

# CAMPERS (SENECA LAKE)

Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly (SLBA) plays host each year to thousands of youth who attend summer camp. Camp at SLBA is a wonderful week filled with excitement, adventure, fun & games, and opportunities for young people to connect with God. It's one of those unforgettable experiences of childhood that any of us would look back on and remember fondly.

What is absolutely amazing, though, is the heart these campers have to share Jesus with their friends and classmates! If you take the time to talk with campers at SLBA, you will undoubtedly hear stories of God's grace and redeeming power. And not by accident – the youth of Ohio are boldly and intentionally reaching out to their friends and neighbors. It's a powerful testimony to God's powerful work in the lives of these young missionaries. As a special bonus, we in Ohio get the chance to rejoice with them at SLBA where every year dozens, if not hundreds, of youth come into a saving relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

# FAMILY (OHIO CHANGERS)

June 2018 – an excited group of missionaries gathers at First Baptist West Jefferson. They have come from multiple states bringing diverse skills and abilities – yet all are united by the idea that a little hard work and some generosity through service projects can open the door to expand God's Kingdom.

The Stickel family brings over 20 years of 'changers' ministry passion and knowledge to Ohio Changers – now just in its 3rd year. Mom, Dad, kids, and anyone else they can round up are more than willing to serve. Matt Stickel says, "That's what it's all about: Christ's love to us. We're supposed to be sharing that. We're just not a sponge."

Ronda Maynard has brought every one of her four children on 'changers' projects over the years. Her oldest son, now an active youth pastor, received the call to ministry while serving on a project as a teenager. Ronda says, "We need people on the crew who know what they're doing, and then those people like me that go 'You're doing a great job – now do it again!' Her enthusiasm for Jesus is truly contagious.

# WHY MISSION OHIO?

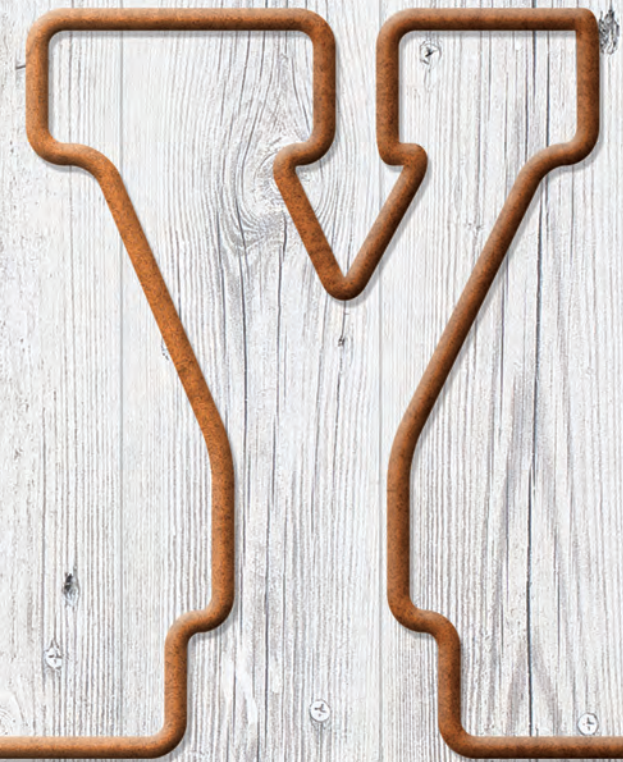
## BECAUSE IT'S WHO WE ARE....

Southern Baptists all over Ohio are serving boldly as ambassadors for Christ – sharing the love of Jesus and His message of reconciliation through the Gospel. The Ohio missionaries featured in this brochure are joining with you to spread this amazing Good News throughout the state.

Please join us to pray for these ministries and missionaries, and for the continued advancement of God's Kingdom in Ohio!

"AS FOR US, WE CANNOT HELP  
SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE  
SEEN AND HEARD."  
ACTS 4:20

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DAY 4

- Please pray for the youth of Ohio who are standing up for Christ and sharing the Gospel.
- Pray for financial resources to allow even more students to experience all that SLBA has to offer.



