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Moving Forward

63rd Annual Meeting

State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

November 2, 2016

Vandalia First Baptist Church

President Jeremy Westbrook, pastor of Living Hope Church in Marysville, OH, gaveled the 63rd Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio to order November 2, 2016. Vandalia First Baptist Church hosted the 320 registered messengers and 23 registered guests. “Moving Forward” served as the theme for the annual meeting.

Messengers approved the 2016-17 Mission Ohio Budget which moved the percentage ratio distribution for Cooperative Mission Program receipts from 59.75/40.25 to 50/50. The Mission Council challenged the SCBO churches to move to a 50/50 ratio with the adoption of the 2017 budget. A challenging financial downturn in the Ohio economy began in 2007. This economically challenging downturn affected many Mission Ohio churches which negatively

impacted Cooperative Mission Program receipts. During this time, Mission Ohio reduced state convention staff and ministry funds in order to maintain the 59.75/40.25 ratio. With a recovering economy, messengers had already ap-



2017 Officers (L to R): Annette Dessecker, Faye Rodgers, Ryan Strother, David Starry, and Tom Pendegrass

proved a 50/50 ratio distribution for all Cooperative Mission Program funds received once the operating budget had been met.

Mission Council members meeting November 3, 2015 created the special committee

to bring a recommendation to the July 28, 2016 Mission Council on moving toward a 50/50 distribution of Cooperative Mission Program receipts between worldwide SBC missions and Mission Ohio. Steve Spurgin, pastor of Miamisburg

First Baptist Church chaired the committee. Chairman Spurgin led the committee to bathe the process in prayer and fasting.

All committee members readily agreed to affirm the action of the 2006 Mission

Council in challenging the SCBO churches to increase Cooperative Mission Program giving in order to obtain a 50/50 distribution. After the committee considered several timelines, the majority favored recommending moving from the current 59.75/40.25 ratio to the 50/50 ratio beginning with the December 2016-November 2017 budget which the Mission Council approved in the July 28, 2016 meeting to recommend to the messengers in the November 2, 2016 annual meeting.

This move to the 50/50 ratio distribution in one year represents a decrease of \$78,059 in personnel costs and an increase of 16.65% (an additional \$630,447) in contributions from the SCBO churches. This additional decrease in SCBO staffing, will bring the total to a 52% reduction in positions implemented over the years in order to continue

supporting missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth. Supporting missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth is the heartbeat of Ohio Southern Baptists. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio exists to assist Southern Baptist churches and associations in Ohio to obey the Great Commission. Ohio Southern Baptist churches have already increased their giving to the worldwide Cooperative Mission Program this year. If the rate of giving continues and all SCBO churches contributed to the Cooperative Mission Program, we should reach the December 2016-November 2017 budget requirement of \$4,416,153.

Additionally, messengers approved 8 resolutions. These adopted resolutions are posted on www.scbo.org the website of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Messengers also elected David Starry, pastor of Vandalia First Baptist Church, as president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio for the year 2017. They elected by vote of acclamation Tom Pendergrass, pastor of Lebanon Urbancrest Baptist Church, to serve another term as the First Vice President. Messengers elected Ryan Strother, pastor of Marion Central Baptist Church, as the Second Vice President. They elected Faye Rodgers, member of Springfield Northside Baptist Church, as Recording Secretary and Annette Dessecker, member of Mansfield Lincoln Heights Baptist Church, as Assistant Recording Secretary, and Jack Kwok as Historian.

Executive Director Jack Kwok presented a theme interpretation from the “Moving Forward” scripture Philip-



Tim Cline

pian 3:13-14 in his Executive Director Address. President Jeremy Westbrook preached “Jesus Is Coming: Get Busy” from 2 Peter 3:1-10 in his presidential address. Tim Cline, pastor of Chillicothe Baptist Church, preached “Moving Forward” from Acts 1:8. The Long Hollow Baptist Church Worship Team from Tennessee led the worship music for the annual meeting and the preceding Pastor’s Conference.

