Burgoyne by John Trumbull

pastors, missionaries, church staff or church leaders, he targets them with discouragement, distraction, temptation, scandal, burnout; the list of his weapons is long. To be on mission is a declaration of war, and we must fight with spiritual weapons: primarily earnest, urgent, persistent prayer. (2 Corinthians 10:4-6) We wage war in the prayer room. We can lock shields and launch a spiritual counterattack with prayer.

Paul understood the critical need for prayer. At a particularly discouraging time in his life, he wrote the church in Corinth: *'You must help us by prayer so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.'* (2 Corinthians 1:11 ESV) Using

the adage, *'prayer must be Scripture-led and Spirit-fed,'* we can look to Paul's letter to the Romans (15:30-33) for a practical guide on how to

pray for leaders. Understanding prayer is not like a good recipe: simply follow a set of mechanical directions and everything turns out right in the end; there are some essential elements of praying found in these few verses. (See D.A. Carson *Praying with Paul* and Daniel Henderson *Your Most Strategic Investment*)

First, note the earnestness, urgency, and persistence that must characterize our praying. Paul passionately asked, *'I beg you... strive together with me in prayers to God for me.'* (15:30) He speaks of praying like the strenuous discipline of an athlete. This is more than routine praying; it is *prayer work*. Prayer has been called the *'gymnasium of the soul,'* because the struggle, discipline, and spiritual agonizing

against the enemy are intense. (Carson, *Praying with Paul* p. 188) Praying this way takes the spiritual battle seriously and puts on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). John Piper reminds us, *'until you believe that life is war, you cannot know what prayer is for.'* The battle is waged first on our knees. Paul understood talking to people about God is essential, but first, we must talk to God about people.

Paul's request was not based on his authority or their strength, but *'through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit.'* (Romans 15:30) Henderson writes: *'It is our worship and love for Jesus that motivates us to pray. Our zeal for His name and fame compel us to intercede for our leaders.'* (*Your Most Strategic Investment* p. 4) Perhaps our praying lacks because it is duty-driven; worship-based praying creates a sustaining motivation for prayer. Paul included the person and work of the Holy Spirit, who is critical for effective prayer. (Romans 8:26-27)

Notice Paul's prayer requests. He asked them to pray he would *'be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe.'* (v. 31) Paul planned a stop in Jerusalem, and the danger was real. (Acts 20:22-24) Our leaders often operate behind enemy lines, taking ground the enemy does not want to give up. Those of us

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who hold the spiritual rope of prayer need to remember the risk and pray for their safety.

Paul also requested *'that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints.'* We often face opposition from within as well as from without. Believers are at all levels of spiritual maturity. We need to pray for the Father to be at work in the hearts of those in the church, making them open, receptive and supportive of the ministry of the leaders. Pray for the hard work of leading, disciple-mak-

"Rather than a religiously tame ritual, prayer is actually the most important and strategic work of kingdom advancement. It might be the least tame thing we do!" Gary Mayes

ing, encouraging and equipping the saints for the work of ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

When we pray for the Father to bless those who lead, it is with a biblical understanding of blessing – *'a sovereign act of God by which He causes someone or something to supernaturally produce more than would naturally be possible.'* (Tom Elliff, *A Passion for Prayer* p. 177) We are asking the Father to accomplish more than is humanly possible, that which cannot be explained by effort, logic or talent. When we live below the standards

of God's blessing, the entire world sees only what can be done by human effort. We must have the Father's blessing if the world is to understand fully who Jesus is and what He can do.

When Paul asked them to pray *'that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you,'* (v. 32) he was not just asking for a vacation. He was asking them to pray his vision be refreshed. We learn in the background verses (Romans 15:14-29) he was traveling to Rome, on his way to Spain. His desire was to *'preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, (so that) ...those who have not heard shall under-*

"One of the constitutional enforcements of the gospel is prayer. Without prayer, the gospel can neither be preached effectively, promulgated faithfully, experienced in the heart, nor be practiced in the life. And for the very simple reason that by leaving prayer out of the catalogue of religious duties, we leave God out, and His work cannot progress without Him."

