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Moving Forward

63rd Annual Meeting

State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

November 2, 2016

Vandalia First Baptist Church

140 Elva Ct - Vandalia, OH 45377 - (937)898-3874



Jack Kwok, Ph.D.

Executive
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Baptists in Ohio



Jeremy Westbrook

SCBO President
Pastor, Living Hope Baptist
Marysville



Tim Cline

Preaching Annual
Sermon
Pastor, Chillicothe
Baptist

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:30 AM

Congregational Music
Welcome
Call to Order
Executive Director Address
Resolutions Report
Woman's Missionary Union Report
International Mission Board Report
North American Mission Board Report
Election of Officers 1
GuideStone Report
Lifeway Report
Election of Officers 2
SBC Executive Committee Report
Election of Officers 3
Congregational Music
President's Address: Jeremy Westbrook
Mission Ohio Council Report
Prayer

**Ministers' Wives Luncheon

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 1:30 PM

Call to Order
Prayer
Congregational Music
SBC Seminary Report
SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report
Ohio Baptist Foundation
Darty Stowe Award
IMPACT Dayton 2016
Election of Officers 4
Business Session
Installation of Officers
Presidential Presentation
Congregational Music
Annual Sermon: Tim Cline, Pastor, Chillicothe Baptist Church
On Our Knees Invitation
Close of Annual Session
Prayer

Annual Meeting Hotels

Reference: State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

Comfort Inn and Suites, Dayton 9305 N Main Street, Dayton OH 45415 937-836-9400	Clarion Inn, Englewood 10 Rockridge Road, Englewood OH 45322 937-832-1234	Courtyard by Marriott 7087 Miller Lane, Dayton OH 45414 937-890-6112
Best Western Plus, Edgewood 20 Rockridge Road, Englewood OH 45322 937-832-2222	Fairfield Inn, Dayton North 6960 Miller Lane, Dayton OH 45414 937-898-1120	Dury Inn 6616 Miller Lane, Dayton OH 45414 800-325-0720

Annual Meeting Restaurants

El Toro Bar and Grill (937) 415-0940 6770 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Bob Evans (937) 890-5333 7400 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Panera Bread (937) 890-1500 6550 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414
LongHorn Steakhouse (937) 890-5048 6418 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Ruby Tuesday (937) 454-0535 6425 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Red Robin Gourmet Burgers (937) 410-0073 6404 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414
Max & Erma's (937) 454-1800 6930 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill (937) 415-0185 6744 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Smashburger (937) 387-6564 6731 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414
O'Charley's Restaurant & Bar (937) 454-9780 7030 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Outback Steakhouse (937) 454-1585 6800 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	
Olive Garden (937) 898-9363 6722 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	Cracker Barrel Old Country Store (937) 890-0047 7171 Miller Ln, Dayton, OH 45414	

50/50 Committee Recommendation Adopted by July Mission Council

The Mission Council of the 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 to the messengers of November 2, 2016 annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

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



COOPERATIVE MISSION PROGRAM

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. Let's press toward that mark.

MOVING FORWARD

OHIO PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 2016



Philippians 3:14

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

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

From the Desk of the President

In November 2015 at the SCBO annual meeting held at Jersey Baptist, a 50-50 SCBO CP funding committee was appointed to study the possibility of bringing a recommendation to the mission council in July 2016 concerning a new ministry funding ratio. As you are aware, the committee unanimously recommended to the July Mission Council that this be done beginning immediately with the 2017 annual budget. I am thrilled to share with you that the mission council voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. Therefore, the final vote of approval will come from the elected church messengers attending the SCBO annual meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd at FBC Van-

dalia. Please make plans to attend this historic meeting and take part in this historic decision. My prayer is this vote will serve as a catalyst for a movement of God in our SCBO churches to reach the lost in Ohio and around the world.

During the month of August we began announcing the ministry partners coming to lead us at the 2016 Pastors' Conference (PC) on Tuesday, November 1st. In case you missed those announcements, I am excited to share our PC line-up:

Speakers

Dr. Kevin Ezell
NAMB president

Dr. Russell Moore
ERLC President

Dr. K. Marshall Williams
Past President SBC African American Fellowship

Worship

Long Hollow Worship Band

Nashville, TN

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

In addition, I want to personally invite you to attend a special NAMB sponsored luncheon at the Pastors' Conference honoring your service to our Lord! The meal begins at noon and is free but registration is REQUIRED. Register at www.scbo.org/evangelism. Dr. Ezell will be attending and sharing NAMB ministry information. There will also be free ministry resources for those attending!