Steve Stiglich, Associational Missionary for the Greater Dayton Baptist Association, reported on IMPACT Dayton 2016. Beginning in 2001, Mission Ohio conducted Intensive Mission Projects to Affect Community Transformation in every association. Greater Dayton Baptist Association IMPACT concluded the 16-year process. Mission teams from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio converged on the Dayton area. These teams conducted Art Camps, VBS, Back-Yard Bible Clubs,

construction, clean ups, sports evangelism, door-to-door evangelism and block parties. They helped Hope Community, North Dayton BC, Victory BC, North Central BC, Maple Heights BC, Medway BC, Eldorado BC, Grace Point Fellowship and FBC Miamisburg. During the final business session, messengers elected new members for the Mission Council and approved the time, place, and preacher for the 2017 Annual Meeting. The 64th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will be November 7-8, 2017 at the Chillicothe Baptist Church. Connie Hancock, pastor of Springboro Baptist Church, will preach the annual sermon. David Frasure, pastor of South Lebanon First Baptist Church, is the alternate.

Each year, the Georgetown College presents the Darty Stowe award in memory of



Jeremy Westbrook

Darty Stowe who served as a missionary and the Associate Executive Director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Dave Hill, pastor of Springfield Northside Baptist Church, received the award

for 2016.

Faye Rodgers presented the Mission Council Actions of 2016: scholarships, loans, and general items. The Mission Council report included the recognition of two great servants of Jesus Christ: Dave Warton and Quinton Moss.

Dave Warton served as the Church Services Resource Group Leader since 2001. He is retiring from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio June 30, 2016. For 15 years, Dave has helped SCBO pastors and churches with retirement, insurance, and legal matters. Dave served as pastor for 26 years: First Baptist Carroll, Coshocton Baptist, and Delaware Baptist before coming to the SCBO. He shall continue serving as the pastor of the Rohr Road Baptist Church. Dave taught for the Ohio State University and nearby school systems while he served as the pastor of Delaware Baptist Church. He is one of the godliest, humble, faithful, and dedicated servants of Christ that I have known. Thank you Dave and Rae Ann for your immeasurable contribution to Mission Ohio.

Quinton and Diane Moss joined Mission Ohio February 1, 2009 serving in the Church Planting Resource Group. Prior to joining the Mission Ohio Resource Team, he served as a deacon, pastor, and church planter in Arkansas. Diane worked for the Arkansas Baptist Convention for 10 years. In 2014, Quinton became the Church Planting Resource Group Leader. Quinton guided Mission Ohio church planting

through challenging times in the NAMB transition with grace and effectiveness. God has used the life and ministry of Quinton to advance Mission Ohio significantly. Thank you Quinton and Diane for your immeasurable contribution to Mission Ohio.



CC, Jack and JP Kwok Celebrating 20th Anniversary at SCBO

Messengers and guests also recognized the 20th anniversary of Executive Director Jack Kwok. They presented a video and live testimonies from friends and colleagues and a beautiful glass art sculpture.

Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Southern Baptists to reach 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by the end of 2020. Supporting missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth is the heartbeat of Ohio Southern Baptists. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio exists to assist Southern Baptist churches and associations in Ohio to obey the Great Commission. "Moving Forward," let's press toward that mark.

From the Desk of the President

Hello fellow Southern Baptists. I count it a great honor and privilege to serve you as your president this year.

As we reflect back on what 2016 held for us as a state convention, it creates in me an excitement for what our potential is in the future. We have cooperated together to achieve a 50/50 funding ratio that will generate more dollars not just to national and international mission work and missionary funding that will keep current missionaries in their work and also place new missionaries in the worlds darkest areas, but I believe will generate more dollars available to Mission Ohio and our ability to penetrate the darkness in our state.

Our Former President, Dr. Jeremy Westbrook, First Vice President, Tom Pendergrass and myself have all indicated that we will increase our Cooperative Program funding in the new budget year. I would ask you and your church to prayerfully

consider increasing your CP giving so that we could see the advancement of the work of the Kingdom in all the world. If we will all do what we can and partner together, not only will we achieve our budget goals for 2017, but I believe we will see more churches planted in Ohio and beyond resulting in more people coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters, we have been called to a great task, and to whom much has been given, much is required. Our time is short and our mission is great and God has equipped us with the tools necessary to accomplish this task and to truly move forward.

I have been asked what my focus would be for our state convention. I will encourage you as well as the people of FBC Vandalia to live life with your head up. When we keep our heads up and eyes on Jesus we will see what He wants us to be about and we will quickly recognize the needs of the



David Starry

people that we come in contact with every day that desperately need the work of Christ in their life. So live life, lead your churches with your head up.