E .M. Bounds

stand.' (v. 20-21) In addition to praying for health and safety, the effective sharing of the gospel and disciple-making efforts, pray our leaders keep before them the next step, the big picture.

Paul wanted to continue to find joy in the journey. The missionary often gave thanks for those who *"... refreshed my spirit and yours."* (1 Corinthians 16:18; 2 Corinthians 7:13; 2 Timothy 1:16; Philemon 7) Ministry can be demanding; leaders need encouragement in word and deed. My friend Bob Shelton encourages pastors to *'Enjoy the journey, stay the course, finish well.'*

Leaders want more than just to get through another day, though it may feel that way at times. There are present challenges, but also new opportunities. They have a passion for the gospel to be shared with those who have not heard and the church to be strengthened. Paul would write: *"Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."* (2 Corinthians 11:28)

We must understand the importance of strategic, intentional, prayer support for the sake of the gospel. Jesus taught us when we see the overwhelming need for the gospel to pray for more laborers. (Matthew 9:36-38) Paul's rock-solid conviction that the Father fulfills His purposes in response to the prayers of His



Pastors say the role can be tough:

- 84% say they are on call 24 hours a day
- 80% expect conflict in their church
- 54% find the role of pastor frequently overwhelming
- 53% are often concerned about their family's financial security
- 48% often feel the demands of ministry are more than they can handle
- 35% say the demands of ministry prevent them from spending time with their family
- 21% say their church has unrealistic expectations of them

Source: LifeWay Research, September 2015

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people motivated him to pray often for the saints and urge them to pray for him. He understood that if his dreams for the gospel were to be realized, he must be utterly dependent on the Father.

Were his prayers answered? When you review his journey in Acts 21:17-28:31, you see the amazing story of answers to the passionate prayers of the Roman believers. While in Jerusalem, forty antagonistic Jews vowed not to eat or drink until they killed Paul. By the hand of the Father, he traveled

to Caesarea with the protection of 470 soldiers! Surviving shipwreck and snake bite, he arrived in Rome only to be held under house arrest. The result: *'Paul... received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.'* (Acts 28:30-31)

Paul's closing words in Romans 15 remind us a praying church experiences the peace that comes from the Father. We are reminded how prayer

replaces anxious living with peace that passes all understanding. (Philippians 4:6-7)

'For the sake of the Gospel, for the good of our leaders and for the spiritual health of our own hearts – let's resolve to pray for those whom God has appointed to shepherd our souls. It is our most strategic investment.' - Daniel Henderson (*Your Most Strategic Investment*, p.9)

Pastor, if you need help, please call. You can reach me at 614.601.6820 or SteveHopkins@scbo.org

Contact info for all those who serve Mission Ohio is available at scbo.org.

You can also contact:
Care for Pastors
care4pastors.com

Focus on the Family Pastor Care Line 844-4PASTOR

NAMB Pastor Care Line 844-PASTOR1

Recommended Resources:

- Carson, D. A. *Praying with Paul* (Baker, 2014) p. 186-201
- Elliff, Tom *A Passion for Prayer* (CLC, 1998)
- Henderson, Daniel *Your Most Strategic Investment* (strategicrenewal.com)
- Mayes, Gary *The DNA of a Revolution* (Long Wake, 2013)



David Francis, Director of Sunday School for LifeWay Christian Resources will be our featured speaker Monday, September 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM
The event, materials and lunch are free, but registration is required
Register at www.cincinnatiabaptist.com
Event will be held at FBC South Lebanon, OH, 505 W Mason Rd 45065



IMPACT Dayton

OBJECTIVE: Saturate the Greater Dayton Association of Baptists (GDAB) churches and the surrounding ten counties with the Gospel of Jesus Christ during the summer of 2016 and more specifically on July 16th.

RESULTS: Over the last two months teams from TN, KY

and Ohio have converged on the Dayton area. Teams have conducted Art Camps, VBS, Back-Yard Bible Clubs, construction, clean ups, sports evangelism, door-to-door evangelism and block parties. These teams helped Hope Community, North Dayton BC, Victory BC, North Central BC, Maple Heights

BC, Medway BC, Eldorado BC, Grace Point Fellowship and FBC Miamisburg. Numbers are still being collected but the impact is confirmed by the comments received from those impacted churches. Every person that helped was an extension cord for God's Power & Will to be done in these ministries.

