

## NEW REGIONAL STATE CATALYSTS

To restructure, reallocate and move towards a regional vision, please welcome our new state catalysts. They will come alongside our SCBO churches and AMS leaders to help further advance the Great Commission in their respective regions. All of these leaders will stay serving their churches in a full-time capacity and will join the SCBO team in a part-time capacity:

**Matt Pardi** - Matt currently serves as the Pastor of H2O in Bowling Green and has been serving within the H2O network since 2008. He will serve as our NW (Northwest) state catalyst and will serve churches in the Northwestern, Northcentral and West-Central associations. Matt's email is [mpardi@scbo.org](mailto:mpardi@scbo.org).



**Art Fulks** - Art currently serves as the Pastor of FBC Lancaster and has been there since 2017. He will serve as our SE (Southeast) state catalyst serving churches in the Muskingum and Scioto Valley associations. Art's email is [afulks@scbo.org](mailto:afulks@scbo.org).



**Reagan Wagoner** - Reagan currently serves as the Pastor of Grace Point Fellowship, a church he helped plant in 2015. He will serve as our SW (Southwest) state catalyst and will serve churches in the Cincinnati, Ohio Valley and Southwestern associations. Reagan's email is [rwagoner@scbo.org](mailto:rwagoner@scbo.org).



**Rick Williams** - Rick currently serves as the Pastor of Violet Baptist Church and recently celebrated his 25th anniversary of ministry at the church. He will serve as our CO (Central Ohio) state catalyst and will serve churches in the Metro Columbus and Buckeye-Central associations. Rick's email is [rwilliams@scbo.org](mailto:rwilliams@scbo.org).



**Chad Keck** - Chad currently serves as the Pastor of FBC Kettering and has been there since 2010. He will serve as our W (West) state catalyst and will serve churches in the Miami Valley and Greater Dayton associations. Chad's email is [ckeck@scbo.org](mailto:ckeck@scbo.org).



**Stephen Owens** - Stephen currently serves as the Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church since 2014. He will serve as our NE (Northeast) state catalyst and will serve churches in the Summit, Cleveland and Steel Valley associations. Stephen's email is [sowens@scbo.org](mailto:sowens@scbo.org).

Happy New Year SCBO family! I am so excited to begin this year here in the great state of Ohio and am looking forward to an incredible 2022. Just to give you a quick update, we finished our fiscal year with \$4,520,823 being given to the CP (Cooperative Program) through our SCBO (State Convention of Baptists in Ohio) churches. That is a remarkable achievement, as it represents only the third (3rd) time in seventeen (17) years that we have crossed the \$4.5m threshold. I have heard from several pastors who are increasing their CP giving this year and I want to encourage all of our churches to prayerfully consider increasing your CP giving in order to send more to our neighborhoods and the nations. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

I want to encourage you to sign up and show up to some exciting events on the horizon. First of all, the **Worship 4:24** conference will convene January 28th & 29th at Cedarville University. Secondly, our annual state evangelism conference (**Momentum 22'**) will gather at LifePoint Church in Columbus on March 21st. Finally, the **Timothy Barnabas Retreat** is coming to Ohio for the first time from April 20th-22nd in Cincinnati. Please visit [www.scbo.org](http://www.scbo.org) and [www.timothybarnabas.org](http://www.timothybarnabas.org) to learn more and sign up for these incredible opportunities.





## New Senior Staff

Reginald Hayes - Reginald currently serves as the Pastor of United Faith International Church and has been there since 2001. He will serve on our Senior Staff team and will help provide leadership in community development. This will strengthen the relationships of the SCBO with diverse communities and churches across the entire Buckeye state. Reginald's email is rhayes@scbo.org.



## New Support Team Member

John Heading - John has been serving as the Pastor of Beaver Creek Baptist Church since 2004 and recently resigned to move into a full-time capacity role with the SCBO. He will serve as the director over our Disaster Relief, Send Relief and Buckeye Baptist Builder initiatives. John's email is jheading@scbo.org.