Once again, it is an honor to serve you and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Live Life With Your Head Up,
David Starry
SCBO President

Jack Kwok, State Convention Executive Director-Treasurer, Editor; Linnett Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Mishne, Publication Layout.
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Send all church news and information to Linnett Snodgrass at lsnodgrass@scbo.org

MOVING FORWARD

OHIO PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 2016



Philippians 3:14

The 2016 Ohio Pastors Conference (PC) was held Tuesday, November 1st at FBC Vandalia. Our PC theme this year was "Moving Forward" based on Philippians 3:14. More than 300 people attended the event which began with a luncheon sponsored by The North American Mission Board (NAMB). After a hearty lunch, NAMB President Dr. Kevin Ezell, had an informal conversation with Ohio Convention President Dr. Jeremy Westbrook concerning all that NAMB is doing to assist and encourage church planting in Ohio. Those attending were reminded that Ohio is only one of two states (California being the other) that have three Send Cities. (Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati). We were also encouraged and informed as to how NAMB continues to help support our church planting and church strengthening processes!

Following lunch and the conversation and Q&A session with Dr. Ezell, folks retreated to the sanctuary for the afternoon session, which began with the Long Hollow Praise Band (from Long Hollow Church in Hendersonville, TN) leading in worship. Dr. Ezell then brought an inspiring message on the subject of "Reaching Ohio: One Neighborhood at a Time." His overarching emphasis was a reminder that we are to "love

our neighbors as ourselves." Godly love lived out in our daily lives will bring people to saving faith in Christ.

Dr. Russell Moore, President of the Ethnics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) then took the podium and began his time with a Q&A session with Ohio and NAMB Collegiate Evangelism Stategist Dr. Brian Frye. This informal conversation was beneficial in that it helped attendees understand how Dr. Moore relates to local, state, and national entities on behalf of the ERLC and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Attendees were also exposed to hearing how Dr. Moore speaks to the moral and ethical issues of our day. After the Long Hollow Praise Band led again in a time of praise and worship, Dr. Moore brought a message on how to "Change Culture One Neighborhood at a Time." He emphasized being patient with others, morally pure ourselves, and learning to relate to others as they struggle with the issues of our current culture.

After a dinner break, Long Hollow returned to lead worship and then Dr. K Marshall Williams (Pastor at Nazarene Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA) brought a rousing message concerning how Christians can "Build Bridges One Neighborhood at a Time." He emphasized

the importance of relying on the Spirit of God and encouraged us to get real about the challenges our culture faces, especially as they relate to ethnicity, social issues, and religious differences! The evening concluded with Dr. Williams leading us in a time of prayer for ourselves, God's church, and our nation!

All in all the day was indeed a blessing. The music and preaching were superb. The fellowship was constant and encouraging. The host church (FBC Vandalia) and their team of staff and volunteers were so hospitable and accommodating in meeting our every need. And to top it off, the weather on November 1st was remarkable (79 degrees)! Add in multiple ministry give-aways throughout the day (including books, Cd's, and gift cards), and the Church Planting New Beginnings Dinner Banquet and you couldn't have asked for much more!

Special thanks go out to our SCBO staff, our presidents Jeremy Westbrook, David Starry, and Tom Pendergrass, and to Robin Pennington for her staff of volunteers at FBC Vandalia. Finally, I want to thank all of you that attended. I pray the day was a blessing, a challenge, and encouragement to you. It certainly is my honor to serve with you and alongside you in Mission Ohio, as

we strive to reach Ohio for Christ! I trust you'll already begin making plans to attend next years event on Tuesday, November 7th at Chillicothe Baptist Church. Let's keep "Moving Forward," pressing on toward the goal of winning the prize of the high calling of God in Christ!