Finally, I want to "thank you" for the honor and privilege of serving as your convention president this past year. I have learned much and have enjoyed traveling the state meeting many of you! Great days



Dr. Jeremy Westbrook

are ahead for our churches and our convention as we strive together to obey the Great Commission and see sinners saved, disciples made, and lives changed! We are....

Moving Forward,
Dr. Jeremy Westbrook
SCBO President

For more info about the 2016 Pastors' Conference and Annual Meeting please visit www.scbo.org.

Tentative Schedule

Afternoon

- 12 noon — Pastors' luncheon
- 1:15pm — Conversation w/Kevin Ezell
- 2:00pm — Welcome & Prayer
- 2:05pm — Worship & Praise (Long Hollow Worship Band)
- 2:20pm — Dr. Kevin Ezell — Reaching Ohio One Neighborhood at a Time
- 3:05pm — Conversation w/Russell Moore
- 3:40pm — Worship & Praise (Long Hollow Worship Band)
- 3:55pm — Dr. Russell Moore — Changing Culture One Neighborhood at a Time
- 4:35pm — Prayer
- 4:50pm — Closing Remarks

Evening

- 7:00pm — Welcome & Prayer
- 7:05pm — Worship & Praise (Long Hollow Worship Band)
- 7:30pm — Dr. K M Williams — Building Bridges One Neighborhood at a Time
- 8:10pm — Prayer
- 8:25pm — Closing Remarks

Pray Ohio

Coming Boldly to the Throne of Grace

“Prayer is intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of His purposes.” – Alvin Reed

How would you describe your prayer life? Routine? Wish list? Ritual or relationship? We have a wonderful promise in **Hebrews 4:14-16**:

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Everyday I need mercy and grace. Prayer is designed to get me to the throne of grace so that I can have a transaction with the Father, a life-changing experience with Jesus. So, how do I get to the throne of grace? A truth I am learning – **Boldness at the throne of grace begins with humility at the throne of my heart.** Review with me some of the verses that point to this truth:

2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

Job 42:5-6 *“I had heard rumors about You, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore*

I take back [my words] and repent in dust and ashes.”

Psalm 51:16-17 *“For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart – these, O God, You will not despise.”*

Psalm 149:4 *“For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.”*

Isaiah 57:15 *“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”*

James 4:6-10 *“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”*

1 Peter 5:5 *“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

Jesus tells of two approaches in **Luke 18:9-14** As soon as he introduces the parable in verse 9 we almost always assume that description is someone other than ourselves – thereby becoming the people Jesus is addressing. I often don’t see the target is on me, thinking, ‘I hope she’s listening’ instead of asking, ‘Does this fit me?’ – immediately confirming my guilt of pride and arrogance.

Count how many times the Pharisee uses the first-person

pronoun “I.” The next time you pray, consider how many times you use the first-person pronoun.

Take a moment to hear the prayer of the tax collector, read it slowly, and Jesus’ assessment of his prayer.

“And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” **Luke 18:13-14**

Eugene Peterson’s paraphrase of **Matthew 6:5-6** captures the spirit of humble praying:

“And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat? Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.” (MSG)

The Pharisee saw himself on the stage performing for God’s applause; the tax collector saw himself by grace in a seat watching God’s glory on display. It makes all the difference in how we pray. Kyle Idleman writes *“There is no substitute for humbling yourself*

before God.” (*The End of Me*, p. 82).