Thanks for helping power up the Spirit here in Dayton!



1st Annual Scramble Golf Tournament 2016 Ohio Baptist Foundation Golf Invitational



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10:30-11:50 am Check-in & Driving Range
11:00-11:45 am Lunch *Hamburgers, Brats and a Drink*
12:00 pm Shotgun Start
5:00pm Dinner, Proximity Prizes & Awards

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Greetings dear friends in Christ. I am excited to invite you to participate in the inaugural Ohio Baptist Foundation Golf Invitational to be held Monday August 15th at the prestigious Wedgewood Country Club in Powell, OH. Your entry fee of \$100 includes range balls, lunch, dinner, door prizes, and a great day of fun and fellowship, not to mention playing on a great golf course! Register as an individual (I'll put you on a team), or bring your own foursome. Proceeds from the event will benefit the OBF Scholarship Endowment Fund which provides scholarships to Christian students. There is also a probability that a famous sports personality might be with us to say a few words at dinner! Spots are filling up quickly so register as soon as possible (registration closes August 8th). Contact me if you have any questions at jackhelton@scbo.org or 614-309-9738.



Northside VBS

By: VBS director, Terra Annarino of Northside BC in Newark

Each summer for Vacation Bible School we invite children in our community ages 4-6th grade to join us for a week long adventure! It starts by our youth group going out into the community & anyone else who would like to join us go door to door and area businesses handing out flyers & talking with our fellow neighbors about the excitement we love to share! This year we "Submerged" ourselves to Find the Truth Below the Surface!

God truly had His hand on us as we are a small church on a low budget for VBS and this is how He worked!! We contacted a few local churches who had their VBS before ours & requested their leftover items. We had more than 2 churches contact us back & we had to turn some of them down as we had more than enough given to us!! The other churches were able to pass their items on to other churches as well! How Awesome is that!! We were then officially in "VBS Mode." Decorating, finalizing schedules etc... We had over 33 volunteers this year to

serve the 51 children we had registered!!

Throughout the week it was such a blessing to see the hearts of our leaders/volunteers & their commitment to these children! I would like to highlight a few "God Moments" that I witnessed throughout the week. It was the 2nd day & I happened to be walking by the snack room & noticed one of our youth standing in front of a little girl in a wheel chair. She was unable to use her legs, arms, hands etc due to a congenital defect. The youth volunteer was by her side each night pushing her where she needed to go, assisting her with eating & drinking as well! Throughout the week this little girl had the biggest smile on her face! I knew then God had his hand on us!

As the final night came and we ended with our Family celebration we took a breath and thanked God for giving us yet again, another opportunity to reach out to these families! Vacation Bible School will always be a favorite childhood memory for me and it is our turn to give back! May we all have another successful year each & every VBS to come!!



The children's choir is ready to perform.



We are diving deep into the Word.



Don't let anything keep you from coming to VBS!



These ladies are ready to welcome the masses.



Super Summer Ohio

By: Tyler Zweydorff

Super Summer Ohio is a unique type of camp for teenagers in the Southern Baptist Convention, that takes place for five days near the end of June. Super Summer is a special leadership camp for youth leaders to go and grow more in faith, leadership, and service. Each grade has a specific school, ranging from soon to be 8th graders to recent graduates, and those schools each have a specific theme for the week. But not only does each school have a particular focus. Themes such as identity, service, and authenticity are some of the themes that dominate school classroom time. But the thing that really sets Super Summer apart is the family group times. Each family group is a small group with two adult leaders who guide the small group with questions that deal with the topics we discuss. The family



group is a huge bonding time between those who are in family groups. Super Summer is a truly unique camp experience for young adult leaders.

