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64TH ANNUAL MEETING

State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

November 8, 2017

Chillicothe Baptist Church



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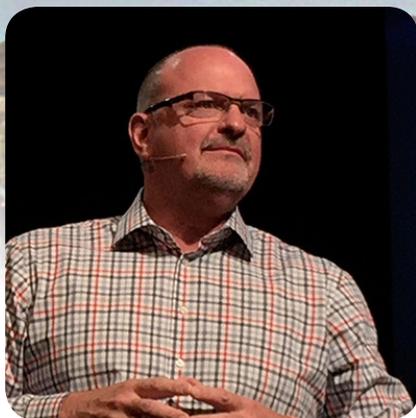


OHIO PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 2017
NOVEMBER 7 - CHILLICOTHE, OHIO *Philippians 3:14*



Dr. Jeff Iorg

Dr. Iorg teaches leadership, preaching, and church ministry courses at Gateway Seminary where he serves as President. He speaks frequently at conferences, campuses, and seminars. He is the former chaplain of the San Francisco Giants and the author of multiple books on Christian life and leadership. Many of his leadership resources can be found at www.JeffIorg.com



Dr. Thomas Hammond

Thomas Hammond is the Lead Pastor at Alpharetta First Baptist Church, Alpharetta, Georgia and President of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Thomas has a proven track record in the local church of emphasizing leadership, evangelism, and community impact.



Dr. John Avant

Dr. John Avant is committed to communicating God's Word so that others may experience how to live REAL life in Christ in today's culture. He has recently joined the staff of Life Action Ministries whose mission is to ignite Christ-centered movements of revival among God's people that display His glory and advance His Kingdom throughout the world.

This event will be filled with outstanding worship, excellent preaching, peer to peer encouragement, networking opportunities, and good ole Baptist fellowship!

The Conference luncheon begins at 12:00 followed by the Conference Program at 2pm. The luncheon is sponsored by the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and by Citizens for Community Values in Ohio. While dining you will be treated to a panel discussion followed by an open Q+A time featuring representatives of those organizations including Aaron Baer, Daniel Darling, Peyton Hill, and Jack Helton.

FREE church resources will also be provided to every pastor/staff that attends the luncheon and there will be multiple ministry giveaways! Space is limited, so RSVP today!!

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

For more information contact Jack Helton at 614.309.9738 or jackhelton@scbo.org.

Tentative Afternoon Schedule

- 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Pastor's Luncheon
- 1:00 – 1:45pm – Panel Discussion and Q+A
- 1:45 – 1:55pm – Break
- 2:00 – 2:05pm – Welcome & Prayer
- 2:05 – 2:20pm – Praise & Worship
- 2:20 – 3:00pm – Dr. Jeff Iorg
- 3:05 – 3:15pm – Praise & Worship
- 3:20 – 4:00pm – Dr. Thomas Hammond
- 4:00 – 4:10pm – Break
- 4:10 – 4:40pm – The Big Invite
- 4:40 – 4:50pm – Q+A
- 4:50 – 4:55pm – Closing Remarks

Tentative Evening Schedule

- 7:00 – 7:05pm – Welcome & Prayer
- 7:05 – 7:30pm – Praise & Worship
- 7:30 – 8:10pm – Dr. John Avant
- 8:10 – 8:25pm – Prayer
- 8:25 – 8:30pm – Closing Remarks



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH

Cedarville University and the State Convention of
Baptists in Ohio present

Worship 4:24 Conference

January 26–27, 2018 | worship424.com

Featuring **Paul Baloche** of Leadworship.com

Mark your calendar now!

Plan to attend the Worship 4:24 Conference at Cedarville University on January 26–27, 2018. 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 a worship concert on Friday evening and general sessions and breakouts on both Friday and Saturday.

Registration:

Register online at worship424.com or by calling 1-877-CEDARVILLE (233-2784).

Cost:

Super Early Bird registration (September 1 through October 31):
\$40 per person (\$20 per student, 7th grade–College)

Early Bird registration (November 1 through December 20):
\$50 per person (\$20 per student, 7th grade–College)

Regular registration (December 21 through January 19):
\$60 per person (\$30 per student, 7th grade–College)

Day of registration (January 26 through January 27):
\$75 per person (\$40 per student, 7th grade–College)

Registration fees are due by January 20, 2018.
FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AFTER THIS DATE.