Don’t miss these four words of Jesus, *“he who humbles himself.”* We most often think of “being humbled,” a passive activity. We say *“I am humbled to be here...”* or *“I am humbled by your kindness,”* etc. To humble yourself just doesn’t sound right, until we read how Jesus *“humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”* **Philippians 2:8**

Humbling myself means a trip to the cross, denying self, laying aside my agenda, my plans, my control, my rights, my self-centeredness, my ego, my kingdom – for His. *“For every believer, the cross is the sign and symbol for obediently carrying out the will of God.”* (Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing the Cross*, p. 145)

Every time I pray, it is an opportunity to exalt Christ and put my pride on the cross, an opportunity to say with John the Baptist, *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

John 3:30

“Leaders are measured by how they sacrifice, not by how much they gain. When the will of God cuts across the will of a person, somebody has to die. Leaders are meant to be losers—losers of ourselves and losers of our rights. The best way to find out whether you really have a servant’s heart is to see what your reaction is when somebody treats you like one.” — Elizabeth Elliot

Cedarville University and the State Convention of
Baptists in Ohio present

Worship 4:24 Conference

January 27–28, 2017 | worship424.com



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH



Featuring **Gateway Worship** of Gateway Church in Dallas, Texas, and **Mike Harland**, Director of LifeWay Worship Resources



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Worship 4:24 Conference at Cedarville University on January 27–28, 2017. 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 leaders. This year's conference will feature Gateway Worship in a worship concert on Friday evening and in general sessions and breakouts on Saturday.

Registration:

Register online at worship424.com or by calling 937-766-4444.

Cost:

- **Super Early Bird registration** (September 15 through October 31): \$30 per person (\$20 per student, 7th grade – College)
- **Early Bird registration** (November 1 through December 20): \$40 per person (\$20 per student, 7th grade – College)
- **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:

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 Gateway Worship

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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worship



WORSHIP 4:24
Spirit + Truth

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is excited to present this STELLAR event, specifically designed for VBS Directors who are looking to get a head start on planning and preparing for VBS 2017. All VBS Directors are invited to a day of excellent instruction and fellowship as we explore LifeWay's VBS theme for 2017:

Galactic Starveyors

Saturday, November 12, 2016

9am-1pm

Dublin Baptist Church

7195 Coffman Rd.

Dublin, OH 43017

Cost is \$10 (lunch is included)

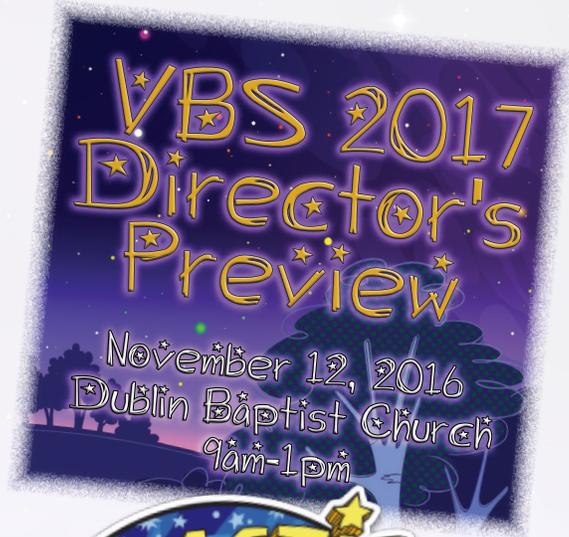
Registration ends October 27th

One Director per church will receive a VBS 2017 Jump Start Kit as our gift to you. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to begin planning your church's out-of-this-world adventure!

For more information and to register, please visit:

scbo.org/event/vacation-bible-school-directors-preview

Questions may be directed to Wendy Hammock
(wehammock@scbo.org or 614.601.6826)



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
for registration.

State Student Speakers Competition

BRING NEW LIFE TO YOUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY AT



MARCH 17-18, 2017

ON TRACK

Sunday School Conference

WITH ALLAN TAYLOR AND ERIC GEIGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HENDERSONVILLE

GREATER NASHVILLE AREA

Nashville
MUSIC CITY

Schedule

Friday, March 11, 2016

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

Saturday, March 12, 2016

- 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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LifeWay



New Beginnings Banquet

The New Beginnings Banquet will be held during the dinner break at the Pastor's Conference on Tuesday, November 1st. It is a time for pastors, planters, and church leaders to come and learn about the new churches being planted in Ohio. There is no charge, it's paid for with Cooperative Program dollars. However, you do need a ticket to get in, so be sure to register by emailing Charlotte Barbo at cbarbo@scbo.org or calling 614-601-6804.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT & MISSION CELEBRATION

Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly
September 9-10, 2016

It is always beautiful at Seneca Lake but it was especially so during the Mission Celebration/Fall Retreat this year on September 9-10. We had 127 ladies join us this year as we heard from Linda Cooper, National WMU President. She challenged us to share Christ as we go By All Means. She captivated us with stories of the opportunities she has had to share Jesus with complete strangers as she works as a dental hygienist and as she travels around our country and around the world for WMU.



