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EQUIP. ENGAGE. ENCOURAGE. ENHANCE.

By: Jack Kwok, Ph.D.

Rolling Hills Baptist Church, led by pastor Danny Rollins, hosted the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio November 4-5, 2019. SCBO President Ryan Strother chose the theme "Equip. Engage. Encourage. Enhance." Roy Cotton, Sr., Director of African-American Ministries for the General Baptist Convention of Texas, led the worship: congregational singing and mass choir assisted by the Kettering First Baptist Church worship team.

Registered messengers numbered 220 representing 104 churches. Messengers adopted 4 resolutions (which are found on www.scbo.org) without opposition. They approved the 2020 time, place, and preacher: November 16-17, 2020 meeting at the Dublin Baptist Church in Dublin, Ohio and Kirk Kirkland, pastor of Revive Church in Cincinnati, Ohio preaching the annual sermon.

Stephen Owens, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio and president of the Ohio African-American Fellowship, preached the annual sermon from Acts 11: 20-22. He challenged messengers and guests to take risks of preaching Jesus, reaching people for Jesus, and encouraging future leaders.



Prayer for Greenway

Newly elected Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Adam Greenway preached from Acts 1: 1-11 exhorting Ohio Southern Baptists to embrace the urgency of obeying the

Great Commission. "We have not regarded our disobedience in evangelism as sin; and the church has done more gazing than going," proclaimed Greenway.

Ryan Strother, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio and president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio chose the text Philipians 1: 3-6 for his presidential address. He celebrated the many ministries and successes of the cooperative work of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Ryan presented an overview of the Denominee process and introduced the leadership team that will guide the seeking of God's will to reach Ohio. He also challenged Ohio Southern Baptists to Reach Ohio through prayer, and he introduced First Friday Fasting: the SCBO website www.scbo.org has more detail information.

Ronnie Floyd, president and chief executive officer of the Executive Commit-

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tee of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached the concluding message "Mobilizing Your Church To Fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ" for the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Floyd emphasized the need to be clear about the Crisis of Lostness and the Clarity of the Great Commission. He shared how to be clear about leading a church to obey the Great Commission: personalize the Great Commission; pray and call for people to be called out; prioritize, elevate, and accelerate mission giving through the Cooperative Program.

recipient is Keith Risner pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Trenton, Ohio for 38 years. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio website www.scbo.org contains more information on the pastor Keith Risner and the Darty Stowe Award.

Messengers to the 66th Annual Celebration approved without opposition the 2019-2020 Mission Ohio budget. In the November 7, 2007 session, the Mission Council changed the fiscal year for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio from starting January 1 and ending December 31 to starting December 1 and ending November 30. Revenue sources for the

newly approved Mission Ohio budget include the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, North American Mission Board, LifeWay, Ray Roberts State Mission Offering, Fees and Rentals, and other designated gifts. The total anticipated



Stephen Owens

revenue for the newly approved Mission Ohio budget is \$6,210,789.00. This is an increase of \$40,000.00 from additional fees for safety and security measures.

Anticipated Cooperative Program receipts remained the same as the current Mission Ohio budget: \$4,416,154.00. Messengers to the 63rd Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio approved a 50-50 distribution of Cooperative Program funds. This 50-50 distribution of Cooperative Program funds has continued with each successive budget since the 2016-17 budget including the 2019-20 one.

Per the 50-50 distribution, all Cooperative Program contributions from the churches affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio are divided equally between supporting Southern Baptist worldwide missions and Southern Baptist Mission Ohio. The 50-50 distribution of the full amount of anticipated Cooperative Program receipts



Ronnie Floyd

Messengers to the 66th Annual Celebration elected all officers by acclamation for another term. President Ryan Strother is the pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio. First Vice President Reginald Hayes is the pastor of United Faith International Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Second Vice President Jeff Woolum is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. Recording Secretary Faye Rodgers is a member of Northside Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio. Assistant Recording Secretary Annette Dessecker is a member of Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio.

The Georgetown College in Kentucky presents the Darty Stowe Award to a church leader each year. This year's



Officers





Keck, Greenway, and Floyd at CP luncheon

\$4,416,154.00 during the 2019-20 fiscal year is 50% (\$2,208,077.00) to the funding of worldwide missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program and 50% (\$2,208,077.00) to the funding of Mission Ohio through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. Whether the amount of the Cooperative Program receipts received elude, equal, or exceed the anticipated budgeted amount, all Cooperative Program receipts are governed by the 50-50 distribution without shared or preferred expenses.

“Shared or preferred expenses” originated alongside the adoption of the Cooperative Program missional funding plan in 1925. Some state conventions calculated their distribution of Coopera-

tive Program mission funds after they deducted the expenses for Cooperative Program promotion and coordination, and/or they distributed on the amount after other items were deducted. Each state convention chose to distribute with or without preferred items or shared expenses based upon the vote of the messengers who approved the annual budget for that state convention. Since its organization January 8, 1954, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio had distributed Cooperative Program mission funding without preferred items or shared expenses.

In addition to the Cooperative Program, Mission Ohio greatly appreciates funding received from the North

American Mission Board, LifeWay, Fees and Rentals, and the Ray Roberts State Mission Offering. All funding from these sources support Mission Ohio’s extensive ministries.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is a missionary convention that exists to assist affiliated churches and associations obey the Great Commission. From Ohio to the ends of the earth, let’s continue to press toward that mark.



Thank you to all of the committee members for making the 66th Annual Celebration a great success.

Program - Nannette Clark-Chair, Jean DiFilippo, Steve Hubbard, Danny Rollins, Ryan Strother, Reginald Hayes and Jeff Woolum

Credentials - Dave Warton-Chair, John McIntyre, and Bob Singleton, Sr.

Parliamentarians - Dave Hill and Chris Rhodes

Tellers - Steve Renfrow-Chair, Richard Abner, Thaddeus Griggs, and Paul Gooding



Jack Kwok, Ph.D. and Nannette Clark



Keith Risner Receives 2019 Darty & Dot Stowe Award

Pastor Keith Risner, pastor Edgewood Baptist Church Trenton, received the 2019 Darty and Dot Stowe Award at the 66th annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio November 5. This was the 25th presentation of the award.

When Darty and Dot Stowe began their ministry with Mission Ohio in 1954, our candidate for this year's award was born. He grew up in Southwest Ohio, and then planted Edgewood Baptist Church in Trenton in 1982.

By God's grace, Edgewood has baptized and disciplined 820 new converts, partnered to plant multiple churches, nurtured and sent out around three dozen leaders into gospel ministry, and leads leaders by hosting weekly a vibrant Community Leaders' Fellowship. Now in his 38th consecutive year as Senior Pastor at Edgewood, Keith Risner continues to model faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Keith and his wife Debby will soon

celebrate their 46th year of marriage. God has multiplied their legacy by blessing them with seven children they raised

and sent out, each of whom remain involved in the local church. Love in their hearts continues to grow as God blesses them with the precious gift of grandchildren (27 and counting!).