Registering Multiple Attendees:

If you want to pay for multiple registrants with a single check, you can select "Show Other Payment Options" on the registration page and it will give you the option for paying offline with a check. Please send your check and registrants' names to:

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



Meet Paul Baloche

Paul Baloche has written hundreds of worship songs over the years that are sung by thousands of churches each week. *Open the Eyes of My Heart*, *Above All*, *Hosanna*, *Your Name*, and many others have become congregational favorites throughout the world. A three-time Dove Award-winning songwriter, Paul travels the globe teaching and leading others in worship. Through Leadworship.com, he developed a series of teaching DVDs designed to equip and train leaders and worship teams worldwide. He has served as the Worship Pastor at Community Christian Fellowship in Lindale, Texas, for more than 25 years. He lives in New York City with his wife, Rita. They have three grown children.



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH

Ray Roberts Mission Offering Testimony from Camden

By: Pastor Greg F. Jackson, Camden

Over the past twenty four years it has been my blessing to pastor some of the most giving people I have ever seen. The Camden First Southern Baptist Church is a testimony that you can never out give the Lord! Sunday, August 6th, God blessed as we gave to the Ray Roberts Mission Offering to help support the work of Mission Ohio. Our goal was set at \$2,020.00 for several reasons. It would take some work to get there, and symbolically based on the SCBO challenge over the years in starting new works, and coming alongside established churches it seemed right. What we didn't realize once again is that God does things His way and on His scale. What a blessing it was that day to report to our folks and share with our State Convention that God blessed as we gave \$6,284.00! It is awesome

that it took place toward the end of the summer when many experts say don't do anything.

The first question ask to me was, "How did you promote it?" Our strategy is pretty simple. Put it on the calendar, put it in print, challenge from the pulpit, and let God work. We use a Victory March format, calling people to come forward at the end of a service on a specific day, August 6th this year. Marcia Sullender, our Worship Ministry Director will play Victory in Jesus and the folks come. "Pastor, it is up to us to lead by example

with staff following."

One takeaway that puzzles me is the number of churches that don't do anything when it comes to the Ray Roberts State Mission Offering. Southern Baptists do more together than anyone can do by themselves. I encourage all pastors to challenge your people to continue to support the work of our great State in challenging times. I am grateful for a man named V.B. Castleberry who had a vision in 1949 to plant a church in this small village. Now it is our



Greg and Renee Jackson

responsibility and our turn.

Psalm 71:17-18 (NKJV)
17 O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come. Until He comes...we will go!

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BY ALL MEANS,

Be Strong & Courageous
Joshua 1:9

Ladies Fall Retreat & Mission Celebration was a huge success!

Ladies from all over the State gathered at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly in September for a wonderful time of sweet fellowship. We

need. Bill Barker of NAMB also joined us and explained how these back packs will be used in impoverished areas during the upcoming

of Your Life", WMU Ministries, Back Pack Ministry" and "Card making" for Missionaries were held and all very well attended. Jean DiFilippo held a wonderful Pastors' Wives Tea to honor all of our Pastors' wives that were present and it is always a huge hit with the Pastors' wives present.

international trip. She can apply and receive funding to help with her mission trip



Ohio WMU Leadership Team were all challenged to be strong and courageous as we serve our Lord, by all means possible.

The mission project this year was the A.R.M. Back Pack Ministry by N.A.M.B.



Duane Floro and Susan Bryant and the ladies brought 55 filled back packs with additional supplies that will be used to help those in

holidays.

The weather was beautiful and the spirit was even more beautiful.

Sweet worship was led by the wonderful ladies of Highland Baptist Church, Grove City and accompanied by Charlie Tatman and led by Ellie Thomas.

Susan Bryant, Kentucky WMU President, with her warm Kentucky accent encouraged us through scripture and stories and was just a delight to be around and talk to.

Breakout Sessions included: "Breaking the chains of food bondage", "REFIT Revolution", "Troubles or Trials", "Are you In"?,"By all Means, Finish Well the Story

WMU held their annual business meeting Friday evening and Sue Stickel was re-elected as President, Jean DiFillippo as Vice President, Jennie Ferrel as Secretary and Sheila Mills was elected as the new Adult Consultant for next year.



Tim Cremeans, LifeWay Bookstore expenses.

We ended Friday evening in the Chapel watching the new "Mully" movie and enjoying some refreshments.

The staff at Seneca Lake



A.R.M. Back Pack Ministry by N.A.M.B.