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



Dr Kevin Ezell



Dr K Marshall Williams



Dr Russ Moore



Long Hollow Praise Band

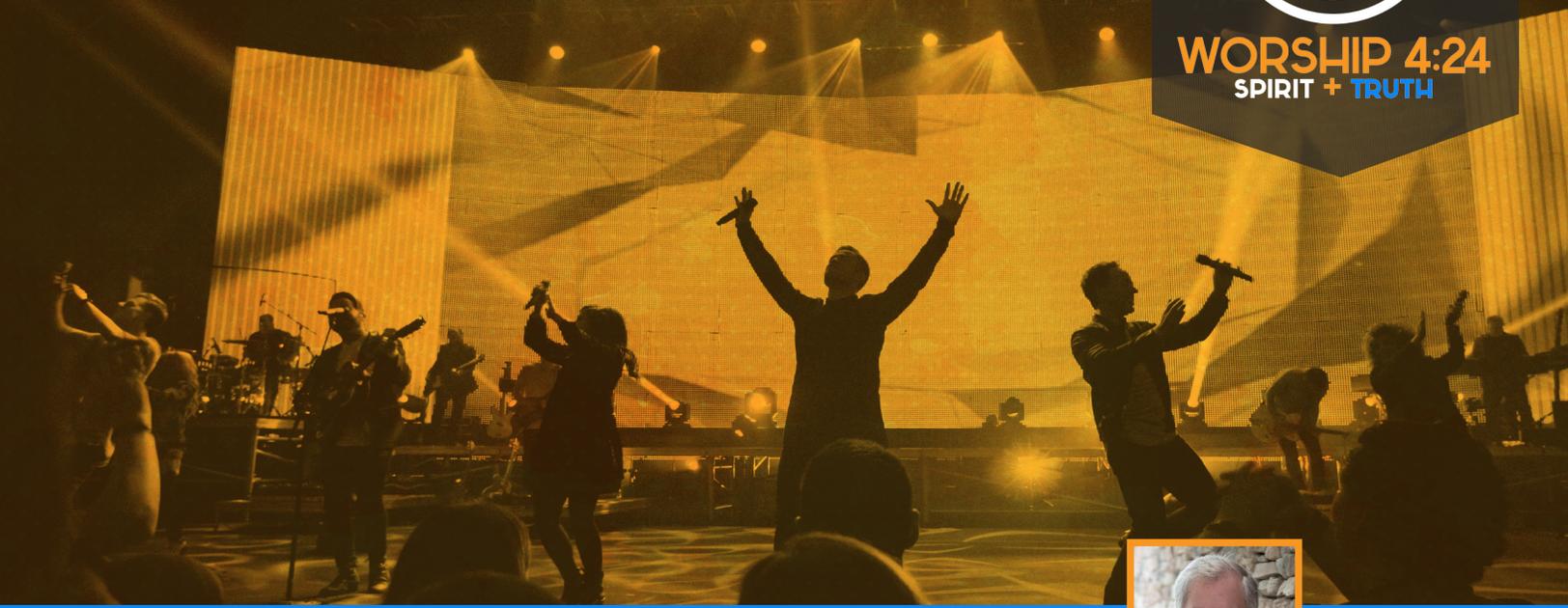
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- **Regular registration** (December 21 through January 20): \$49.99 per person (\$30 per student, 7th grade – College)
- **Walk-up registration** (day of conference): \$69.99 per person (\$49.99 per student, 7th grade – College)

Registration fees are due by January 20, 2017. Fees are nonrefundable after this date.

Registering Multiple Attendees:

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Gateway Worship is the primary worship expression for Dallas-Fort Worth based Gateway Church, one of the largest and most influential churches in North America. Leading only 200 people in its infancy, the worship team now ministers to more than 40,000 congregational attendees across multiple campuses and thousands more online each week, capturing the sound and songs of the local church. One of today's fastest-growing congregations, Gateway's gift of worship to God is being echoed in churches across the world. United with one voice, more than 40 worship leaders, musicians, songwriters, and others are committed to leading the church body into a place of intimate worship and an understanding of the power of the Word of God expressed through music. Gateway Worship has sold hundreds of thousands of albums and individual tracks while contributing numerous songs that rank within the top most-used songs in churches according to Christian Copyright Licensing International. Their songs include *Oh The Blood*, *The More I Seek You*, *Come Thou Fount*, *Come Thou King*, *You, You Are God*, *Revelation Song*, *Worship The Great I Am*, *You Are For Me*, *Great, Great God*, and *Grace That Won't Let Go*.

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Recapping the day for VBS 2017

We had a great turn out at the 2017 VBS Director Preview on November 12 at Dublin Baptist Church. There were 42 churches represented with over 70 in attendance. The VBS Director from each church was given the chance to receive a free Jump Start Kit and brainstorm with other directors while getting a firsthand look at the new material and Bible content. Networking with other churches was also the focus for the day as the room was divided into 10 groups and each group was assigned a task of fact finding, use of creativity and planning together to help the whole room understand a bit about the Galactic Starveyor mission. The last goal of the day was to get the director's to begin planning right now to bring their entire team to the

Vacation Bible School Institute on March 4, 2017 at Violet Baptist Church.