Darty and Dot Stowe began their ministry with Mission Ohio in 1954 as director of missions for the greater Cincinnati area. A year later he became state director of missions and then became the associate executive secretary, working closely with state executive secretary, Ray Roberts. Darty and Dot loved their work in Ohio and served until his homegoing in 1981. Dot accepted a position as director of a women's residence hall at Georgetown College in 1983, where she influenced many young women. She moved back to Ohio in 1989 and stayed in close contact with friends in the ministry until joining Darty with our Lord in 2000.

Darty Stowe led well from the 'second chair,' with a servant's heart, leav-

ing a great legacy in Ohio. The award is given every year to a pastor or minister who has served faithfully, perhaps never recognized like those in the larger, more visible churches, but leaving a legacy and serving in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 2:3-12. The Darty and Dot Stowe Award is provided by annual gifts to Georgetown College from members of the Stowe family.

Candidates for the Stowe Award must be currently serving Mission Ohio and have at least five years of service. Nominations are submitted to the state convention staff by October 1 each year. The award is announced during the annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. A recognition plaque and a financial award for the purchase of books and/or continuing education are presented to the recipient.



Help Needed

First Southern Baptist Church of Pomeroy, Ohio is currently looking for a full time senior pastor. Please e-mail contact information and resume to: Steve Weyand, Pulpit Search Committee Chairman to Stevewey@windstream.net. Contact phone number is 740-416-0559

New Hope Baptist Church in Windham, Ohio is accepting resumes for a bi-vocational pastor. We are seeking an energetic and passionate pastor with strong leadership skills and a desire to work with our membership. We are a small congregation but we love the Lord and are eager to learn and grow. Resumes may be sent to Kathleen Kunze c/o New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 397, Windham, OH 44288 or emailed to newhope138@gmail.com.

Indian Lake Baptist Church in West Central Association is looking for any church getting rid of any older sanctuary chairs. Contact Pastor Don Faulder at 937-962-4498 if you have any!



In Search of

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SPIRIT + TRUTH



NEW Areas of Concentration on Friday

Featuring Travis Cottrell



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Mark your calendar now!

Plan to attend the Worship 4:24 Conference at Cedarville University on January 24–25, 2020. Co-sponsored by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and Cedarville University Department of Music and Worship, this

conference is designed to equip and encourage worship leaders, musicians, bands, praise teams, and tech crews to be effective worship leaders. This year's conference will include new areas of concentration on Friday afternoon, the worship concert on Friday evening and over 80 breakouts on Saturday.



Meet Travis Cottrell

Travis Cottrell serves as Worship Pastor at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. For the last 18 years, he has also served as worship leader for Beth Moore's Living Proof Live conferences, where he has been able to minister in all 50 states and in several other countries.

His ministry is fueled by his desire to see this generation of the body of Christ come together in worship, and he longs for people to know, love, and worship the Maker and Lover of their souls. That's his passion, and ministering to God's people is his great privilege. He and his wife, Angela, have been married for 22 years and have three children.

Cost

Early Bird registration
11/1–12/20: \$50/person, \$20/student*

Regular registration
12/21–01/16: \$59.95/person, \$30/student*

Day of registration
01/24–25: \$75/person, \$40/student*
*7th grade–college

Registration

Online: worship424.com
Phone: 937-766-4444

To pay offline for multiple registrants with a single check, please select the gray button **Add Registrant**, then add each individual's information. Please make out checks to Cedarville University and send your check and registrants' names to:

Event Services
Cedarville University
251 N Main St
Cedarville, OH 45314

Registration fees are due by January 16, 2020.
Fees are nonrefundable after this deadline.



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH

Messengers in Fairfield Adopt Resolutions Regarding Mission Support, Appropriate Behavior, and Church Planting

Four resolutions were presented and adopted by messengers at the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Resolutions included a traditional expression of appreciation for those involved in planning and hosting the Annual Celebration. A resolution “On Awareness and Education for Appropriate Behavior” encourages churches to maintain best practices and safeguards for healthy relationships and communications. In keeping with awareness that the State Convention of Ohio gives fifty percent of its Cooperative Program gifts to worldwide missions beyond the local state, a resolution “On Support of the Cooperative Program” expressed appreciation to churches giving ten percent and more to the Cooperative Program and encouraged churches giving minimally to increase their mission support. A resolution “On a Call to Prayer and Action for Evangelism and Church Planting in Ohio” provides awareness of the need for church planting and invites individuals and churches to adopt an underchurched area for prayer and evangelism engagement.

The resolutions committee consisted of Chairman Anthony (Tony) Harris, pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church in Cincinnati; Matt Pardi, pastor and planter for H2O City Church in Bowling Green; Emily Perkins, staff member at Violet Baptist Church and wife to church planter David Perkins of Bridge Church in Baltimore; and Jason Walters, Discipleship Pastor at Living Hope Church in Marysville. The full content of the four resolutions is as follows:

1. On Expressing Our Gratitude

WHEREAS, God has instructed His people to express gratitude for those who serve faithfully (1 Thessalonians



1:2); and

WHEREAS, Our convention president, Ryan Strother, has faithfully served for the past year and has assisted with preparations for this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Our vice president, Reginald Hayes; second vice president, Jeff Woolum; recording secretary, Faye Rodgers; assistant recording secretary, Annette Dessecker; and historian Jack Kwok have ably served and assisted with preparations for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Danny Rollins and the staff and members of the Rolling Hills Baptist Church, in Fairfield, Ohio, which is part of the Southwestern Baptist Association, have been so gracious as to host this meeting; and

WHEREAS, The devoted staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio have played an extended role in planning and organizing this year’s Annual Meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the 66th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, express our gratitude and appreciation for their faithfulness and steadfast commitment to the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for their leadership to bring about this annual meeting characterized by prayer, encouragement, worship and purpose.

2. On Awareness and Education for Appropriate Behavior

WHEREAS, God has created every human being in His image, with equal value and dignity (Genesis 1:26–27); and WHEREAS, Any wrongful action perpetrated against one of God’s image bearers falls short of the standard God has set for us, bringing harm to others and displeasing God; and

WHEREAS, All our pastors, deacons, and leaders are called to a standard reflected in 1 Timothy 3:1-13; and

WHEREAS, We as Baptists, value being above reproach in all areas, seeking to reflect the character of God and glorify God in this world as salt and light, (Matthew 5:13-16); and

WHEREAS, We commend those churches in their due diligence in communicating, educating and sharing information as to promote Christ honoring behaviors as examples to the congregation with those who are of the opposite sex; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio express gratitude to our churches doing due diligence in holding appropriate behaviors as an example to the congregation and reflecting Christ well. We commend the

churches who are pursuing education, awareness, resources, and safe avenues for communication about appropriate behaviors in the church. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we express gratitude to those leaders and churches who are creating and using safeguards for the church leadership and the congregation; and be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage that all pastors, deacons and church leaders to live above reproach before the church and the world as reflected in 1 Timothy 3; and be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage our church leaders to find resources, current education, and definitions regarding appropriate actions, practices, terms, and verbal titles in the areas of abuse, harassment, and comments with the opposite sex, and we encourage our church leaders to plan training with the resources in regard to appropriate actions, practices, and terms; and be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage churches to establish healthy communication lines and best practices for people to report or bring concerns if inappropriate actions or communications are found in the church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage churches to hold in high regard best practices and safeguards for leaders and congregants to report concerns and violations, in accordance with best practices and local laws and ordinances, to include preventive education and the sharing of available resources.