Tim Cremean from LifeWay is always a welcomed site and Barb Lanctot with Operation Christmas Child. An offering was taken for the Joan White Scholarship Fund to be used by any woman that is going on her first mission trip or first

are so friendly and helpful and the food and service was outstanding. I hope you don't miss next year's retreat. Watch for details on our website so that you and your ladies can come and be a part of this special event.

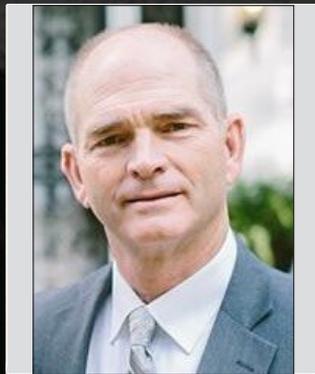


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Jeff Christopherson

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SHARPENS
MAN



Joe T. Veal



Joshua Lenon

TICKETS: \$15 **PURCHASE:** menssummit.urbancrest.org

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

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L-R: Donna Beckett, John Beckett, and Hugh Gordon

Church Celebrates Pastor's Legacy

By: Jack Helton

First Baptist Church Lancaster (FBCL) recently celebrated the ministry and legacy of Dr. John Beckett. He and his wife Donna have been serving FBCL since 1989. Since their arrival FBCL has grown in membership and community ministry, has expanded its church facilities, has increased its staff, and has been an integral part of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Metro Columbus Baptist Association! The retirement celebration culminated in the church hosting a dinner with John and Donna receiving a commemorative plaque, verbal expressions of great remembrances over the years, a financial gift, and prayers for God's continued blessings in their future ministry endeavors!

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio rejoices with FBCL and appreciates our long serving pastors and the legacies they leave. Congratulations John and Donna, well done faithful servants!



John Beckett Retirement Celebration

Help Needed

Forest Ridge Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio is searching for a pastor. Submit resume to: pastorsearch@frbcd Dayton.org



For Sale 5 Screenflex dividers for sale. I have 3 that are 24' wide by 6'8 high and 2 that are 20' by 6'8" high. Price is \$1000 or \$200 a piece. If interested call Calvary Baptist Church, Middletown, Oh at 513-423-7251. Have only been used about 5 times.

2017 Ohio Disaster Relief Training Sessions

State Convention of Baptist in Ohio—9000 Antares Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43240
Jack Kwok, Ph. D. Executive Director—Treasurer—A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MINISTRY



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

We will collect required information, during the training session, to perform a background check.

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SCBO.ORG**

**Questions?
Call: (614)
309 - 9751**

November 17—18

**First Baptist Church
525 South 30th Street
Heath, Ohio 43056**

**Friday
6:00 PM
6:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Registration
“Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief”**

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

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

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ALL TRAINING.**

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

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Three meals included in price. Scholarships are available if needed.