But Super Summer is not just a unique camp, it's a life changing experience. Since I first went to Super Summer in Red School (The first year in Super Summer), all the way to Silver School (for recent high school graduates), I've learned more and more about my faith and myself. After my second year (Blue School), I felt a call to ministry, a call that I still pursue today. In Orange

school (the third year), I had my first experience with leading worship in front of a group of people, something that is now very near to my heart and something I now use in my local church. Super Summer also presents many unique challenges to its students. To practice evangelism, we each had to share the gospel with someone else at the camp (they would graciously pretend that they had never heard the gospel before to give us the real feel). Lo and behold, I shared the gospel with Jack Helton, our state's evangelism

director! Jack and I have since become friends and he is a great mentor in my life. There are so many great opportunities like this at a camp like Super Summer.

Super Summer has really led me to be a better disciple in Christ. If your church has never heard of Super Summer or never sent kids to Super Summer, I encourage you to send your youth group's leaders to Super Summer. It's truly one special place, that's tons of fun and there's so much to learn and grow from spiritually!



2016 Ohio Disaster Relief Training Sessions

Food Service, Child Care, Chain Saw, Shower Trailer, and Mud-Out Training. You must be 21 to train for Child Care and 18 for all other areas.

CPR Training will be available for those already trained in one of the Disaster Relief Ministry Units. This is a two-day session, beginning on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and concluding on Saturday around lunchtime. The cost is \$ 25.00 per person. *Due to a limited number of trainees per class, pre-registration is required for CPR.*

You must already be a DR Team member to take advantage of this CPR training opportunity. We will collect required information, during the training session, to perform a background check.

Friday

6:00 PM
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Registration
"Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"

Saturday

7:15 AM
8:00 AM
12:00 PM
12:30 PM
3:00 PM

Continental Breakfast Served
Unit Training
Lunch Provided by DR Food Service
Evangelism Training
Dismissed

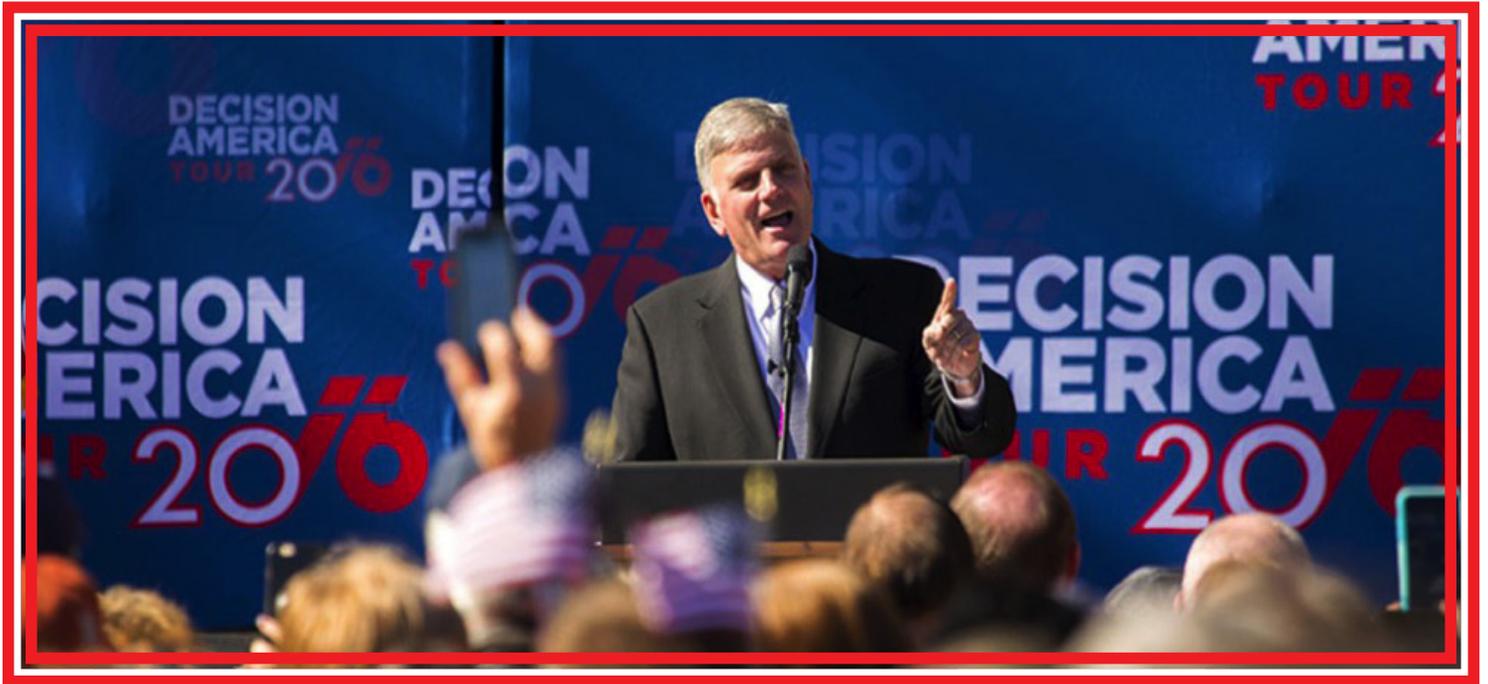
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SKELLEY@SCBO.ORG TO REGISTER**