3. On Support of the Cooperative Program

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Program serves Southern Baptist churches as a tool to reach the lost around the world through the cooperative efforts of churches, state conventions, The North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, Fifty percent of Cooper-

ative Program gifts of Ohio churches are distributed beyond Ohio to support cooperative ministry beyond Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Multiple ministries and leadership development opportunities for Ohio churches are supported through the Cooperative Program; and

WHEREAS, The partnership of the Cooperative Program offers opportunities for advancing the gospel in cities, suburbs, and rural communities across Ohio, across North America, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, We believe we can accomplish more in world-wide evangelism and church planting through cooperative efforts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio encourage member churches of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio who are not giving or giving minimally to the Cooperative Program to develop a strategy to increase their percentage of mission support through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we also express our gratitude to those churches giving ten percent and more to the Cooperative Program in addition to engaging in their own mission activities.

4. On a Call to Prayer and Action for Evangelism and Church Planting in Ohio

WHEREAS, Millions of individuals across Ohio do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an estimated 64% of the 11,772,000 Ohioans are not active in any church*; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 15,600 people per Southern Baptist church in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has 42 zip code areas with a population of more than 20,000 with no Southern Baptist church and an additional 63 zip codes with a population between 15,000 and 20,000 with no Southern Baptist church; and

WHEREAS, Another 62 zip code areas with between 10,000 and 15,000 people have no Southern Baptist church and another 43 zips have 7,000 to 10,000 people and no Southern Baptist church; and

WHEREAS, An additional 74 zip codes which have one or more Southern Baptist churches have a population of more than 20,000 people per church; and

WHEREAS, Leadership development tools such as the Multiplication Pipeline of the North American Mission Board and multiple evangelism tools are available for every Southern Baptist Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we the messengers of the 66th Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio express gratitude for new churches, their pastors, and the churches who have sent them out; and be it

RESOLVED, That we will pray for leaders to be raised up in our churches to strengthen our existing churches and for leaders to send out of our existing churches to start new churches and will seek to utilize appropriate means to develop those new leaders; and be it

RESOLVED, That we will pray for the under-churched areas of Ohio and look for means to actively engage those areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we the messengers of this 66th Annual Celebration voice our commitment to reach Ohio through a continued commitment to leadership development, evangelism, and church planting in Ohio.

*Statistics from Opportunity Scan, MissionInsight.com



Celebrating Linnett Snodgrass' Retirement

Linnett Snodgrass served Mission Ohio with distinction from 2004 to her retirement in 2019. Her duties encompassed the breadth and depth of Mission Ohio. She ably served as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director and the Executive Resource Group.

With excellence and grace, Linnett assisted Support Staff and Executive Staff daily. She coordinated the meetings of State Convention Presidents, Executive Committee, Mission Council, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, New Pastor and Staff Orientation, and Special Committee meetings for fifteen years. Linnett, Dave Warton, and Bruce Smith coordinated the planning of the annual meetings of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Her pleasant voice greeted callers to the general phone number of the Baptist Building. She warmly greeted all Mission Ohio leaders and guests to the Baptist Building with gracious hospitality. Linnett performed all her duties with professionalism.

Only eternity will reveal the extent of the contribution of Linnett Snodgrass to Mission Ohio. With the full support of her husband Randy, Linnett worked tirelessly and sacrificially to advance the cause of Christ through the ministry of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.



Thank you Linnett Snodgrass. May our Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him.

The North American Mission Board has released a new awesome product **THE BEST NEWS KIT!**

This is an evangelism resource developed by James Merritt, that has taken two years to produce, and it is fantastic!

The Kit Includes:

- A multi-week small group curriculum with videos from James Merritt
- Sermon suggestions and videos
- A new witnessing tool and tract
- Leader's guide
- Participant guide
- Thumb drive with all the digital assets a church needs to carry out the campaign

To request a free copy of the kit, email Jack Helton at jackhelton@scbo.org. Supplies are limited.

In addition, don't forget about familiarizing yourself with two valuable evangelism websites that offer great resources, insights, and strategies:
www.whosyourone.com www.namb.net/evangelism



Evangelism Training
by James Merritt

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FIRST FRIDAY FAST 2020

Supernatural Gospel Impact

By: Ryan Strother, Pastor Central Baptist, Marion, President SCBO

We should never discount the power of prayer. As much as we strategize and prepare our work for God's mission, we cannot forget that apart from Christ, we can do nothing (John 15:5). If we want to bear much fruit throughout Ohio, we must commit to praying. Think about all of the efforts right now in our state: the Denominee process starting in January to bring clarity to our convention's ministry, increased church planting and revitalization efforts, and the every-day work of our churches carrying out the Great Commission. We must pray!

As I think about our work in 2020, I want to challenge our churches to a prayer effort that will be low burden and high impact. So, let me introduce you to the First Friday Fast effort,

where I trust our churches will commit to fasting (if physically able) and praying on the first Friday of every month in 2020. We are providing five prayer points to consider as you pray and fast. Imagine what the Lord might do as we seek and depend on Him as we carry out His mission!

*Will you join us in the
First Friday Fast
challenge in 2020?*



Ryan Strother

FIRST FRIDAY FAST 2020

**Praying and
Fasting for
Supernatural
Gospel Impact**

DENOMINEE PROCESS AND FUTURE TEAM

Seeking His future for Ohio Baptists

CHURCH REVITALIZATION

Seeking His plan for the church

CHURCH PLANTING

Seeking His places for church plants

PASTORS AND LEADERS

Seeking His favor for pastors, leaders & their families

AWAKENING

Seeking supernatural gospel impact for Ohio & beyond

Getting the Jump-Start on 2020 VBS



On Saturday, November 9, 2019 VBS Directors from across the state gathered to get a sneak peak at the 2020 VBS materials. We had almost 50 churches from 13 associations represented at the training. Rhonda VanCleave was our special guest who traveled up from LifeWay headquarters in Nashville. Some of our state team members helped out as well with decorations, registration, recruiting tips and crafts. Each registrant got a one-of-a-kind lunch pail especially designed for VBS Ohio and the Concrete and Cranes spin. Each church who registered a month in advance also received their own complementary VBS 2020 Directors Kit.