Sherry Tarlton had us all laughing while she was telling us about officially becoming a "senior citizen" during our fellowship time on Friday evening.

Our breakout sessions included Super Mom with Amanda Mishne, Living Peaceful In a Stressful World by Sherry Tarlton, The Prayer Room was offered by Susie Emery and Sue Stickel presented Book Club 101. We were excited to offer breakout sessions this year for our Spanish-speaking ladies as well. Deana Wolf, one of our IMB missionaries to Chile, here on furlough, shared the breakout sessions Connecting with Chile and Fulfilling the Mission of Christ in Spanish. We also held a tea for our pastor and church plant wives to honor them and all that they do in the ministry, organized and led by Jean DeFilippo.



The time of worship was led by Angela Corbett from First Baptist Church Grove City along with Judy Sinsel playing the keyboard.

The ladies who just couldn't wait to get started had the opportunity to go to two of the three early bird sessions that were offered. Card Making led by Patti Maschmeir, WMU Ministries led by Teresa Bailey as well as Missionary Spotlight led by "Hannah Morgan."

We are excited to say that the offering for the Joan White Scholarship Fund was \$612.39! That brings our total in the fund to approximately \$1,000! Thank you so much ladies. We will be able to help several ladies on their first mission trip this next year.

During the Mission Celebration we elected the officer's for the upcoming year.

- Sue Stickel – WMU President
- Jean DiFilippo – WMU Vice President
- Jennie Ferrel – Recording Secretary
- Mary Winks – Adult Consultant
- Sara Beck – GA Consultant
- Bryan Carpenter – RA Consultant
- Amanda Mishne – Children/Preschool Consultant
- VJ Sanchez - CWJC/CMJC Consultant



Thank you to all the ladies who spent their weekend with us. We hope that you received a blessing and were able to take away something to share with the people in your life. We always enjoy meeting and talking with all of the women around Ohio.

Serving Christ,
The Women's Leadership Team of Ohio



\$10 per Person

A One Day Mission Conference *Engage*

Engaging society with Christ's compassion for the purpose of making disciples

February 4, 2017



Save the Date!

Dublin Baptist Church

7195 Coffman Rd - Dublin, Ohio

Updates at SCBO.ORG

Contact: Sheri Bogardus
sbogardus@scbo.org 614.601.6814

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.

Churches Seeking Staff



Richmond Road Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio, is in need of a man of God to lead as Senior Pastor. Resumes can be sent to Morris Shelley, 619 Shultz Drive, Hamilton, OH 45013. A personal statement of faith and a cd/dvd of a recent sermon is also desired. This is a part-time/bi-vocational position.

The First Baptist Church of Ashville, Ohio is seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor. Please send resume' to:
Attn: Pulpit Committee First Baptist Church of Ashville, P.O. Box 61, Ashville, Ohio 43103.

Lewisburg First Missionary Baptist Church located in Lewisburg Ohio, which is 20 miles West of Dayton Ohio, is seeking a bi-vocational Pastor to shepherd our Church. We are seeking a man who is called to be a minister of the Gospel to minister with us in a rural/small town setting. The church is unable to afford a full-time pastor but is able to pay some compensation. REQUIREMENTS: Heart for ministry and people; Faithfulness to teach and preach the Word of God; Willingness to equip others for ministry.

