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2018 SBC Annual Meeting

Dallas, Texas | June 12-13, 2018



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Tuesday, November 6, 2018

SCBO Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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Group: State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

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Y ENGAGE 2018

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

By: Duane Floro, Mission Support & Mobilization Resource Team

"Y" Engage 2018 was one of the best mission gatherings yet. SCBO partnered again this year with Dublin Baptist Church, our host site, to bring the opportunities around the world to our doorstep.

Charles Mully, Founder of Mully Children's Family was our keynote speaker. Because of their love for Christ, Charles and his wife Esther have taken in over 13,000 street children since 1990. His message and humble passion spoke to all in attendance.

Time was set-aside during the day for intentional prayer and worship. We were blessed by the worship of Pastor Chad Winder and the worship team from First Heath. Breakout sessions enabled those in attendance to hear various topics on the "how to's of missions."

During lunch three luncheon panel discussions were available. Bruce Smith, Associate Executive Director, SCBO led the discussion with church planters. This year our planters were Mike Feliciano, Pastor of Fellowship Church, Wellington; Ben York, Pastor of Guide Church, Hilliard; and Jeff Lavalette, Pastor of Glass City Church, Toledo.

Sue Stickel, State WMU/WMM President for Ohio, led the International Mission Board luncheon with Terry Sharp, State Association and Diaspora Network Leader, IMB; Debbie and David Brownfield, IMB.

Our third luncheon featured the Nehemiah Project led by Penny Zuber, Missions Coordinator, Jersey Baptist Church. Alexa Bartlett spoke of her work this past year as she served on mission as a college student.

For those in attendance looking for hands-on resources our mission display area offered exactly that.

We finished the day with a panel discussion of Charles Mully, Paul Kim, Terry Sharp, Doug Pollock and Francis Mwanzia. Those who attended described the day as "useful resources;" "challenging topics;" "beneficial to our church and our mission;" and "looking forward to next year!"

A special thanks Sheri Bogardus, Sam Kelley, Dublin Baptist Church and all who stepped up to make this a great day!



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- **Timely:** Open February-May 31, 2018

DETAILS

- Hosted at GuideStone.org/compensationsurvey
- Promoted by GS, state conventions and associations
- iPad giveaway

“THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE” in Israel

By: Pastor Dave Hill
Northside Baptist Church,
Springfield OH

It's rare these days when you get more than you expect or pay for, but when my wife (Vikki) and I traveled to Israel with The Bible Comes to Life in February, we got just that. They gave us more than we could have hoped or imagined! Our group was led by Dwayne Lee (SCBO Leadership and Resource) and his wife, Jackie.



Dave & Vikki Hill

Vikki and I had been planning this trip since our 40th wedding anniversary last August and we really didn't know what to expect. This was our gift to ourselves in celebration of 40 years together, and we were more than amazed!

Many of you reading this may have been to Israel. If you have, then you know what it's like to walk where Jesus walked, taught, and prayed. To see what He saw, and to imagine being there when He was there. The authenticity of the scriptures is proven time and again before your eyes. If you haven't been, then please put it on your bucket list, and mark it off as soon as possible. I promise you it will change your life! I can't look at the scriptures the same way now, and I can't keep from remembering

all that we experienced over those 10 days in Israel. It's been a few weeks since we returned home and I'm still digesting all we experienced.

Vikki was apprehensive about several things before the trip, but Jackie and The Bible Comes to Life group thought of everything. The accommodations were amazing, the food was incredible, the transportation was first class, and our guides, Gadi and Omer, taught me more in 10 days than I have learned about the Bible in the past...well, let's just say in a long time. The Bible really did come to life!

If you go to Israel make sure you take a boat ride on



Lee Bible Study Group in Israel

the Sea of Galilee, and don't miss the view of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. And if you can, get Jackie to book an Israeli Folk Dance class... maybe I should have left that out. Oh well, this old Baptist Preacher had a great time learning history through dance. Like I said, I got more than I expected, and I still have the smile on my face to prove it.