The average total number enrolled in VBS each year is 2.4 million. In 2019 there were 59,026 decisions for Christ and 543 people committed their lives to church-related vocations during VBS. 14,376 people were newly enrolled in Sunday School as a result of attending VBS. With results like this, we hope you are motivated to conduct Vacation Bible School at your church!

During VBS, folks will discover that Jesus' love provides a foundation that will last. We are all a work in progress. Life is a hardhat zone. But just wait 'till you see what God can do! Make plans to attend Vacation Bible School Institute at FBC Grove City March 14, 2020!



Vacation Bible School Institute at FBC Grove City March 14, 2020

Registration open soon!





IT'S ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TIME.

I'd like to make this short and simple for every SCBO church this year. Answer these 5 questions and get your info back to me (email at jackhelton@scbo.org or text at 614-309-9738). I'll take it from there and make sure your ACP stats get to Lifeway!

1. Name of Church
2. Average Sunday Weekly Worship Attendance
3. Average Bible Study Weekly Attendance
4. Number of Baptisms
5. Average VBS Attendance (or event similar for children)

Thanks for your assistance with this vital evaluation information. All those reporting will be entered into a drawing to receive 2 tickets to next year's opening OSU football game on September 5th versus Bowling Green!

Cuyahoga Valley Church
5055 East Wallings Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147
Friday, March 6 • 9 am - 5 pm

Prayer Summit with Daniel Henderson

The Prayer Summit is designed as a day to seek the Lord and His agenda for our lives, families, churches, and communities.

Join Daniel Henderson as he leads a prayer summit for pastors and leaders from churches around the local region. Discover the transformative power of this unique prayer format, as we draw near to God together.

The focus:

- to seek His face more so than His hands
- to talk to Him, not just about Him
- to passionately seek to understand, know, and intimately relate to Him, first

and foremost

As we know His heart through an extended time of worship and devotion, we can then respond to His will as His Spirit directs. We come with no personal agendas and leave with only one — HIS!

My heart says this about You: "Seek His face." LORD, I will seek Your face. Psalm 27:8

The summit is an excellent opportunity for pastors to bring leaders and prayer teams. Prayer teams, bring your pastor! It will be a time of refreshment, encouragement, edification, and purification. Perfect for every heart longing to know God more intimately. Jesus

will establish the agenda as we worship, glorify, and enjoy Him through singing, Scripture reading, and prayer.

Daniel Henderson, author of *Old Paths, New Power: Awakening Your Church Through Prayer and the Ministry of the Word*, will facilitate the day of prayer at Cuyahoga Valley Church. Henderson is president and founder of Strategic Renewal and The 6:4 Fellowship. The vision of Strategic Renewal is Helping Pastors Succeed... God's Way.

Ohioans On Mission



The Bahamas. The trip. The Mission. On Sunday October 6th Pastor John Hays said that he felt a calling to go to the Bahamas and needed 7 additional guys to join him on a trip departing October 17th and returning on October 22nd. He said that the need was great but that conditions for work and sleep were unknown and could be rough. Hurricane Dorian had come through just a month prior resulting in massive damage and loss of lives. God spoke to me and said, "Clear your calendar!", so I did and so did the other men that joined.

Over the next few days things moved fast and the travel arrangements were on, then off and then different plans back on and then off again. Behind the scenes Penny Zuber, missions director for Jersey Baptist Church (JBC), was locked in her office trying every trick in the book to get the arrangements to work. When she hit a wall and couldn't find a way, Pastor John would come by and say, there is a way, I know it will happen. Little information made it to the team. Each of us prepared in faith that all would work out.



The departure changed to October 16th and off we all headed. None knew what we were walking into but all of us knew that God was in charge. On the morning of the 17th the team arrived by boat in Freeport, cleared customs and met up with Pastor Freddie from St. Matthew's

Baptist Church of Pelican Point and Doug Roberts, missionary who resides in Mexico, there to pick us up.



Over the next few days each of us discovered Christ working in and through us. In the mornings we had devotion. During the day we worked in teams to clear two churches, St. Matthew's and a second church further out on the Island. Both buildings looked like they had been through bombings. St. Matthew's Church was missing the entire front of the building and all of the top of the church. It had concrete with rebar throughout, water-soaked pews impaled with wood trusses and ceiling material and all sorts of debris filling the remaining walls. The second Church was missing more than half of the roof and had rubble and water-soaked pews and debris as well. The immediate goal was to clear the churches so that another team could come and help rebuild and create a place where the community could go as they contemplated rebuilding their homes and neighborhood, and so they would have a place to gather for worship. The damage to the community was near complete and included no running water or electricity and no expectation as to when that might change.

The team bonded as all eight from JBC and our missionary tested the limits of

what was physically possible. Piece by piece the debris was removed. Processes were developed on the spot as best ways were discovered. Each drank water after water as our bodies cooling systems kicked into full gear leaving each person soaking wet. Over time nicknames were developed that labeled team members with attributes that, in fun, fit. The over 40 years of difference in age between the youngest and the oldest of the team was hardly noticed as each contributed beyond what one might expect.

On Sunday we met some of Pastor Freddie's congregation and worshiped with them. It was good to see that optimism and faith were strong in the midst of a storm that for them continues.

As the work progressed, locals stopped by. Each was curious as to what we were doing and why. A Freeport based news crew came and interviewed Doug and he was able to spread words of encouragement throughout the Island as he described why we were there. The second goal was to spread hope. Hope in a future. Hope in Christ. I believe the goals were met.



The Columbus Ohio men from JBC on the trip were: Ervin Andy, Joel Frailey, John Hays, Richard Jones, Mike Kingery, Gary Kinser, Tim McCord and Dylan Weaver.



MARCH FOR JESUS

MAY 30, 2020

The LUKE 10:2 PRAYER CHALLENGE

The **Luke 10:2 Prayer Challenge** is a call for intercessors to pray daily that the Spirit of God will "compel" men and women in cities across America to **Plan, Organize and Mobilize a March For Jesus** in their cities, towns and villages in May of 2020.

As He prepared the 72 disciples to go into the cities of Judea and proclaim the kingdom of God, Jesus challenged them in **LUKE 10:2** saying *"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest"*

When Jesus challenged His disciples to pray that God would raise up workers for city harvest He used the word "Send". This is a rich word in the original language and it means more than simply "request or invite them to go". This word means "to compel, to thrust forth or even to cast out". In essence Jesus was saying to His disciples *"Pray that the Spirit of God will create a compassion for others in the hearts of people that will force them to leave their complacency and get busy in the work of advancing the kingdom of God in the city harvest field"* (see Matthew 9:35-37)

Do you accept the Challenge? Here are 5 things you need to Do:

- Ask God to burden your heart with great compassion for your own city or for some specific city that it may experience a move of God in awakening and revival.
- **Set the alarm on your cell phone, watch or clock to 10:02 am or 10:02 pm daily.**
- When the alarm sounds, or shortly thereafter, take a moment to pray three particular things for the city of your choice:
 1. That **Laborers** would be Multiplied there.
 2. That **Churches** would be Unified there.
 3. That **Jesus Christ** would be Glorified there.
- Commit to *March For Jesus* in your city and encourage others in your sphere of influence to publicly celebrate Jesus Christ with you.
- After one week, one month, or any time period you deem appropriate, ask God for another city and continue the Prayer Challenge.