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them! Invite your kids into the clubhouse and show them the God who is over the moon in love with them.

Colossians 1:15-16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Please keep an eye out on the website for further details and to get registered for the VBS Institute. To pre-order your VBS children and or preschool kit's, please e-mail Wendy Hammock at wendy@scbo.org or call 614-601-6826.



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- 5:30pm Registration
- 6:30pm General Session, Eric Geiger
- 7:30pm Break
- 7:45pm Age Division Breakout Sessions
- 8:45pm Dismiss

Saturday, March 18, 2017

- 8:00 am Age Division Breakout Sessions
- 9:00 am Break
- 9:15 am General Session, Allan Taylor
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am Topical Breakout Sessions
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:30 am Topical Breakout Sessions
(Repeat of previous Topical Session)

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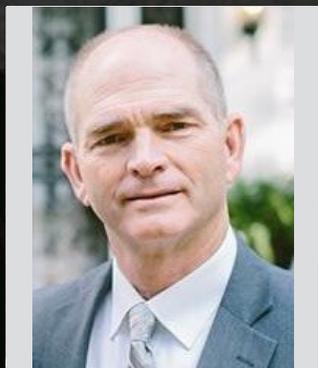


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LOCATION: Urbancrest At Lebanon, Lebanon OH

FRIDAY: Dinner at 5:00 pm; Summit at 7:00 pm

SATURDAY: Breakfast at 7:00 am; Summit at 9:00 am

David Hill: 2016 Darty and Dot Stowe Award Recipient

David Hill, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, Springfield became the 22nd recipient of the Darty and Dot Stowe Award at the SCBO annual meeting November 2. Dave is a native of Ohio and came to know Jesus through the efforts of Ohio Baptists mission efforts at Airway Baptist Church. His ministry experience spans thirty years and includes serving as youth pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Carlisle, pastor of First Baptist in Monroe, and the last eighteen years at Northside. Dave is a graduate of Tecumseh High School, the International School of Broadcasting and Andersonville Baptist College and Seminary.

Dave and Vikki have celebrated thirty-eight years of marriage and have two married children: Aubrey and Chris Brugger and Dallas and Courtney Hill. A delight of

their life is three grandchildren; Aubrey and Chris have two-year-old twin boys, Wyatt and Ayden; and Dallas and Courtney have a nine-month-old Levi. The families are all involved in various capacities of ministry at Northside. Dave says: "The grand-kids have the spiritual gift of just being too, too cute. What can I say, I'm a grandpa."

A huge part of Dave's legacy in Mission Ohio revolves around student ministry. He has been a key leader for associational and state student events. Whether it is planning an associational youth rally, directing summer camp at Seneca Lake or coordinating our State Evangelism Celebration, Dave has been in the middle of the action. Steve Stiglich, Associational Missionary for Greater Dayton Association comments, "Dave has always been available

when I needed help with youth activities, or just plain advice and counsel." Hundreds, if not thousands, of youth, have

come to know Jesus through the years. Hill has served on various committees at the associational and state level. For several years Dave has been a parliamentarian for our annual meetings. He served as the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations at the Southern Baptist Convention in 2008-2009.

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 home going 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



Dave Hill

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, leaving 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.

STATE BIBLE DRILL COMPETITION

Location:
Reynoldsburg Baptist Church
887 Rosehill Rd
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Date & Time:
May 6th, 2017
9:30am-12:30pm
Please arrive at 9am
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February 4, 2017

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Updates at SCBO.ORG

Contact: Sheri Bogardus
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Formerly Ohio Missions Resource Round Table

Save the Date! February 4, 2017 – “Engage- Engaging society with Christ's compassion for the purpose of making disciples.” (formerly The Mission Resource Round Table Gathering.)

The “Engage” Gathering provides a unique opportunity to personally be on mission as a Christian both locally & globally. Have you noticed the community around you changing? Do you see many without direction to their lives? Have you sensed the hopelessness in the faces of many you see everyday? Are you concerned about the challenges so many around the globe are facing? Do you personally see the needs of neighbors and friends facing hunger, fear, rage, crime, despair, and so many other issues before us everyday? You may ask yourself, “So what can I do?”

That's what we will address at “Engage.” Think of it as providing some practical, personal, and prayerful time with others who gather to make a difference. Christ called for His people to be engaged. The good news is, He did not ask us to do this alone. We, along with other followers of Christ, empowered by Christ, can reach new heights as we take the gospel to this generation. Let's link together and reach new heights for the glory of the Lord!