Shalom,
Dave Hill

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New Pastor & Staff Orientation

Their context varied from rural to inner city. Ministry settings included long established churches, new church plants, and revitalization churches. Immersion in Buckeye culture ranged from a lifetime to less than 2 weeks. But all 10 pastors left the New Pastor and Staff Orientation on March 13 with better understanding of resources that could assist in their ministry settings.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio offers opportunity twice each year for new pastors and staff to get acquainted with the state team and dialogue about ways to partner to reach Ohio for Christ. Spouses able to attend separate for lunch and afternoon networking. The next New Pastor and Staff Orientation will be held Tuesday, September 11. Although there is no cost, pre-registration through Linnett Snodgrass is requested.



Pictured (left to right) are Jack Kwok, SCBO; Mark Glenn, Summit Baptist Church, Pataskala; Art Fulks, First Baptist Church, Lancaster; Duane Floro, SCBO; Bruce Smith, SCBO; Amie and Mark Schroeder, Faith Baptist Church, Lewisburg; Jack Helton, SCBO; David Orweller, H2O City Church, Columbus; Brian Grove, First Baptist Church, Westerville; Dan Squezello, Central Baptist Church, Niles; Lisa Grove, FBC Westerville; Steve Hopkins, SCBO; Gervia Lane, East Cleveland; Shawn Acrey, Journey Community Church, Franklin; Phillip Lane, Grace and True Love Baptist Church, East Cleveland; Stephanie Rodgers, Mentor; Jason Williams, Church of the Wild, Westerville; Mocc Rodgers, Christ Kingdom Ministries, Oakwood Village, and Purpose of Our Freedom, Mentor.

Southwest Regional Women's Spring Retreat

April 14, 2018, 8am-4pm
FBC Waynesville
1009 Lytle Road, Waynesville



Speaker:
Sherry Tarlton

Worship Leaders:
Rekindle

Cost: \$20/\$25 (after April 2nd)
Register directly on-line at www.GDAB.org/rsvp.php
or by calling (937) 233-3999

Breakout Sessions

- ♦ Joy in Submission
- ♦ Joy in Winter Times
- ♦ Joy in Being a Woman of Peace
- ♦ Joy Not Dependent on Circumstances
- ♦ How to Maintain Your Joy
- ♦ Joy by Living in Hope

Get more details on Breakout Sessions at www.GDAB.org under Women's Ministry

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (HCSB)

SUPER HOLIDAYS



June 25-29, 2018

Super Summer is a student leader conference that the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio provides every year for students who show potential in leadership skills and discipleship. That is why we say, "Super Summer is Advancing Student Leaders".

Registration is open! We are asking you to send your students to a weeklong conference that will change their lives forever.

If you would like to visit <http://www.scbo.org/super-summer> and you will find details regarding the Super Summer experience. Maybe you would like a personal visit or phone conversation with one of our Super Summer leaders. If so, please contact our office at 614-601-6826 to speak with Wendy Hammock who would be glad to set up a meeting for you with one of our leaders.

Thank you for helping us in Mission Ohio as we advanced student leaders for the kingdom!

SUPER SUMMER IS TAKING A HOLIDAY!

Join an intense week of Bible learning and leadership development. Super Summer is for potential leaders within your church that have completed grades 7-12th. This event is designed for any sized church whether you have 1-100 students.

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 No Registrations accepted after May 25, 2018
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 Visit www.scbo.org to register.

SPEAKER

Doug Franklin is the president of LeaderTreks, an innovative leadership development organization focusing on students and youth workers. Doug and his wife, Angie, live in West Chicago, Illinois.



WORSHIP TEAM

HeartSong Ministries from Cedarville University exists to communicate the livable reality of the gospel as seen through genuine worship.





VBSI

Ohio's Vacation Bible School Institute

By: Susie Richter, FBC Waynesville

On March 10, 2018 fifteen VBS volunteers from First Baptist Church Waynesville came to Dublin Baptist Church for the Vacation Bible School Institute (VBSI). Susie Richter, Vacation Bible School Director, stated that they were met by smiling faces and told where they could get coffee and pastries to begin their day. Then after that, off to the Sanctuary where the excitement filled the air. Everyone was so excited and passionate about making it a fun, informative day for all attendees.