Of course, even if you do not feel led to pray in the context of *March For Jesus*, please use this prayer strategy to pray for the cities, towns and villages of our nation, that workers will be "thrust" into these ripe harvest fields and lives will be transformed to the glory of Christ.

#PrayOhio

Huge response to Praying with Jesus: 40 Day Prayer Guide

September 12, we received shipment of 5,000 **Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide**. As of November 12, they have all been distributed to churches! If you didn't get in on the first print, don't worry, we are in the process of ordering another 5,000, expected to arrive in time for January 1, 2020, an ideal time for your church to launch a 40-days of prayer initiative. It will enhance our theme for 2020: **REACH Ohio through Prayer** and the **First Friday Fast 2020** initiative launched by our SCBO President Ryan Strother at the annual celebration.

Churches all across Ohio are using the guide to help the church pray together, in concert, for the church. The guide is designed with daily scriptures and prayer prompts to guide each member seven days a week for 40 days. Then the body gathers weekly to pray together, spending time together seeking His face and His grace for His church.

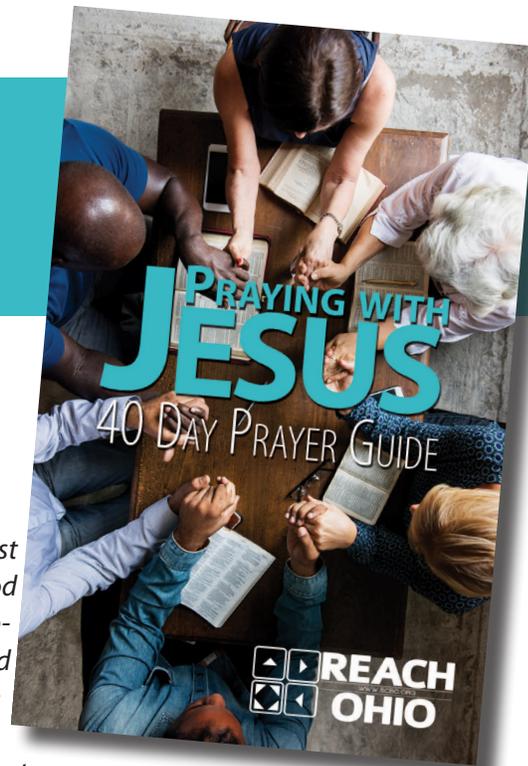
Chuck Lawless writes, "It isn't hard to measure to what degree we are trying to lead in our own strength. Just pay attention to what point in the process your prayers become desperate."

The *Final Command* (Matthew 28:19-20) was for followers of Jesus to be on mission with Him. To be on mission is a declaration of war. Spiritual warfare requires spiritual weapons. Prayer is the best measure of our dependence on Him. Prayerlessness is our declaration of independence.

"We cannot know what prayer is for until we know that life is war. Life is war. That's not all it is. But it is certainly that. Our weakness in prayer is owing largely to our neglect of this truth."

— John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*, p. 41

We must not fail to pray together. In Acts, the early church gathered 26 times in 28 chapters to pray together; their story was one of prayerful dependence, and it must be ours too. The great prayer encouragements in Scripture are full of plural pronouns — John 15 we are to abide together and Ephesians 6 we fight the spiritual battle together.



"The greatest workings of God come by corporate prayer, and we will not see the power of

measure to transform the world around us until we pray together. As a leader, you must make praying together on the same priority level as preaching/teaching." — John Franklin, And the Place Was Shaken, p. 4

The **Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide** is available in print and pdf formats. Your Cooperative Program giving covers the cost. Request your copies at scbo.org or by contacting Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org or 614-309-9746)

Also, **pastors, there is a companion sermon series guide to go along with the 40-Day Prayer Guide!** Seven sermon outlines by Jamie Work, the author of the prayer guide, available in pdf. You can provide a church-wide prayer emphasis, resources provided by CP giving!

"By New Testament measurements, we are anemic and shallow. We certainly are distracted. Could it be that we are powerless at the very moment when our society needs to experience the reality of faith that rests on the power of God and not the wisdom of men (1 Corinthians 2:5)?" — Daniel Henderson, Old Paths, New Power, p. 36

"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 ever do!" — Gary Mayes, DNA of a Revolution, p.189

"Prayer is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do." — Mark Batterson, Whisper, p. 18)



Church Revitalization Partnership

By: Dwayne Lee

Since our State Convention of Baptists in Ohio (SCBO) Annual Celebration that took place on November 4-5, 2019, many of you have heard that The SCBO is entering into a partnership with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) through the Center of Church Revitalization. This partnership will allow us to train leaders across the state in church revitalization so that they may be able to assist our churches in a greater way.

Church revitalization is one of those things that we are passionate about and we are trying to do everything we can to help as many churches as possible. We understand that revitalization comes in various forms and that is why we want to expose our leaders to as much quality training as possible.

Here is a tentative outline that the Center of Church Revitalization will be using to train those who would like to go through it:

Course Overview:

1. Introduction to Church Revitalization
2. Preaching
3. Great Commission
4. Leadership
5. Strategic Planning

Plus - a final project, which is the launching of a revitalization work in a church or association in order to complete the certificate process.

As more details become available we will make sure it is posted on our website under the SCBO.org/Revive page.

Cost:(may vary a little)

1. \$500/course OR
2. \$2,400 for the Certificate; includes the 5 courses and evaluating the final project to successfully complete the certificate.

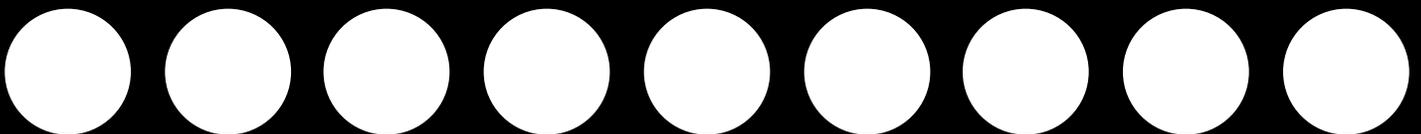
Payment Plan:

We will be offering monthly/quarterly/annual or full payment for the certificate. If you choose to take one course, then you would pay the full amount at course offering at the time of signing up.

Course Duration:

The certification plan would be over a 2 year period;
 - year 1: 3 courses,
 - year 2: 2 courses & project).