You are welcome to bring your bed roll and sleep in the church at any training session. Meals are provided. The cost is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple (sharing a training manual).



Decision America 2016 Tour

"America is at a crossroads, and I believe we should take every opportunity to stand up for the things of God and His Word." –Franklin Graham

Franklin Graham is traveling to all 50 states in 2016 to hold prayer rallies, to preach the Gospel, and to challenge believers to take a stand and take action. He'll be urging Christians to vote, to live out their faith in every part of their lives, and to pray for our nation just as Nehemiah cried out to God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore hope to His people.

**Join Franklin Graham on
October 6, 2016
12:00 p.m.
Capitol West Plaza
E State St
Columbus, OH 43215**

Sign up to pray for the State of Ohio by following the link below:

<https://decisionamericatour.com/prayer-team>

This is a powerful way you can take meaningful action, praying with passion and persistence for our pastors, our churches, our cities and state, and especially our nation—all from home, on your schedule, as God leads you.



CONNECT

**But God proves His own love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us!**

ROMANS 5:8

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is excited to announce a new evangelism/Sunday school initiative entitled “Connect>1”. It is a call to biblical evangelism through a person-to-person, small group initiative that several state conventions are participating in.

The Connect>1 Evangelism Campaign aims to take the Gospel to every corner of our state by engaging Sunday School classes and small groups in personal evangelism. Sunday School or small groups, is the single largest organization in most churches and are an integral part to the mission of the church.

By using the church’s small group organization, the church will be able to engage greater involvement in evangelism from its members than by any other means.

Bible studies by LifeWay Christian Resources will support the Connect>1 initiative’s first six weeks starting in September, with the Bible Studies for Life curriculum teaching specifically on the Gospel.

Michael Kelley, LifeWay’s director of groups ministry, said, “When we learned of the opportunity to align our most popular curriculum series with a strong evangelism plan, we decided God was in this and wanted to make it work.

Associated with the Connect>1 initiative is this challenge called 3151. It is an opportunity for every Ohio Baptist to do the following during the month of October:

- 3) Pray for three lost friends by name,
- 1) Learn one Gospel presentation,
- 5) Invite five people to your group and
- 1) Share the Gospel at least one time.

Imagine a plan to equip and engage every church member to be a fisher of souls. A simple plan that any follower of Christ can do. A basic plan that is organized through the church’s Sunday School or small groups strategy to disciple members to become

exactly what Jesus called His small group of disciples to be: soulwinners!”

The Gospel message undergirding the evangelism initiative is titled “One Great Hope.” As described on the Connect>1 material, it focuses on four points of conversation -- “One Great God, One Great Problem, One Great Hope and One Great Decision” -- drawn from Romans 5:8, which states: “But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!”

So, the Bible Teaching/Leadership resource group and the Evangelism resource group have partnered together to bring this to Ohio. We are asking you to consider giving us a few minutes of your time to discuss this with you and your leadership as we move into the Fall season. We have material for you to look through upon request as well as a full presentation that could be given to your church.