## Celebrating the Silver

Violet Baptist Church (Metro Columbus Baptist Association) and SCBO recently recognized Pastor Rick Williams and his wife Lisa for 25 years of faithful ministry and service to the church. Rick and Lisa came to VBC in 1996 and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit has led the church through multiple expansion projects, increased community involvement, deeper discipleship and spiritual formation, and seen countless people come to know Christ as Lord and Savior! The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio are honored to have this fine ministry couple advancing God's Kingdom in Pickerington, Columbus, Ohio, North America, and the uttermost parts of the earth. It is our prayer that the ministry God empowers them to oversee will continue to thrive in faith, wisdom, and strength in the years ahead! Well done Rick and Lisa!

# MOMENTUM 2022

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is pleased to announce that the State Evangelism Celebration will be returning after a five-year hiatus. Momentum 2022 will occur on Monday, March 21st at the Lewis Center Campus of Lifepoint Church.

Joining us for a day of encouragement, equipping, and resourcing will be:  
**Dhati Lewis**, Lead Pastor and Church Planter at Blue Print Church in Atlanta, GA and the recent president of The Send Network.

**Dr. Jarrett Stephens**, Senior Pastor of Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, TX and author of *The Always God, He Hasn't*

*Changed and You Are Not Forgotten.*

**Dr. Willy Rice**, Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater, FL.

**Martin Vargas**, Lead Pastor at Iglesia Real Church in Hollywood, FL.

Worship will be lead by the Lifepoint Church Praise Band. In addition, there will be conference breakouts concerning evangelism, church planting, leadership, and discipleship.

Save the date now and look for additional information coming soon at [scbo.org/momentum2022](http://scbo.org/momentum2022). If you have questions, contact me at [jackhelton@scbo.org](mailto:jackhelton@scbo.org) or 614-309-9738.

**March 21** LifePoint Lewis Center



MAKE PLANS TO BE AT SUPER SUMMER 2022 **JUNE 27-JULY 1** CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

I am Kelly J. Harper, better known as KJ. I was born, raised, and heavily involved in a small hometown church. I remember attending church 2-3 times a week, praying before dinner, before we went to bed, before school, and sporting events. I could recite bible verses, tell events from the Bible, and had no problem telling my peers about God. To say the least, God was a huge part of my life, even after my parents split up and after leaving my small hometown church, which I will not go into too much detail about. I was baptized when I turned 14.

Throughout high school my dad, brother, and I tried to get into a few different churches, but we could never find one that felt like home to us. Eventually, we stopped attending church altogether. I still felt God's presence and believed Jesus was my savior and forgave me of my sin. During my time in high school I struggled between wanting to stand out as a Christian and just fitting in with my friends who I thought were "cool" at the time. So, being the dumb teenager I was, I decided to try and fit in and slowly I started falling into the wrong crowd.

Right when I graduated from high school, reality hit and I found myself not knowing what to do with my life. I felt lost, broken, and hurt

from all the poor decisions I made and all the bad situations I found myself in throughout high school. I decided I needed to do something with my life. So I started attending college while also attending New Covenant Community Church. After the first few weeks attending this new church I knew this is where God wanted me. I became very close with my new pastor and became a member of the church.

After attending the church for a year, my pastor asked me to go to a church camp called Super Summer with him over the summer of 2021. Having never been to a church camp before, I did not know what to expect. However, I had heard many positive stories about this camp. Being 20 years old and out of high school I was a family leader of the blue school, which was kids going into their freshman year of high school. I remember my first day of the camp, as I was meeting with the kids and other family leaders in the blue school, I said to myself "what did I just get myself into". Even through the fear of the unexpected, I was able to make many friends and formed a close bond with the kids in my family group.