So, we are looking for people just like you to join us on this journey. A journey to help churches grow in health and vitality. By notifying our office this will allow us to take the next step with our partners in Texas. If you are interested please let me know asap. Please contact Dwayne Lee at dlee@scbo.org 614-601-6824 or or Steve Hopkins at stevehopkins@scbo.org 614-601-6024. We look forward to hearing from you!





The Road to Appalachia *"Changing Lives... One Backpack at a Time"*

The road to Appalachia was once again paved with love and prayers, as a good Samaritan drove a 53ft. semi-trailer loaded with approximately 840 Christmas Backpacks making its way to Appalachia. They were headed south to be delivered for Christmas to impoverished children who live in the most poverty-stricken areas in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

The Christmas backpacks were being brought in from all over Ohio to Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Fairfield Ohio, where the SCBO Annual Meeting was taking place November 4th thru November 5th.

Doug Brooks, from West Central Baptist Association, used his truck and trailer to bring in 540 Christmas backpacks from 10 Churches and a physician's office. "A BIG THANK YOU" to The House on the Rock Fellowship in Piqua, Ohio, for letting me store these backpacks in their facility and for the

members who helped load the trailer. "A BIG THANK YOU" to Doug Brooks for making it possible that all these backpacks were delivered to Rolling Hills Baptist Church.

Sam Kelley, from SCBO Disaster Relief, brought in backpacks from the SCBO Office, loaded in the Ohio Southern Baptists on Mission Trailer. There were 120 at the SCBO office, brought there by Duane Floro, who picked them up from the Seneca Lake Fall Women's Retreat. There were another 180 brought in by other churches, at the Annual Meeting and loaded on the trailer in Fairfield while awaiting the arrival of the semitrailer. "A BIG THANK YOU" to Duane Floro and Sam Kelley for all their help and traveling on this Appalachian mission journey with me.

A "BIG THANK YOU" to Rolling Hills Baptist Church Senior Pastor Danny Rollins and Youth Pastor Daniel Keaton for involving the Youth in helping to

unload the trailers when they arrived at the church.

Last but not least, "A BIG THANK YOU" to everyone in the churches and the associations who had a part in providing these Christmas backpacks. We couldn't have done it without your participation. These Christmas backpacks make it possible for these children to have a blessed Christmas.

Ryan Martin, our Appalachian missionary, "A BIG THANK YOU" for having a "heart for Appalachia" and coordinating the distribution of the Christmas backpacks.

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The Ohio Baptist Foundation News

The mission of the Ohio Baptist Foundation (OBF) is to serve as a fiduciary resource ministry, to administer the growth and distribution of our funds with integrity, and to promote perpetual stewardship through endowments. It is our vision to be a spiritual, growing trust entity that helps empower the starting and strengthening of congregations while fulfilling the Great Commission.

2019 has been a very fruitful year for the Ohio Baptist Foundation (OBF) and its many ministries! The OBF corpus continues to grow through our investment strategies, our donor gifts, our ministry partnerships, and our expanding account base! It is with joy that I inform you that from December 2018 – October 2019 gifts to the OBF have totaled more than \$96,000.00! Those ministry investments came from the generous hearts of seventeen different contributors. I am grateful for the institutions, agencies, and people that contribute to the OBF and the Lord's ongoing work in Ohio and beyond.

We are blessed to have several great ministry relationships with several of our SBC ministry peers. I am thankful for President Wayne Taylor and the staff at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation for providing the OBF with a conservative short-term savings fund. For President Warren Peek and the staff of The Southern Baptist Foundation for offering marketing materials and an estate planning tutorial. And finally to Jerry Vaughan, President and Chief Lending Officer at Waters Edge Ministry Services, and his staff, for providing SCBO churches with Church Loan and Certificates of Deposit opportunities! These three ministry

partners have been of tremendous assistance to me and the Board of Directors of the OBF, as we seek to meet the ever changing and expanding stewardship and investment needs of our churches, associations, and individual donors!

Following is a list of our current OBF Board of Directors. I so appreciate these folks and their Godly commitment to the Lord, their local churches, our state convention, and the ministry of the Ohio Baptist Foundation. Those currently serving on the Board Of Directors are: Mark Stinson (Pastor, Trinity BC, Cambridge, Muskingum Valley), Bill Chavies (Member, Dayton Ave BC, Greater Dayton), Billy Barbo (Pastor, FBC Circleville, Metro Columbus), Ron Brown (Member, Newton Falls BC, Steel Valley), Jim Dobbs (Member, Dublin BC, Metro Columbus), Gary Carpenter (Member, FBC Lancaster, Metro Columbus), Tim Cline (Pastor, Chillicothe BC, Scioto Valley), Dennis Betts (Member, Liberty Heights Church, Cincinnati), Ted Oatts (Member, Dublin BC, Metro Columbus).

Each year the Ohio Baptist Foundation sponsors an annual golf benefit. This past July's event, held at the prestigious Wedgewood Country Club, helped raise more than \$5000 to increase the ministry capacity of the OBF Scholarship Endowment Fund, which provides scholarship support to students pursuing their vocational goals in Christian ministry! A date will be secured soon for our 2020 event. Look for details on our website coming soon!

Also, the Ohio Baptist Foundation begins celebrating it's 50th year in

ministry! Throughout the next twelve months the OBF will be saying "thank you" in special ways to our many donors and supporters. We'll also be revising our website, expanding our investment, marketing, and church stewardship resources, and encouraging SCBO churches and members to "Invest in God's Kingdom" by supporting a Christian cause near and dear to your heart and life!

As a reminder in closing, Matthew 6:19-21 says, *"Don't collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (HCSB). I challenge you to give generously, consistently, and cheerfully to your local church and also consider giving a God honoring gift to the Ohio Baptist Foundation and its many ministries! You'll be blessed as you do and you'll experience the promise of knowing that your Kingdom investment is providing earthly and eternal benefits for you and others!

Jack Helton

Executive Director, The Ohio Baptist Foundation

If you would like a list of our accounts and the ministries they benefit, don't hesitate to contact me at jackhelton@scbo.org or 614-309-9738. And be sure to visit us at www.scbo.org/foundation.