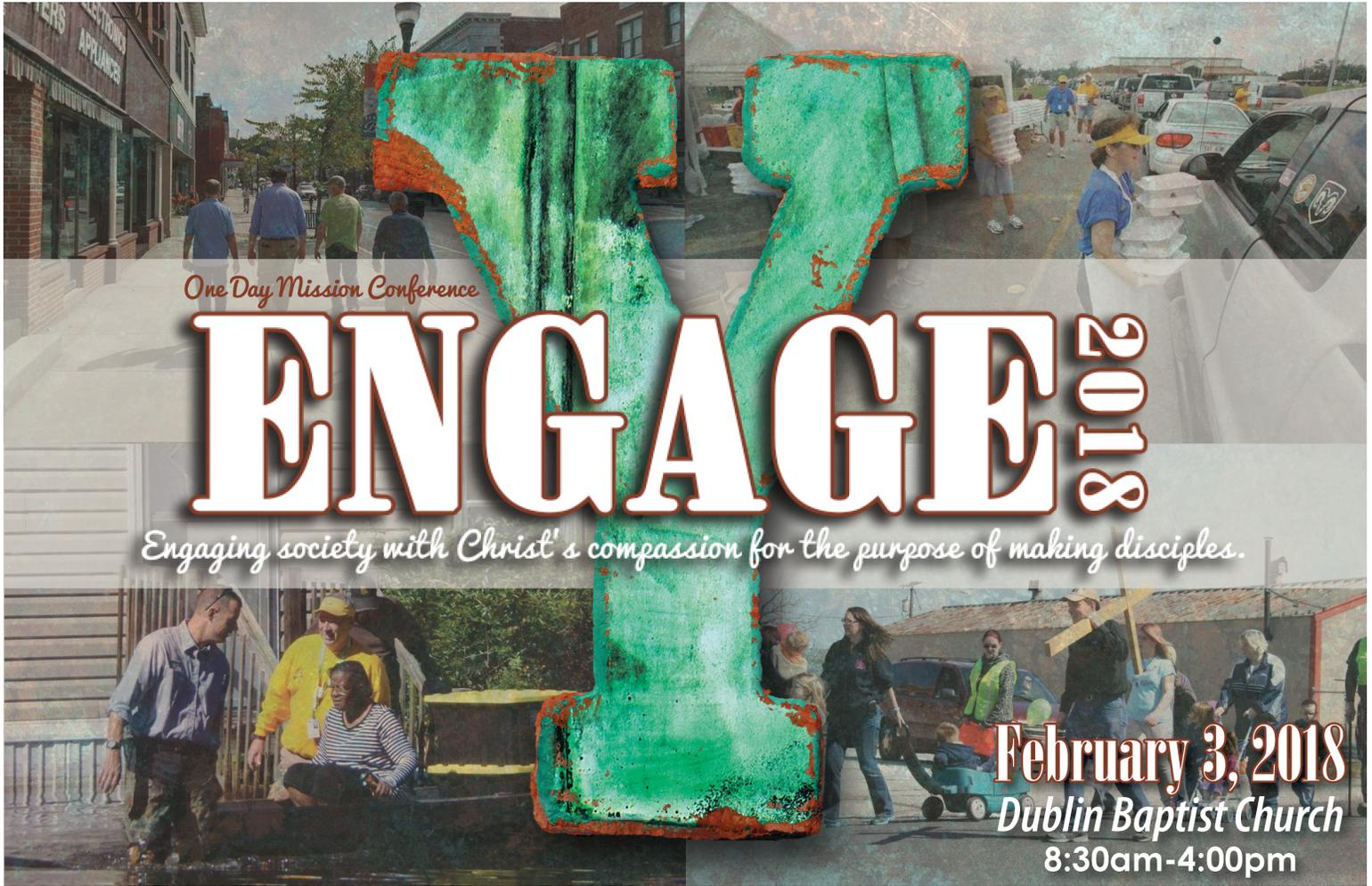
Participants are responsible for booking their own lodging. There are multiple hotels available in the area. A list of hotels is available at scbo.org

Contact Jack Helton at jhelton@scbo.org or 614-309-9738



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Join us next year!



FAMILY CAMP



June 4-8, 2018

Let's face it. Being a healthy family is tough. We see and feel the pain of familial brokenness on a regular basis in our own homes, churches and neighborhoods. Enemies of the family threaten to fragment and isolate us from one another. We each struggle in our own way, but we do not have to walk the journey alone. We can work together.

What if God would have you step up and lead families to become stronger together? As the senior pastor of a small church in Dayton, Ohio, I'm taking this step to encourage families to grow stronger together at Family Camp, Seneca Lake, 2018. You should bring some families next summer, too!

I have fading memories of experiencing Family Camp at Seneca Lake as a kid. Imagine my excitement this past spring when I learned that Family Camp has now made a comeback! When our family of five participated this past



summer we quickly became convinced afresh of its value. We were not the only ones. We met several families who

are serious about journeying together to reconnect with each other and God.

It is a week of slowing



down to enjoy God's gift of each other and refocus our hearts on God's Word; we are simply working to establish healthy rhythms that yield the fruit of God's grace. This is nothing flashy in the world's eyes. It does not compete with the momentary thrills of Kings Island or the exhilaration of Cedar Point. It plants seeds of

God's grace in the soil of your family that yields wholesome fruit.

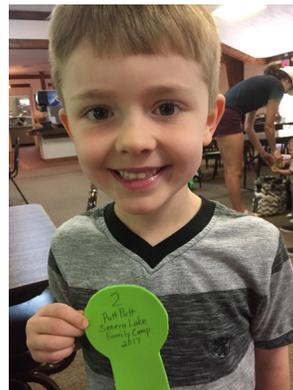
We reconnected with each other and

with God in memorable ways. Whether we were worshipping together alongside other families

each evening, fishing or boating in the lake, chasing golf balls down the putt-putt courses, or enjoying sweet conversation over watermelon, we were

warmed with great comfort walking alongside other like-minded families. Months later, my kids (ages 6, 5, 4) are

still glowing with excitement from precious memories created, and they regularly talk about next year.