The camp was a blast! I played a ton of games with the kids, read the Bible, learned about Jesus, and wor-

shipped with them. It was truly amazing how close I became with my kids and other family leaders. I remember my very last day of the camp when all of the blue school gathered together for our final session, everyone was instructed to write a letter for themselves for six months in the future. As I wrote, I told myself how thankful I was for Jesus, my pastor, my camp family and real family and every step I had taken that led me to this moment that I was currently in. At the very end of the letter I signed my name along with the words "I love you" which is something I have never been able to tell myself. I instantly ran out of the room with tears running down my face, sat outside on a bench and cried for 20 minutes. I was so overwhelmed with the thought of being able to love myself and for the first time in 20 years I was able to see myself how Jesus saw me. I no longer saw myself as a broken, worthless, piece of garbage when I looked in the mirror. I now saw a young man whom Jesus loves. In all my years of being a believer I finally grasped the concept of forgiveness, love, and grace that Jesus had for me. I have never felt so close to God and since I attended the camp my relationship with Christ has grown everyday.

## First Baptism at The Covering Church

By: Dwayne Lee

What a joyous day it was at The Covering Church on Sunday November 14, 2021 as we celebrated our first Baptism service! The day was filled with excitement as we celebrated the transformation that took place inside the life and hearts of these three individuals.

Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!" Praise God that the new has come for these individuals. We pray with them, and for them, as they continue to grow in their walk and relationship with Jesus.

At The Covering we exist to help people Find Jesus, Discover Purpose and Change the World. We take this seriously as we preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community. Would you join us in prayer for more souls for His Kingdom? We are fully expecting God to do great things that only He can do.



## H2O Athens Celebrates 2021

By: Joe Kaloger

Pastor of the new H2O Church Plant in Athens Ohio reaching Ohio University.

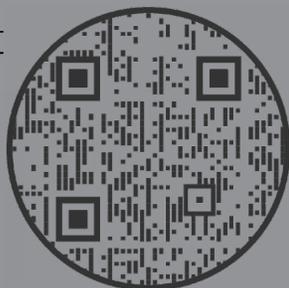
God has been doing exciting things in this first year as a new church. This has been something many years in the making and now we are thrilled to be down in Athens seeking to spread the gospel to students here. We have been so blown away by the love that has already been shown to us and we see that as our savior says, the harvest truly is plentiful. We have been seeking to be faithful as God leads us. As I reflect on this year, it's wild what God has done: Getting out of a pandemic, becoming a Pastor, being sent by Bowling Green, moving to a new city, developing a team, raising our support, sharing the gospel, launching a service, meeting students, and so much more! It's wild when I think about this, and it causes me to stand in awe of what our God continues to do in our nation. Our team is encouraged and cannot wait to see all God will do in the year to come. With all the transition we are praying for stability and the ability to dig deeper roots in this place. Here are some specific ways you can be praying for us:

- 1. Pray for our church.** That we would seek to have continued influence on our campus and city as we seek to make Jesus known.
- 2. Pray for our students.** That they would grow in their love of God and seek to become disciple-making disciples.
- 3. Pray for the health of our staff team.** That we would be unified in the Gospel and the enemy would not be successful if he seeks to divide.

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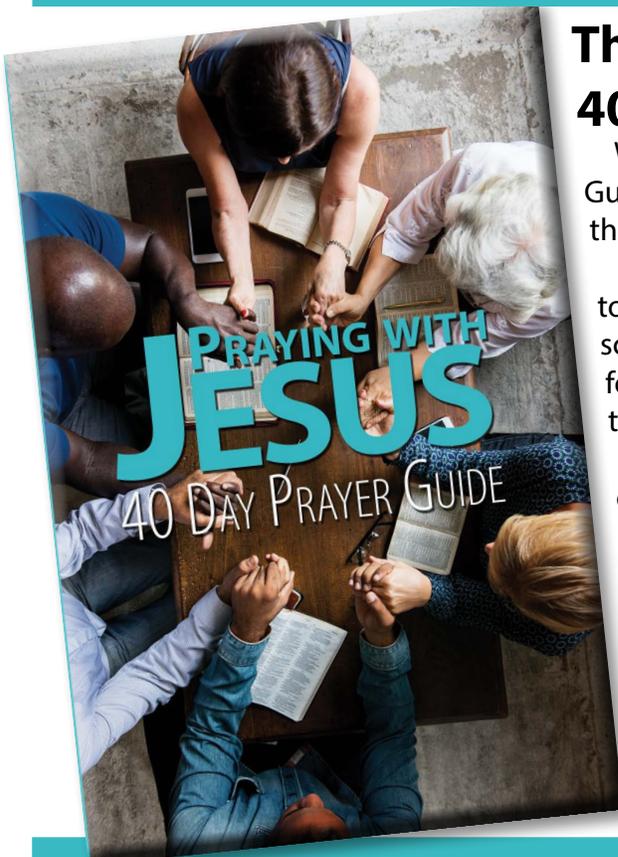
We have a new shipment of 3,500 Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide now available. We have distributed over 10,000 copies to date of the 40-day prayer guide.

Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide is 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.

The guide is available in print and pdf formats. You can order print copies; your Cooperative Program gifts cover the cost. You can also download the pdf.

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Go to [www.scbo.org/content/40-day-prayer-guide](http://www.scbo.org/content/40-day-prayer-guide) for more information and to order your supply.



We thank the Lord for those who have served Southern Baptists in Ohio with honor and desire to recognize them. Scott Seder has served as the director at Seneca Lake for 38 years; Bruce Smith has served as both an Associate Executive Director and previously as an AMS for a total of 23 years; Tim Binns has served as our youth specialist for 20 years and Duane Floro has served as our Missions leader for 19 years. Mitch Dimmerling has served over 7 years and Kim Teichmann served over 8 years on staff Seneca Lake. Please pray for them as they continue to serve the Lord in the days ahead. All of these leaders hold a special place in the hearts of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

## Retiring & Outgoing Staff



Front Row L-R: Duane Floro, Kim Teichmann, Scott Seder and Bruce Smith Surrounded my SCBO Staff and family. *Not pictured Mitch Dimmerling*

## Mom and Me Missions

By: Charissa Fee

A blast of cold December air assaulted us as doors from John Glenn International Airport opened to the passenger pick-up loop. Just as we saw her dad and two brothers waving widely to us from the

car, nine-year-old Sis asked, "So where do we go next, Mom?" Honestly, I was hoping she meant for dinner, because I had no energy to cook, but I knew that Sis was ready to see more of the world and the precious people God has placed in it.

It all started a few years ago as we noticed our neighborhood began to change. Tall marigolds, the celebrated flower of Nepal, took over the front flower beds of every other house on our street, our school highlighted Diwali celebrations in the classroom and the neighborhood kids started calling me "English Lady" when they would play in the backyard. The nations were not only across the ocean as we read in our missions magazines, but also in the house next door!

Our family began looking for ways that we could live on mission and be faithful with opportunities to share the Gospel with the nations that were now just steps away. We had many failed attempts (oh, the infamous Pumpkin Pie night-- a story for another day!), but we forged forward with interna-

tional friendships as best we could and brought our children along with us for the learning. Covid-19 certainly slowed us down, but in October, we helped a women's mission team from Louisiana host a discipleship event for a refugee church at Summit Baptist Church, in Pataskala.

Sis, our laid-back middle child, rolls with our attempts effortlessly. She will graciously eat curry too spicy for most adult American palettes, dance to the rhythm of a praise chorus in any language and, though she would never be considered extroverted, seems to make friends wherever we go. So, when I was invited to attend a refugee Christmas event in Dallas-Fort Worth with an International church-planting friend, I asked Sis to tag along. It was our first "Mom and Me Missions Trip." I had great ideas of it being an investment in our relationship and an investment in her developing faith, but little did I know that it would also be an investment in my walk with Jesus.

To read more about what Charissa learned through their experience [click here](#).



## Putting on the Greens:

### Ohio church builds mini-golf course as Christmas outreach

*Posted By Baptist Press On December 10, 2021 @ 12:20 pm*

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (BP) – Glenn LaRue isn't an engineer and is horrible at mini-golf. By his own admission, even his 8-year-old is better.