Please contact one of the following to follow Gods call:
Mark Mullins c/o: Lewisburg First Missionary Baptist Church
608 N Commerce St, Lewisburg, OH 45338
fmbcsearch@gmail.com or
Steve Stiglich, Associational Missionary missionary@gdab.com
Greater Dayton Association of Baptists
2050 Brandt Pike
Dayton, OH 45404

Northside Baptist Church (NBC) in Millersburg, Ohio is currently seeking a Lead pastor that meets the following qualifications set forth in Scripture: lives a life above reproach, gifted in teaching and rightly dividing the Word of Truth, prays continually, servant leadership, disciple making, counseling, and promotes Christ-centered fellowship. Other qualifications include: Is in the process of obtaining or has a Master of Divinity or Doctor of Ministry from a Southern Baptist Seminary or a seminary affiliated with the SBC, Adheres to the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), Committed to the continuing support of local and global missions and the strengthening and planting of local churches, administration of the church and all leaders in performing their tasks and casts God's vision for NBC by discerning the strengths, gifts and talents of its members while building on enduring biblical principles.

For more information on NBC please visit www.northsideL3.com

Interested and qualified candidates please submit cover letter and resume to the Pastor Search Team at pastorsearch@northsideL3.com

We are looking for pastors



Grace Baptist Church
20691 Danville-Amity Rd
Mt. Vernon, OH 43050
Contact; Jerry Lewis 740-397-0564

Faith Missionary Baptist Church
775 W. Main St PO Box 3
Wilmot, OH 44689
Contact: Levi Brenner 330.466.1408

Southview Baptist Church
6904 Crawford/Morrow Co. Line Rd
Galion, OH 44833
Contact: Dave Smith 419.468.7016



2016 Ohio Disaster Relief Training Sessions

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

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

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

Friday

6:00 PM

6:30 - 9:30 PM

Registration

"Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"