DAY 5

- Pray for those who have received aid to recognize God as their provider and accept the Gospel.
- Pray for the willing hearts, energy, and resources to continue changing lives through service ministry.

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## HOW TO USE THIS PRAYER GUIDE

Each of the ministries and missionaries highlighted in this brochure are funded in part by the generous gifts of Ohio Baptists to *The Ray Roberts State Mission Offering*. This brochure has been designed to guide you as you pray for God's work in Ohio. We are hoping that believers like you from all over Ohio will join together to pray for one of these ministries each day during September 10-15, 2018. It is our sincere desire that, as you continue praying throughout the year, you would remember each of these ministries as well as the ongoing work of Mission Ohio: the collective effort of all Southern Baptists to Reach Ohio and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## A COOPERATIVE EFFORT:

Please also consider how you might support Mission Ohio with a financial gift. During the State Missions Offering 100% of all donations will be given directly to ministries like those you read about here: to spread the Gospel and engage Ohio for the Glory of God!



# LANGUAGE (ESL CLASSES)

Over 30 different people groups and more than 500 individuals have already been a part of English as a Second Language Classes (ESL) at Lakota Hills Baptist church in 2018. Every Wednesday night members of the church prepare and host a meal for a huge group of people from the community. Pastor Travis Smalley says, "God has blessed us so much. We will have between 120 and 180 people from all kinds of different nationalities here weekly." During the meal, the participants have the chance to engage in casual, every-day conversations - in English! This helps build language skills, but also helps develop true bonds between the church and community.

Of course, the ministry doesn't stop there. Classroom style instruction is provided covering numerous aspects of English language and culture. Plus, the evening wouldn't be complete without the 'Team Kid' activities in the Sanctuary: games, stories, missions education, and crafts. Just like Children's Minister Scott Clark says, "The great thing about it is that we get to talk to them about Jesus!"



DAY 1

- Pray that language difficulties would never be a barrier to spreading the Gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for those who accept Christ at ESL to have an effective witness to their families and community.

# FIRST STEP (OHIO CHANGERS)

Matt Stickel went on his first 'changers' mission trip 24 years ago. That initial service project experience opened the door to many more good things - including incredible ways to show compassion and demonstrate Jesus' love. Between 'World Changers,' 'Kentucky Changers,' and now 'Ohio Changers' Matt has now been a part of 28 'changers' service projects where lives have been changed.

The skills and experience he has gained have been put to use on the international mission field as well. Whether serving close to home, or on one of the 15+ international trips he has taken, Matt says, "All of them bear a resemblance to this: serving people. Putting yourself second, or last, and serving someone else."

"This is an entry-level mission trip for the youth. God uses it as a stair step," he says. "Everyone that's involved in this mission work gets changed - from the homeowner that we're serving to the servant. It'll change you in an unbelievable way - in a positive way."



DAY 2

- Please pray for more youth to respond to God with hearts for service and missions.
- Pray that mission efforts throughout Ohio and the whole world would be fruitful for God's Kingdom.

# LEGACY (SENECA LAKE)

For so many, Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly has become a stable and steady place where it is easy to be blessed by God with peace, encouragement, growth, and an opportunity to demonstrate love for others.

Fred Stevens has been passing on his skills and love for Christ at SLBA for over 30 years. At this year's mission camp, he spent his afternoons dodging fish hooks and helping kids get their prized catch safely back into the water! In the past, you might have encountered Fred on the archery range: he's ready and willing to serve wherever God puts him. When asked why he comes back to Seneca Lake every summer, Fred simply says, "Because of the kids, that's the big thing - and Jesus told us to. It's all we can do: to do His work and pray every day."

"You see different personalities and things...it's cool to see how they progress as they come back every year to camp - and grow. I guess if you feed 'em they're gonna grow." There is no doubt that Fred has seen a lot of growth over the years in kids who are being fed by God at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly.



DAY 3

- Pray for the continued spiritual growth of everyone impacted by Jesus at Seneca Lake.
- Pray that Christ's love will continue to reach more and more Ohioans for generations to come.