For more information and to register go to www.scbo.org. You can call us and speak to Sheri Bogardus 614.601.6814 or Duane Floro 614.361.6965 for further details.

SAVE THE DATE:

What Is a Pastor Date Night?

The purpose of LifeWay's Pastor Date Nights is to help pastors win at church and home. Since the health of the church is tied to the health of the pastor, we want to help pastors finish strong later by helping them stay healthy now. How can we possibly "turn the world upside down" if our own worlds are upside down?

The free two-hour event includes a great meal, approximately \$300 of LifeWay resources, childcare, and a ton of encouragement. After supper, a discussion panel with three seasoned, ministry couples—including Mark and Janet Dance, Director, LifeWay Pastors—will answer Great Commandment questions about a pastor's walk with God, spouse, kids, staff, and church. The questions are texted anonymously, which keeps the discussion fun, raw, and interesting.

What former attendees have said:

*If LifeWay is trying to help pastors feel valued and to help them stay in the ministry, you're on your way to doing a great job!
You hit it out of the park!*

It was absolutely refreshing!!! I'm grateful for all of the hard work and energy that was poured into this event. Thank you for helping make this happen.

Wow, talk about a memory! Indeed! My wife had so much fun and was filled with encouragement.

Thank you for your honest panel answers to questions about time management, pastors' wives, depression, and many more topics.

LifeWay | PASTOR DATE NIGHT

Attention Pastors!
Pastor Date Night Comes to Ohio
with Mark Dance | LifeWay Pastors
Friday, March 10, 2017

Thanks so much for the Pastor Date Night last night. My wife and I were driving home and talking about different points of encouragement and specifically thinking about reaching out to an older couple as mentors.

Thank you so much for the Pastor Date Night. We enjoyed the evening immensely. The gift of the books and goodies were so generous and thoughtful.

Thank you so much for a wonderful evening. And the free resources! It was such an encouraging night.

"Pastors" include all ministry staff, regardless of their titles or where they are on an org chart.

For more information watch this video from Mark Dance, Director, LifeWay Pastors
<https://vimeo.com/143248047>



Churches Seeking Staff

Cornerstone Baptist Church is a small church seeking to grow and we believe that God is calling us to seek a man who will help transform our worship, making our church more appealing to a younger audience while at the same time being respectful of a solid core of older traditional believers who are willing to make changes to reach a younger generation for Christ.

This is a part-time position and offers minimal pay. Our belief is that this is something which will grow our church and as our congregation and giving increases the worship leader compensation will grow accordingly.

Please submit resume to
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Attn: Worship Leader Search Committee
2249 Old State Route 32
Batavia, OH 45103

Resumes may also be sent electronically to: CBCWLSC@yahoo.com



“COME INTO HIS REST”



Seneca Lake was the setting of the 2016 Ohio African American Fellowship Conference held on September 30 and October 1. This year’s theme, “Come Into His Rest”, was truly appropriate as pastors from across the state convened for this weekend. This was not only a wonderful time of rest; it was also a wonderful time of discovery, for

the great majority had never been to Seneca Lake.

The Ohio African American Fellowship President Dr. Gerald Saffo and his team put together an exciting event. Dr. Fred Luter, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and his wife, Elizabeth were the guest presenters. They were a true inspiration and encouragement

to the pastors and their wives. Ohio’s immediate state president and NAMB ambassador, Jeremy Westbrook, attended the Friday session and presented gift bags to all pastors.

Ohio Southern Baptists’ have been blessed with African American leaders who are committed to serving and winning the lost in Ohio. Some of those leaders who have served in the past and are currently serving were in attendance. These included Gary Frost, past pastor and past vice president of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), David Gray, past president of the State Convention of Baptists

in Ohio, James Edwards, associational missionary/church planter catalyst, Reginald Hayes, past president of the Ohio African American Fellowship and Henry Williams who served as moderator of the Greater Dayton Association of Baptists. All of the above mentioned have also served as Mission Council members.

I would personally like to thank the Ohio African American Fellowship for their support and Ohio Southern Baptists for the privilege of serving them.