Please contact us today for more details at:
Dwayne Lee - dlee@scbo.org / 614-601-6824
Jack Helton - jhelton@scbo.org / 614-601-6881



The **CONNECT >1**
EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN

is an emphasis to **EQUIP & ENGAGE**
every church member
in personal **EVANGELISM**
through the church’s
small groups or **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Missions Camp challenges kids to share Jesus, love missions

By Stephanie Heading

Cultivating a love of missions and challenging boys and girls to make missions a part of their daily lives was the goal of the recent Missions Camp at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly. Campers, including girls in second through sixth grade, and boys, from first grade through teens, focused on mission education and application following the themes "Run the Race" and "Man Up!"

"The purpose of Missions Camp is to bring children's attention to missionaries, learn simple ways to share Jesus with others and plant the seed of love for missions early on," said Sarah Beck, girls camp leader.

Girls' camp focused on the theme "Run the Race," based on 1 Timothy 4:8. "The girls



Campers at Missions Camp participated in worship, Bible study, and missions education at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly.

learned how to be courageous in sharing their faith throughout their lives.

One of the activities that helped support the theme was a game called "Secret Church," in which campers had to get from the top of the camp down to the gym without being detected, as they pretended that Christianity was illegal in America. "It

was very thought-provoking for the campers, as some Christians in other countries really do have to sneak around to have Bible studies," said Beck.

Girls attending camp made decisions for Christ, were mentored one-on-one and strengthened their walks with the Lord during the week.

While the girls learned to "Run the Race," the boys were challenged to "Man Up!" The boys were divided into two groups -- younger boys and teen boys, also known as Challengers. Both groups learned about four character traits of a real Christian man: honor, courage, righteousness, and self-control.

Bryan Carpenter, camp director, believes the "Man Up!" study developed change in the boys throughout the week. "The thing I noticed was as the week progressed there was more and better prayer time with the boys and a willingness to serve others. On several occasions when things didn't go as planned, we had a boy or two that would stop and offer to pray."

Although the boys studied the same material, the two groups participated in different activities in addition to their mission and Bible studies. The younger boys were involved in camp craft, swimming, boating, fishing, archery, cabin war competition and miniature golf.

The teenaged Challengers went "back to nature," camping in tents for two nights and learning how to survive in primitive living

situations. "This gave them a better understanding of what some missionaries experience on the mission field," said Phil Haughn, Challenger director.



The girls attending Missions Camp assembled just before the Ohio Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team demonstrated the work they do to dispose of fallen trees.

"The boys cooked seven meals from Tuesday - Thursday. They learned how to maintain an outside living area. They learned about conservation in regard to God's creation."

However, the camping experience taught more than just outdoor skills. "One of my favorite things that we do with the Challengers is teaching them how to focus on things above rather than on earthly things. We accomplish this through the use of spiritual applications. We apply some spiritual truth to random objects and sights throughout the week of camp. This teaches the young men how to be transformed by the renewing of their minds."

In addition to their separate studies, both the boys and girls met full-time missionaries and learned more about mission work. They also saw onsite demonstrations from the Ohio Disaster Relief

Chainsaw Unit and Feeding Unit.

Carpenter is excited about the future of Missions Camp at Seneca Lake. "The past two

years have been somewhat of a transition and evaluation time," said Carpenter. "We have put together a vision and are working on putting together a camp that will be more of a Hands-On Missions Camp by learning and doing. We are very excited about this and will be stepping up promotion in Ohio churches."