Family Camp is the kind of thing Christians were meant to do. Merely cursing the darkness is too easy. Children of light, we are commissioned by God to fight brokenness that threatens our families. Of all of the things competing for

your calendar in 2018, I hope that building strong families at Family Camp makes it. When my family comes back next year Family Camp will welcome the newest Risner,

our newborn daughter. I hope that we can walk this journey with you as well, building stronger families together. Save the

date, June 4-8, 2018. More information is at the web site www.abrook.org/familycamp and at the Facebook page www.facebook.com/senecalakefamilycamp/. There you will find pictures and videos, along with registration information and pricing. A family of four (4) can attend the weeklong event with all meals, lodging and amenities starting at an affordable \$540. Contact Bob and Debbie Williams at familycampabc@gmail.com, or 937-760-2931 for registration details.

Check out this Family Camp Video!

<http://www.arrowbrookbaptistchurch.org/familycamp/family-camp>

Dr. Orville Heath Griffin

November 18, 1931 - September 18, 2017

By: Griffin Family and Jack Kwok, Ph.D.

During my first year serving as Executive Director for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio someone referred to Orville Griffin as Mr. Ohio of Southern Baptists. He truly deserved that moniker. Orville Griffin helped me greatly in the transition time we shared and the subsequent years until his homegoing. Many Southern Baptists from within and without Ohio have joined me in sharing how significant his influence has been upon our lives. His legacy continues to bear fruit in the kingdom work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dr. Orville Heath Griffin, age 85, husband of 65 years to the late Lois Laverne Watson Griffin, passed away September 18, 2017. He was born November 18, 1931, in Scott County, Kentucky, to the late Tom and Maudie Griffin. Orville was a 1950 graduate of Stamping Ground High School, graduating with honors, receiving the Citizenship Award and Voted Most Outstanding Senior Boy of his Class. He was active in Music and a member of the Speech Team. Orville was a point guard on his High School Basketball Team, winning the 41st District Championship and selected as a member of the All-Tournament Team.

Orville attended Georgetown College, while pastoring a church in Kelat, Kentucky. He was called one year later, to be Pastor of the

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, near Stamping Ground, Kentucky. At the age of 22 in 1954, Orville accepted the call to be the Pastor of East Dayton Baptist Church. He led the young congregation to become a very strong evangelistic Southern Baptist Church in the Ohio Convention. East Dayton Baptist Church baptized 720 believers in the 13 years he served as pastor averaging just over one every week.

In 1967, Orville and Lois moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Orville accepted the position of Director of Missions for the Cincinnati Baptist Association. The Greater Dayton Association of Baptists called Orville as their Director of Missions in 1970. Orville and Lois relocated to Columbus, Ohio in 1976 with Orville joining the staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio as Director of Evangelism and Stewardship. In 1982, he was elected as the Associate Executive Director, Annuity Director, and Foundation Director for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Dr. Orville Griffin became the third Executive Director/Treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio in 1992.

Dr. Orville Griffin officially retired January 10, 1997 after 43 years of service in Ohio. The Georgetown College awarded him the Darty F. Stowe Award for his years of service of Christian Ministry. He continued to preach and minister for 20 years in the Georgetown, KY area.

Orville served as a trustee for the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky and most recently served as an Honorary Trustee. The University of the Cumberland conferred on Orville the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1982.

Orville and Lois Griffin were members of the White Sulphur Baptist Church. He was compassionate, supportive, trust worthy, kind hearted, devoted and a mentor to many.

Dr. Griffin is survived by his sons Ronald Wayne (Charlotte) Griffin, and Douglas Dean (Dawn) Griffin, daughter Lori Sue Griffin Haynes, and a niece he helped to raise, Kelley Lee Watson Zatorski, grandchildren, Nathan Griffin, Amy Griffin Smith, Amber Griffin Arnett, Kyle Griffin, Justin Haynes, Todd Koogler, and Whitney McConnell, great grandchildren, Hannah Griffin, Emma Smith, Gage Griffin, Todd Koogler, Jr., Samantha Koogler, Randall Kyle Arnett, and Daniel Arnett, brothers Tommy (Carolyn) Griffin, Johnny (Jane) Griffin, sister Barbara (James) Cook. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Lois Laverne Griffin, his parents Tom and Maudie Griffin, brothers Joel Griffin, Warren (Edith) Griffin, Wendell (Ruby) Griffin, Billy (Nola Mae) Griffin, Robert Griffin, Kenneth (Jimmie Sue) Griffin, Jackie



(Carol) Griffin, and sister Reba (Danny) Provost.