Quinton Moss
Church Planting Resource
Team Leader

Mission Ohio Strategy: Discovering, Developing & Deploying Leaders

A key strategy for churches on mission is the discovering, developing and deploying leaders for the harvest. Mission Ohio hosted KICKSTART: THE TOOLS TO DEVELOP LEADERS TODAY September 27-30 at Violet Baptist, Pickerington. VBC under the leadership of pastor Rick Williams has been a pilot church for the three-core process of leader development designed by Terry Walling, President Leader Breakthru. The KickStart event gave exposure to coaching skills and the three processes, all in one place, all at one time. Forty-eight participants from twenty-six churches attended the four-day event.

Those who came the first two days were equipped to use the IDEA Coaching Pathway to integrate coaching with leader development. The four core

coaching skills were covered: listening, expanding, focusing and empowering. The IDEA pathway includes Identify – Discover – Evaluate – Action plans.

Participants Thursday and Friday returned to their churches equipped to facilitate leader development – helping Christ-followers discover their CALLING (Focused Living), CONTRIBUTION (Apex) and CONVERGENCE (Resonance). You can learn more about the three processes in this video: vimeo.com/173524483. More information is available at leaderbreakthru.com

For more information about coaching and leader development, contact Steve Hopkins, Bible Teaching/Leadership Resource group: SteveHopkins@scbo.org or (614) 309-9746.



New Beginnings Banquet 2016



You may have witnessed the Parade of Roses or perhaps the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, but Ohio Southern Baptists had the awesome privilege of experiencing a parade of Ohio church planters during the 2016 New Beginnings Banquet. The Church Planting Resource Group’s New Beginnings Banquet 2016 theme, “A Parade of Planters,” proved to be quite spectacular. It was a unique opportunity for those in attendance to see and hear from these planters.

Twenty planters and some of their families marched in carrying signs they created with their church’s name. Each planter took the platform and gave their name, their church’s name and the city in which they are planting. SCBO’s own Sheri Bogardus and Wendy Hammock carried an Ohio Church Planter banner and led in the group of planters.

Once the planters were introduced, their signs were displayed for all to see. First, second and third place prizes were awarded for the most creative signs. First place went to Joshua Ortega at H2O Wright State Dayton, 2nd place was Ben York from Guide Church, Hilliard, and 3rd place went to Dennis Wilkins at New Bethel, Elyria.

We also took some time to have a special “parade” honoring Quinton Moss, who has served in the Church Planting Resource Group for the past eight years; the last three as the Team Leader. Quinton will be retiring from SCBO at the end of this year.

Charlotte and Quinton would like to give thanks to all of our Ohio planters. A special thanks to those who created signs and were table hosts. We wish also to thank those of you who were in attendance showing support for our planters and the Church Planting Resource Group.

New Pastor & Staff Orientation



March 14, 2017

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.

PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

The Christmas season is so wonderful. It provides opportunities for family and friends to enjoy meaningful times together. For Christians, it focuses on the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a powerful way. The essence of the Gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus came to pay the penalty for sin. His resurrection demonstrated that the payment was sufficient and He alone has the power to save people from sin and give them eternal life. Sharing this message is the mission assigned by Christ to His followers and His churches. Mission Ohio exists to assist Ohio Southern Baptist churches and associations to obey the Great Commission from Jesus Christ.

Messengers and guests convened for the November 2, 2016 annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. They did so with celebration for the blessings of the Father on Mission Ohio and commitment to the remaining task of evangelism and discipleship from Ohio to the ends of the earth.

Mission Ohio celebrated 23 new church starts since the last annual meeting. All SCBO churches haven't submitted their Annual Church Profile. Thus, baptism numbers for 2016 aren't available. Those who did submit their Annual Church Profile for 2015 reported 4,082 baptisms.

Seneca Lake Assembly reported more than 2,600

participants thus far this year. At least 127 professions of faith occurred at Seneca Lake this year.

Collegiate ministries continue to grow with on-campus ministries and churches started on or near campuses. They reported more than 2,000 students engaged in churches and ministries.

Leadership training engaged over 2,600 pastors and church leaders. Basic leader training reached 526. Sunday School leader training involved 150 plus. Vacation Bible School recorded 987 leaders trained. Discipleship training attracted 238 leaders. Worship training involved over 703 leaders.

Bible Drills engaged 21 children from 5 churches. The Children's Drill featured 10 state winners. Haley Daulton (Parma), Nolan Hardert (New Carlisle), and Ksena Reed (Reynoldsburg) were all state winner perfect, meaning they made no mistakes during the drill. Matthew Allen (Reynoldsburg) won the High School Drill, followed closely by Elizabeth Kastelein (Parma) who represented Ohio at the National Invitational Bible Drill in Dallas. Samuel Mosher (Kettering) finished first in the Youth Bible Drill.

Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort to reach people for Christ from Ohio to the ends of the earth. The Woman's Missionary Union continues to facilitate mission education, promotion,

and involvement in SCBO churches. The Missions Round Table continues to rally SCBO churches and church members to engage and support missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth. Circleville First Baptist Church hosted the Round Table this year. Dublin Baptist Church will host the event February 4, 2017.

Disaster Relief continuously affords Ohio Southern Baptists the opportunity to respond to situations of great need in Ohio and beyond. Ohio Southern Baptists respond to ministry opportunities through the Appalachian Regional Ministry as well.

Mission Ohio benefits immeasurably from the state-to-state partnership with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The South Carolina Baptist Convention has invested much energy and time in the Cleveland area. Both South Carolina and Tennessee Southern Baptists have given multiplied thousands of hours of ministry in Ohio.

Ohio and Tennessee Southern Baptists have traveled to the Northeastern region of the United States to participate in the 3-Way Partnership of the New England, Tennessee, and Ohio Partnership. Pastors and church members from Ohio have assisted in Vacation Bible Schools and multiple other evangelistic events beginning in the winter months and continuing throughout the remainder of this year.

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!

Mission Ohio benefited this year from other partnerships as well. The North American Mission Board, LifeWay, and Guidestone provided tremendous financial and ministry assistance.

With mixed emotions, Mission Ohio experienced the retirement of two great servants of Jesus Christ: Dave Warton and Quinton Moss.

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Dave Warton has served as the Church Services Resource Group Leader since 2001. He is retired from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio June 30, 2016. For 15 years, Dave has helped SCBO pastors and churches with retirement, insurance, and legal matters. Dave served as pastor for 26 years: First Baptist Carroll, Coshocton Baptist, and Delaware Baptist before coming to the SCBO. He shall continue serving as the pastor of the Rohr Road Baptist Church. Dave taught for the Ohio State University and nearby school systems while he served as the pastor of Delaware Baptist Church. He is one of the most godly, humble, faithful, and dedicated servants of Christ that I have known. Thank you Dave and Rae Ann for your immeasurable contribution to Mission Ohio.

Quinton and Diane Moss joined Mission Ohio February 1, 2009 serving in the

Church Planting Resource Group. Prior to joining the Mission Ohio Resource Team, he served as a deacon, pastor, and church planter in Arkansas. Diane worked for the Arkansas Baptist Convention for 10 years. In 2014, Quinton became the Church Planting Resource Group Leader. Quinton guided Mission Ohio church planting through tumultuous times in the NAMB transition with grace and effectiveness. Thank you Quinton and Diane for your immeasurable contribution to Mission Ohio.

Messengers adopted the 2016-17 mission budget which employs a 50/50 ration in the distribution of Cooperative Mission Program receipts from the churches. Of the undesignated receipts from SCBO churches, 50% will support worldwide Southern Baptist missions and 50% will support Mission Ohio.

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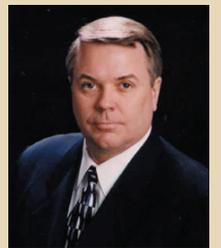
State Convention of Baptists in Ohio meeting July 28, 2016 adopted without opposition the recommendation of the 50/50 Committee to move to a 50/50 distribution of Cooperative Mission Program receipts from affiliated churches beginning with the December 2016-November 2017 budget. Members of the Mission Council subsequently approved a budget including the 50/50 distribution to be presented the messengers of November 2, 2016 annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

This move to the 50/50 ratio distribution in one year represents a decrease of \$78,059 in personnel costs and an increase of 16.65% (an additional \$630,447) in contributions from the SCBO churches. This additional decrease in SCBO staffing, will bring the total to a 52% reduction in positions implemented over the years in order to continue support-

ing missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth.

Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Southern Baptists to reach 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by the end of 2020. Supporting missions from Ohio to the ends of the earth is the heartbeat of Ohio Southern Baptists. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio exists to assist Southern Baptist churches and associations in Ohio to obey the Great Commission.

Ohio Southern Baptists do this because of Christmas. Jesus came to save the lost and give eternal life to those who repent of their sin and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Merry Christmas from your Mission Ohio Resource Team. 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 (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.