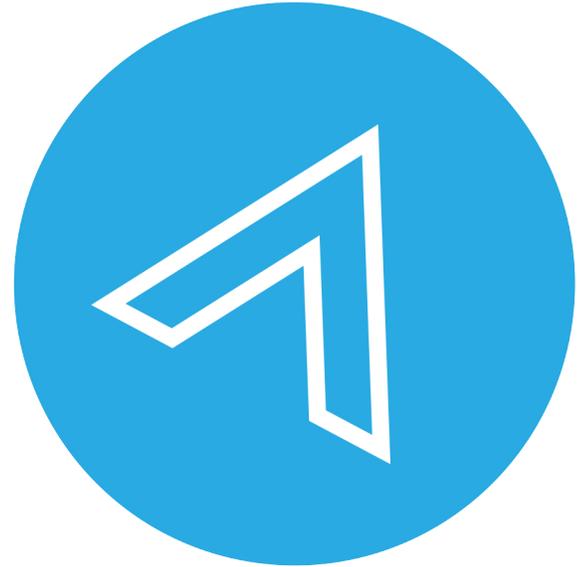
Duane Floro, State Convention of Missions Support & Mobilization, said "History shows that many of our missionaries serving today first experienced God's call while at missions camp. The missions week experience opens the door to learn first hand of God at work around the world. We are blessed in Ohio with leaders who give of themselves in such powerful ways to help raise the next generation of missionaries."



Campers at Missions Camp gather for instructions around the flag poles at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly.

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PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

Southern Baptists are “Great Commission” people. Both the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio are missionary organizations. Their roles are to facilitate churches in obeying the Great Commission. The Southern Baptist Convention is the national entity that coordinates the support of Southern Baptist entities: International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, Seminaries, and the Ethics and Religion Committee as well as providing a mechanism to engage other vital areas. In Ohio, the State Convention of Baptists exists to assist churches and associations obey the Great Commission. Southern Baptists support

worldwide missions through the Cooperative Mission Program. From here in Ohio to the ends of the earth, Ohio Southern Baptists participate in a missionary enterprise that enables them to be Acts 1:8 Christians and Churches simultaneously. Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Southern Baptists to reach at least 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by the end of 2020. The field staff of eight Resource Team Members are available to assist Ohio Southern Baptist churches in Bible Teaching/Leadership, Worship, Church Planting, Evangelism, Children and Youth Outreach, Missions Support, Women’s Ministries, Men’s Ministries, Disaster Relief, and many other resource areas that are vital to

church health and Kingdom Advancement. We want to celebrate the wonderful support of Southern Baptists from Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, and other areas for IMPACT Dayton. Steve Stiglich, the Associational Missionary for the Greater Dayton Baptist Association reported: Over the last two months teams from TN, KY and Ohio have converged on the Dayton area. Teams have conducted Art Camps, VBS, Back-Yard Bible Clubs, construction, clean ups, sports evangelism, door-to-door evangelism and block parties. These teams helped Hope Community, North Dayton BC, Victory BC, North Central BC, Maple Heights BC, Medway BC, Eldorado BC, Grace

Point Fellowship and FBC Miamisburg. Numbers are still being collected but the impact is confirmed by the comments received from those impacted churches. Every person that helped was an extension cord for God’s Power & Will to be done in these ministries. Thanks for helping power up the Spirit here in Dayton! This is an exciting time in the life and ministries of Mission Ohio. We praise God for what He has done and what He will do. Thank you Ohio Southern Baptists. Much remains to be done for His glory. Let’s press toward that mark.



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How to submit Church News

Send all church news and information to Linnett Snodgrass at lsnodgrass@sco.org

How to Become a Christian

If you are not a Christian, have never surrendered your will to the Lord Jesus, let me share briefly how you can make this life changing decision. **GOD WANTS YOU SAVED.**

FIRST, you must believe that God loves you and wants you to have peace in your heart and an everlasting life (John 3:16).

SECOND, you must recognize that you are a sinner, that you have done things which have displeased God and that you have separated yourself from Him (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

THIRD, you must believe that Jesus came to this earth, was actually God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, and yet went to a cruel cross, dying for your sins, paying once and for all the penalty of sin (I Peter 2:24). However, it’s

not enough just to know these three things. Many of us knew them for years before we ever gave Jesus our lives.

FOURTH, you must personally ask Jesus to come into your life and forgive you of your sins (Revelation 3:20).

You can pray this prayer now and if you mean it with all of your heart, Jesus will come in just like He said. He cannot lie.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I’m really sorry for my sins, Lord. I ask you now, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart, forgive me of my sins, take control of my life, and make me the kind of person You want me to be. I now receive You into my heart. Thank You for coming in. I will follow You all the days of my life. In Your name I pray, Amen.

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