Dr. Jack Kwok, Executive Director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and Reverend John Cravens, pastor of the White Sulphur Baptist Church, officiated his funeral September 25th, 2017 at White Sulphur Baptist Church, 5300 Ironworks, Georgetown, KY. Burial followed at the Masonic Cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers, Nathan Griffin, Justin Haynes, Kyle Griffin, Kenny Griffin, Bobby Griffin, Phil Cook, Fred Griffin, and David Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Orville Griffin Fund with the Ohio Baptist Foundation in care of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, 9000 Antares Ave., Columbus, OH 43240.

The legacy of Orville Heath Griffin is one rooted in the Great Commission and devoted to the Lord Jesus he loved and served so faithfully. He set a high mark for those who follow. Let's press toward that mark.

Sexual Integrity Seminar Comes to Dayton Avenue Baptist, Xenia

Sexual Integrity Seminar

Saturday, October 21st

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Conducted by Troy and Melissa Haas

Troy and Melissa have dedicated their lives to encouraging, enabling, and equipping the body of Christ to live out Galatians 6:1: "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently."

You are invited to join us for our Sexual Integrity Seminar this fall. The aim of this seminar is to further equip you to effectively address sexual integrity issues within your church. As pastors and leaders, we cannot ignore the need for this training. The longer we remain silent about sexual immorality the more destruction it will bring in the lives of the members of our churches.

Dayton Avenue Baptist Church 1121 Dayton Avenue, Xenia, Ohio

Admission is free. To register, please visit
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sexual-integrity-seminar-tickets-3732258886>



You can find more information about their ministry at hopequestgroup.org.

A promotional graphic for the 2018 VBS Director's Preview. It features a woman in a red shirt pointing towards the text. The background is blue with various sports-related icons and text. The main text reads "Gear Up, Get Ready..." and "GAME ON!". Below that, it says "2018 VBS Director's Preview" and "Saturday, November 4, 2017". Other text includes "For more information visit scbo.org!" and "FUN" and "SHIP".

Gear Up, Get Ready...

For more information visit scbo.org!

GAME ON!

2018 VBS Director's Preview

Saturday, November 4, 2017

FUN SHIP

PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

Annual meetings of Southern Baptist Associations are underway in Ohio. Baptist Associations have been an important force for kingdom advance in Ohio. The White Water Baptist Association organized in 1940 and dissolved in 1954 with the organization of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. From the first three associations in 1954 to the current 15 associations, Ohio Southern Baptists have affiliated with local Baptist Associations to advance the Lord's work in their local geographical areas. Please consult with your local association to ascertain the date, time, and place of your association's annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio occurs November 8, 2017 in Chillicothe, Ohio. Chillicothe Baptist Church is hosting the meeting this year. The address is 14000 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601-8191, and the phone

is 740-773-1525. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio website <http://www.scbo.org/event/scbo-annual-meeting> has pertinent information for the annual meeting and the Bible Conference <http://www.scbo.org/event/ohio-pastors-conference> preceding the annual meeting.

All of the proceedings at the annual meeting are vitally important to Mission Ohio. Some of the new items this year are the presentation of the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws, Celebration of the Tennessee-Ohio Partnership, and the adjusted distribution percentages of the Cooperative Mission Program. This is the first year for the 50/50 distribution of Cooperative Mission Program funds for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Ohio Southern Baptists stepped out in faith as they approved the current budget with the 50/50 distribution. Receipts through the end of September reveal an income

that is 95% of the adopted budget. We praise the Lord for the sacrificial giving of churches to worldwide missions and encourage others to consider increasing their giving to cooperate with Southern Baptists across the nation to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Southern Baptists have a strong witness in the areas affected by the recent tragedies: Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, other Caribbean islands, and Las Vegas. Thank you Southern Baptists for your support of our Cooperative Mission Program, your personal involvement in Disaster Relief, and your financial and prayer support of relief efforts for the people affected by all of these events. You are a very compassionate and generous people.

Personally, I wish to thank you for your prayer support for our family concerning the homegoing of my sister Eddie Jean Millspaugh Dugger. We

appreciate so very much your kindness. Please continue to pray for her family and friends to receive all of God's comforting grace.

God's grace is sufficient for our every need. Most of all, people need to receive His saving grace. Southern Baptists are Great Commission people. We cooperate to take the Gospel of God's grace to the ends of the earth. The need is as great as ever; people need Jesus. Through the cooperative efforts of Southern Baptists, we can help take the Gospel message to the ends of the earth. Let's press toward that mark.



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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

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