And yet, for the eight years LaRue has been pastor at University Baptist Church, he and others have eagerly looked forward to the church's annual Christmas Mini-Golf outreach event. Typically bringing in at least 150 visitors, this year's version, held Dec. 2-4, saw a record 240 guests walk through the church that averages 175 in Sunday attendance.

"We had a great weekend of meeting new people and sharing the Gospel with them," LaRue said. "We told them about Jesus and had a fun time being together as a church family."

The outreach takes place the first weekend of December. Initially held on Thursday and Friday, Saturdays were added four years ago at the free event that includes snacks, hot chocolate and prizes.

Despite the fun it brings, LaRue emphasized it would be a non-starter if not for the evangelistic opportunities baked in.

"We give out puzzles to everyone who attends so that when they're put together it explains the Gospel," he said. Furthermore, the most important part of the night is a 30-minute "game show" for everyone where LaRue shares the Gospel.

The layout of the course gives visitors the chance to tour the church. The 18-hole course begins with two holes in the foyer next to registration. From

there, participants go to nine holes located in the gym. The final section winds through the church's children's ministry area.

"The cool thing about mini-golf is that it's multigenerational," LaRue said. "Everyone plays and it has such a broad appeal that when you match it with Christmas it produces a really fun atmosphere. We have Christmas music playing throughout the building and it really becomes kind of magical."

Some magical ingenuity takes part in the course's signature hole. LaRue and his student pastor, Ray Jarrett, upped the ante this year with the largest "roller coaster" hole yet. LaRue gave his own demonstration of the hole that includes the ball being sent through an air-lift system, beginning a race between the ball and golfer to the hole itself.

Approximately 100 church members volunteer for Christmas Mini-Golf, helping in a variety of ways including construction, registration and providing food and prizes. Families "adopt" a hole to decorate in a Christmas theme.

Word of mouth serves as the best advertiser, but local daycares readily hand out fliers to parents leading up to the event. LaRue's neighborhood is an area trick-or-treating favorite at Halloween, so he cooks hot dogs at the end of his driveway and hands out information on Christmas Mini-Golf.

It's an outreach that can be undertaken by any church as a way to bring

in visitors, he said, and more important, talk about Christ.

"You need to have a vision for it and see it through, plus to organize others to help out," he said. "But it's tremendous to see your church family pull together and connect with others. Our setup night the previous Sunday is really fun. We order pizza and our kids run around having a great time."

It's also important to learn from your mistakes. Early on, LaRue realized that PVC pipe needs to be at least an inch-and-a-half for the ball to go through cleanly. Interlocking carpet squares like you would find in a children's play area make for great putting greens. Also, you're limited only by your own creativity.

And being a pastor, of course there are spiritual applications.

"At our planning event, I held up a PVC coupling piece to everyone," he said. "I talked about how these kinds of events connect us like the coupling piece. I also get a piece of flexible piping and explain that we need to be flexible with each other."

Flexibility and working together, he said, are two components to creating a fun mini-golf course, but also essential for sharing the Gospel.





## Ring in Hope for 200 Years

First Baptist Church, West Jefferson celebrated 200 years November 7, 2021. The church has changed locations and names over the past two centuries, FBC was founded by Rev. Isaac Jones in 1820 as the Little Darby Baptist Church. Most in town know it as the church with the bell that rings every Sunday. Special guests included West Jefferson native musician Ricky Skaggs and former pastors Glade May and Mark Smith. Church members displayed historical items from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

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**March 21**

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**April 20-22**



Glory Baptist in Blue Ash was presented with a gift of \$66,967 from the estate of Ann Dunn. Jack Helton presented the check on behalf of the Baptist Foundation of Ohio. Mrs. Dunn's son, Tony, and daughter, Sandy, donated the money. Pastor Yongwon Lee said that Ann was a member of Glory for 17 years. Ann's husband, Bob, was the associational missionary for the Baptist Association of Greater Cincinnati that today is the Cincinnati Area Baptist Association. Mark Snowden participated in the presentation. He is the current AMS of CABA. His wife, Mary Leigh, is a member of the Foundation Trustees.

## 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.*

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your story!*

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