OHIO BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Investing in God's Kingdom for 50 Years



Reflections on our 2019 Annual Celebration

By: Steve Hopkins

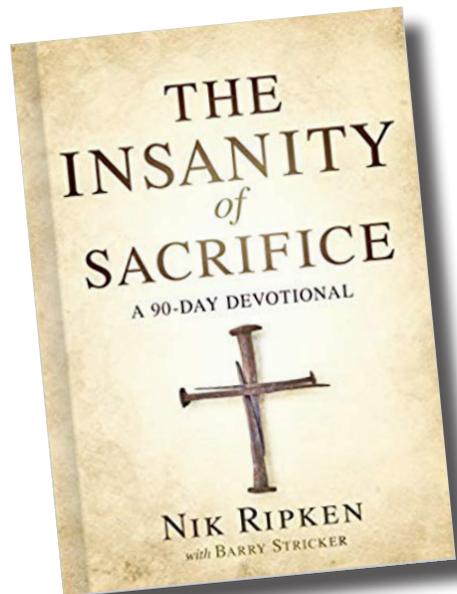
"Elisha prayed, 'LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.'" 2 Kings 6:17

If you had the opportunity to attend this year's SCBO annual celebration, you know it was a great time to celebrate what Jesus is doing in Ohio. As I reflect on the days, I am reminded of the story of Elisha and his servant when the Syrian army surrounded them. Elisha's encouragement to his servant, *"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."* 2 Kings 6:15-17

Nik Ripken, in his book *The Insanity of Sacrifice*, writes about the persecuted church in the Soviet Union. Followers of Jesus could not meet in open groups or large gatherings, so they met in house churches, often one family, maybe a few extended family believers. It was hard for them to grasp all Jesus was doing; their perspective was limited to their small group.

Some of the pastors thought it would be a good idea to gather young people

to help them get a sense they were a part of something much bigger than their isolated group. At great risk, they



organized a youth congress in Moscow. Seven hundred youth gathered for a few days. Together, these young believers had their eyes opened to how Jesus was at work in ways far beyond what they imagined.

Though we are not persecuted, we can become isolated, seeing only our corner of the world. Like Elisha's servant in 2 Kings 6, our spiritual vision is limited. When we gather, we don't face the risk they did in Moscow (three pastors were arrested and sentenced to three years in prison), but we have the opportunity for two days to get a glimpse of what Jesus is doing in Ohio and beyond.

"The young believers in Russia... went home renewed, encouraged, and filled with hope." — Nik Ripken, Insanity of Sacrifice, p. 110

So often, when we look around us, we see only limitations, impossibility, defeat. My prayer during the annual celebration was for open eyes. I left renewed, encouraged, and filled with hope at how Jesus is at work in REACH Ohio!



2020 MEN'S SUMMIT

"Why should I attend the Men's Summit? I'm fine. I got it all under control. I have no problems." If those three short statements are reflective of your current life situation, let's talk. Each of those statements contains one revealing fact expressed in a single-letter word, "I". Your journey through life is not solely about you, but about your relationship with God the creator and a risen Savior. Don't leave Him out!

In a recent devotion, I came across an article that listed five characteristics of a godly man, and they are:

- 1. Step Up:** I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me. – Ezekiel 22:30
- 2. Speak Out:** Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you. – 1 Peter 3:15
- 3. Stand Strong:** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. – 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 4. Stay Humble:** Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. – 1 Peter 5:5-7
- 5. Serve the King:** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. – Mark 10:45

The mission of the Men's Summit has always been, "to teach and portray biblical manhood and how it is to be lived out in today's world." If you find that you are lacking in any or all of these characteristics we invite you to take this opportunity to grow in the Lord.

Urbancrest Baptist Church would like to extend a call to all men and youth to join us for the 16th Annual Men's



Summit on January 31-February 1, 2020 in Lebanon, Ohio. Guest speakers include Vance Pitman from Hope Church, Las Vegas and Heiden Ratner, Walk Church, Las Vegas. The Early-Bird price is \$20.00 through Dec 31, and the standard price is \$25.00 thereafter. Friday evening dinner and Saturday morning breakfast are included in the price.

If you would like to attend the Men's Summit, go to www.menssummit.urbancrest.org. The deadline for registration is January 27 and limited to the first 1000 participants. Deaf interpretation is provided. If you need additional information about the Summit, contact Mark Daubenmire at (513) 932-4405 or mdaubenmire@urbancrest.org. To register a group, contact at Matt Kirby (513) 282-0671. For questions about registration, please email it@urbancrest.org.

REACH Ohio celebrates Wendy Hammock's 20 years of service (and counting!)

November 1, 1999, Wendy Hammock began serving with the Bible Teaching/Leadership Resource Group — that's a lot of VBS themes, Sunday School worker retreats, Worship 4:24 conferences, Super Summer weeks, and everything in-between! Wendy continues to serve faithfully. Her 'get-r-done' attitude often finds Wendy on the 'extra mile,' mobilizing others to do more than they thought possible.

Wendy and her husband Darryl moved back to Whitehall in 1998 after graduating from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Darryl served on staff of Whitehall Baptist Church before they planted the City of Refuge Church in 2007. Darryl and Wendy have made their home a place of refuge also, serving as foster and adoptive parents. There

seems to always be someone at the Hammock house, especially now with five grandchildren!

REACH Ohio recognized Wendy's 20 years of faithful service with a nice plaque and gift cards. This verse was written for Wendy: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you demonstrated for His name by serving the saints—and by continuing to serve them." **Hebrews 6:10**
Thank you, Wendy!





Claude King shares Return to Me with REACH Ohio

"A revived church is the only hope for a dying world." — Andrew Murray

On October 7 Claude King spent the day sharing with REACH Ohio his latest work *Return to Me: God's Invitation and Promise to His Church*.

"Plateaued, declining, and lukewarm churches need a spiritual revitalization, not just a cosmetic fix. Return to me is a new tool and biblical process to guide your church to hear and respond to what the Spirit is saying to the church. The design is to help your church Love God, Love Others, Surrender All, Be Transformed, Join God's Mission, and Glorify God as they return to Him. He's given an

invitation and made a promise: "Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of Armies." (Malachi 3:7). — Claude King

A video recording is available at both MissionOhio EQUIP, missionohio.equip.net/presentations/4326 and on Vimeo, vimeo.com/369376874. The book, *Return to Me*, will be released in early 2020. For more information about church revitalization, please visit our webpage www.scbo.org/revive, contact Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org) or Dwayne Lee (dlee@scbo.org)

Claude King serves as Discipleship

Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources. He met and began working with Henry Blackaby in 1986. That relationship led to their developing *"Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God,"* which was first released in 1990. Several books and resources have followed. He speaks, leads workshops and seminars, and consults with pastors and church leaders to help them, and their churches obey Jesus Christ's final command to make disciples of all nations.

SCBGO

PODCAST

Motivating you to be active in Mission Ohio

By: Dwayne Lee

Did you know that the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio had a podcast? It certainly does! It's SCBgO and you can find it listed on the SCBO.org website. There are several podcasts that range from ministry stories to ministry opportunities. If you have not had the opportunity to take in one of these podcasts please take time to review the list and try it out for yourself.

The whole purpose of this ministry was to create an outlet for churches and other ministries to share their stories and to testify of what of the Lord is doing. Ryan Strother, current president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio had this vision a little over a year ago and then started capturing these wonderful stories from churches all across Ohio. That story continues. Now with Dwayne Lee being the host of the

podcast we are still telling the story as often as possible. At least twice a month you will have the opportunity to hear from people within our churches that will share how the Lord is moving and working in their areas of ministry.