Saturday

7:15 AM

8:00 AM

12:00 PM

12:30 PM

3:00 PM

Continental Breakfast Served

Unit Training

Lunch Provided by DR Food Service

Evangelism Training

Dismissed

November 18-19

Living Hope Church

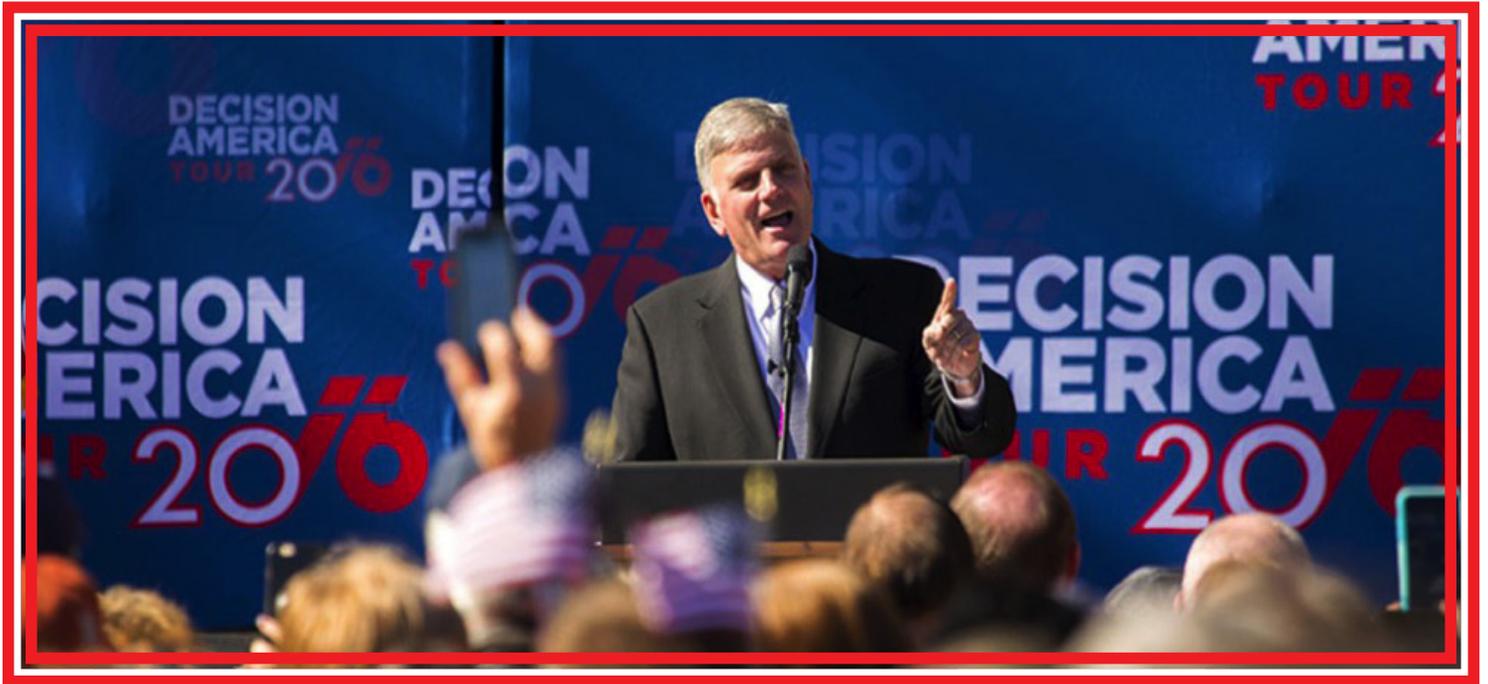
16701 Square Drive

Marysville, Ohio 43040

*PRE-REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED FOR
ALL TRAINING.*

**CONTACT SAM KELLEY 614-309-9751 OR
SKELLEY@SCBO.ORG TO REGISTER**

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



Decision America 2016 Tour

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ohio Changers challenges participants to become on-mission Christians as they live out their faith while getting their hands dirty.

There is a new mission project under the Missions Support and Mobilization Resource Group with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Ohio Changers. The first Ohio Changers took place in the West Jefferson and Grove City areas in July of 2016. Many of the members of the leadership team have been involved in Kentucky Changers missions for the past 15 years and was excited to be able to introduce this ministry to Ohio communities.

Ohio Changers consisted of 50 teenagers and 50 adults doing some much needed repairs on the exterior of homes for those who could not do it for themselves. Participants were divided up into 8 crews completing a total of 14 jobs. The jobs included painting, siding, roofing and deck building. The crews consisted of a crew chief who is an experienced tradesman, an assistant crew chief, an adult man and woman to encourage the youth, and 8-10 teenagers, ages 13-18. For a week these volunteers worked on the homes and built relationships with the homeowners during the day and in the evenings had a great time worshipping God and fellowshiping together. First Baptist Church of Grove City generously opened their church for the group to stay there for the week, sleeping on cots and taking showers in Disaster Relief Shower Trailers. This week long mission is a benefit to all involved. It helps the homeowner with much needed repairs, builds relationships between adults and teens, as well as giving the teenagers new skills and a sense of accomplishment.

The leadership team consists of Matt Stickel and Marc Wells as the Construction coordinators, Project coordinator Sue Stickel, camp pastor Mike D'Attoma, Registration Ronda Maynard, Meal coordinators Shelby Wolfe and Penelope Mishne and promotion/graphic designer Amanda Mishne. Anna Raber and Wade Beachy headed up the ministry team. Planning for 2017 has already begun! If you would like more information about Ohio Changers please contact Sue Stickel 614-425-1805 or msstickel6@gmail.com



PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

As we approach the November 2, 2016 annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, let us do 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. President Jeremy Westbrook has chosen the theme “Moving Forward” to guide the proceedings and worship for the 2016 annual meeting.

We are so very grateful to the wonderful Vandalia First Baptist Church for hosting the 2016 annual meeting. The address is 140 Elva Court, Vandalia, OH 45377-1831, and the church phone number is 1-937-898-3874.

Pastor David Starry, his staff, and members have worked tremendously hard to provide for the needs and comfort of the messengers.

Significant changes in the schedule await the messengers to the 2016 annual meeting. The annual meeting will begin at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday morning and conclude with the afternoon session. In addition to the business items, Jeremy Westbrook pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in Marysville, OH will deliver his presidential address, and Tim Cline pastor of Chillicothe Baptist Church in Chillicothe, OH will preach the annual sermon. Prior to the annual meeting is a Pastor’s Confer-

ence.

Messengers will vote on the December 2016-2017 budget which reflects moving to a 50/50 ratio distribution of Cooperative Mission Program receipts. 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.

More detailed information on the Pastor’s Conference,

lodging, and restaurants are available in this issue of the Ohio Baptist Messenger and at scbo.org the website of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. “Moving Forward” is what Ohio Southern Baptists must continue to do to reach 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by the end of 2020. 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 (I Peter 2:24). However, it’s

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

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

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

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

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