I encourage you to become a part of the SCBgO family today and make it a regular part of your listening playlist.



Welcome to SCBO!



State Convention
of Baptists in Ohio

Kirk Kirkland

The Mission Council engaged Kirk Kirkland as the Church Starter Strategist with intentionality for the African-American population. Kirkland has served as the pastor of Revive Church in Cincinnati since its beginning in 2012 and launched the Revive North congregation in 2019.

While he continues to serve as the pastor of Revive, he shall serve as strategist and catalytic field missionary for church starting and church growth. He will assist the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio African-American Fellowship.

A Dayton, Ohio native, Kirk became a Christian through the ministry of the Dayton Baptist Temple. He graduated from the Stivers School for the Arts in 2000. Answering the call to ministry, Kirk obtained his Bachelor's Degree from the Crown College in Powell, Tennessee in 2004. Kirk finished his Master's Degree with the West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, California.

Kirk Kirkland is married to Karen who is also a Dayton, Ohio native. They have four children: Kerigan, Kolbie, Kingston, and Klaire.



Katrina Umphrey

Katrina Umphrey began serving as the Executive Administrative Assistant October 2019. A third generation pastor's wife, she is married to Pastor Ray Umphrey of Briggs Road Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

She earned an Associate of Arts Degree from the Roane State Community College. Her previous work experience includes the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and Regions Bank.



Katrina became a Christian through the ministry of a Southern Baptist church. She has continued to serve in various capacities in Southern Baptist churches. Katrina served as Vacation Bible School Director for the Sweetwater Baptist Association in Tennessee. During her husband's term as Director of Missions for the Union Baptist Association in Kentucky, Katrina helped him assist the local churches.

She brings a rich background in Southern Baptist life and a strong commitment to Southern Baptist missions to the cooperative mission work of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Welcome Katrina Umphrey to the Mission Ohio team.



Connecting Christ and His Church to Your Community

Dear friends,
 The following is a short excerpts from Christians doing ministry in their community that is impacting and influencing people toward God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information concerning ideas on how to reach people for Christ outside the walls of your church, contact Jack Helton at jackhelton@scbo.org or 614-309-9738.

There Is Victory In Jesus,
 Jack Helton
 Evangelism Resource Group Leader



Block Party Success

Christ the King church in Cincinnati is committed to reaching their community for Christ. One way they reach out is through community block parties! Following is a recap of a recent event they held:

Our recent block party was a huge success! God held off the rain and we had over 500 people attend, served 400 meals, 400 snow cones, 300 bags of popcorn, 600 drinks, connected with many from the neighborhood with our 50+ volunteers from CTK. Working in

partnership with the Wesley Chapel Mission Center, they had a lot of families from their after school program in attendance and the block party helped to strengthen those relationships and opportunities for discipleship with parents, guardians, and other relatives. We had 12 people on our evangelism and prayer team at the event who gave away a few dozen bibles, prayed for about 30 people who responded to the gospel that was preached from the stage and shared the gospel with many others in

one-on-one conversations. There are several key discipleship relationships that have developed as a result of the block party and a few non-believers are now registered for our gospel basics class at CTK. Thanks to the Evangelism Resource Group for partnering with us in this ministry endeavor!

*Kurt Tuffendsam
 Discipleship & Outreach Pastor
 Web: ctkcincy.com*



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Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly Kid's Kamp 2020

November 4 and 5, during our Annual Celebration held at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Fairfield, fourteen churches registered for the first ever opportunity to receive \$200.00 off the 2020 camp registration fees. Dr. Jack Kwok pulled the first recipient card, Crestview Baptist Church, Clayton, out of the bucket on November 4. Pastor Tim Cain and Mark Winter will bring the first ever group of campers from Crestview to Kid's Kamp this summer. President Ryan Strother drew out the second card on November 5, First Light Church, Vandalia. Pastor David Starry and Kid's Kamp Bible Learning Director for KK1, Kathie Parish, are blessed to receive this financial gift.

There are many ways a church may be financially assisted to send campers to Seneca Lake. The August Messenger shared a unique fund raising strategy that Full Armor of God Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg discovered in 2012

because ten senior adults prayed, listened, and obeyed God's idea. Currently, Full Armor covers 100% of their campers' expenses as well as financing other mission outreach activities through their annual homemade Easter Egg sell. In addition, the Ray Roberts State Mission Offering provides scholarship monies for campers in challenging home situations. Also, thank you to Ohio Cooperative Program dollars, the \$185 fee charged is only half of the cost per camper.

The spiritual impact of a week at Seneca Lake cannot really be measured with dollars and cents. All churches who have a vision for the next generation and who value preparing future leaders will be blessed when their campers return after a week at Seneca Lake. It is like a spiritual microwave for the campers and the chaperones. For



2020 registration information contact Vernita Lambert, vlambert@scbo.org.

For specific information contact: week 1, June 15-19, Camp Director Doug Morgan, 503-805-5238; week 2, June 22-26, Camp Director Jeremy Leash, 419-681-6822; week 3, July 27-31, Camp Director Ed Henderson, 937-602-8169. General questions or information, contact Cathy Pound, cpound@scbo.org.

*Photo: Left Mark Winter
Right Pastor Tim Cain, Crestview Baptist, Clayton*

PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

“Joy to the world, the Lord has come” will echo across the world this month. Fortunately, many will experience the truth and reality of this Christmas carol during December 2019.

It is a joy to assist leaders and members of 700 plus Southern Baptist congregations in Ohio to share the joy of Jesus all year long. Furthermore, it is a joy to partner with Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program to share the joy of the Lord around the world.

Sharing Jesus is sharing joy unspeakable and full of glory. That is why we are trying to reach one million people with the joyous Gospel in 2020 congregations by the end of 2020. Lost people need Jesus, and we need the joy of sharing Him with them. What are you doing to share the joy of the Lord?

Christmas is the season of joy and for giving, because the Father gave His Son Jesus as the only gift that will give eternal life. This gift came to all humanity, because God loves all people even though all humanity has sinned against Him.

God took the form of humanity as the babe in the manger. From the manger, the God-man went to the cross and died for all humanity. The crucified and buried God-man rose from the grave the third day. His resurrection demonstrated that the Father accepted His sin-penalty payment and that Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Those of us who have received Him as our Lord and Savior have the wonderful privilege of offering Him and His gift of eternal life and joy to all the lost people here in Ohio and around the

world. We have the responsibility from His Great Commission to share His gift of eternal life with our fellow Buckeyes. Through our Southern Baptist Convention, we share Jesus and His wonderful gift of eternal life with the whole world. Our Cooperative Mission Program supports our worldwide mission work. From Ohio to the ends of the earth, let's press toward that mark.



Jack Kwok, Ph.D.
Executive Director-Treasurer
State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

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 (1 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.

How to submit Church News

Send all church news and information to Amanda Mishne at amishne@sco.org

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