Susie said, "When the general session let out we exited into the hallways where we were met by volunteers that helped us find where our first class was. The teachers were very knowledgeable! I can't think of one question that we had that didn't get answered when asked. Pastor Larry Sizemore and I were in the Directors class. Anthony, job well done! All of the Core classes that were offered were attended by the team that came with us. We were also able to attend fifteen of the Elective classes. We came back with a lot of information and a lot of great ideas." We can't wait to get started planning.

We want to thank all of the volunteers and the worker's in VBSI for the excitement and energy that they put into the day to make it fun as well as informative. The fifteen that came this year from Waynesville have already signed up for next year and after we told other's in our church how much we enjoyed the day, I think we'll have more coming next year. Thanks again!! It was a huge success.

By: Wendy Hammock, Bible Teaching Leadership Resource Group, SCBO

The Vacation Bible School Institute of Ohio for 2018 featured the 2018 VBS theme for LifeWay: "Game On." This one-day training event was held at Dublin Baptist Church on Columbus' northwest corner. (Thanks DBC). 300+ were registered, along with the teaching staff, workers, 30+ voice children's choir, parents and a 10-man pep band brought the number of folks involved close to 400 and 57 churches trained. We at the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio love seeing everyone there and getting each of you ramped up and ready to go for the new VBS season in the summer. We are still gathering the information that was given in order to pray for you this summer during your churches VBS outreach to your community. Please let us know if we can help you out. Whether that involves filling a bookstore order for you, sharing your decorations around the state or just getting a pep talk, don't hesitate to call or e-mail us here at SCBO.



GameON Decorations



Lets get fired up!



Learning GameON music



By: Rochelle May, VBS Director Mt Calvary BC of Bedford, Ohio

The VBS team at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio is very grateful for VBSi for several reasons. In the past, a few of our VBS team members have attended Lifeway's training in Tennessee in January. However, most people know that winter weather in Ohio in January is extremely unpredictable and will mostly likely result in icy roads and unsafe driving conditions. VBSi in Ohio in March is a more affordable and accessible option. VBSi's central location is closer and provides a safer traveling alternative. Since VBSi is only a couple hours from home, Mt. Calvary was able to send many more of our VBS leaders for training than in the past. Here are some comments from Mt. Calvary's VBSi attendees:

- Trained staff is the best way to have the best VBS.
- VBSi trains participants in all aspects of Vacation Bible School with several sessions available. Each session provides opportunity to learn a lot of information in a short period of time.
- Every year there is always something new to learn, ideas to expand, and different ways to implement activities. At VBSi, participants share information and resources with other churches. We learn from each other's experiences. VBSi provides an opportunity for a great exchange of ideas for decorating, recruitment, follow up, missions, crafts, recreation, and overall support.
- We also appreciate having the book store and the AccuCut machine on location.

VBSi motivates every attendee. All of Mt. Calvary's attendees returned home with fresh ideas to implement in their VBS area. We are blessed to have access to all of this valuable information so close to home! We appreciate the support from SCBO, VBSi host churches, and all who are involved in the planning and production of VBSi.



Fun Snacks



GameON Megaphones



Daily Crafts



VBS AND PRAYER

PLAN TO OBSERVE THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VBS AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH ON MAY 20, 2018



Each year, the third Sunday of May is set aside as a day for churches to ask God to move through this thing we call Vacation Bible School. It is a time for churches to pray not only for their own VBS, but also for the ones taking place down the street and across the globe.

VBS remains one of the top evangelistic outreaches of the church, resulting in

more than 75,000 professions of faith annually in the Southern Baptist Convention alone. Additionally, each year during VBS thousands of kids, teens, and adults respond to the calling of God on their lives and make public a decision to pursue a career in ministry or missions. Many of today's church leaders, pastors, missionaries, and teachers share a similar

testimony. VBS is important work! And it's one we must undergird with prayer. Here are six specific things you and your church can pray for as we observe together the National Day of Prayer for VBS.

- Ask for God's blessing over your church's VBS and all who will be involved.
- Pray for the teachers, volunteers, and workers who will serve during VBS. Ask God to receive their hours of preparation as a pleasing offering and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through them.
- Pray for the children who will attend VBS and the families they represent. Ask God to begin preparing their hearts to respond to the Good News they will hear at VBS. Pray for their physical safety and emotional well-being during

the week.

- Pray for those who are unchurched in your community who will join your church for VBS. Ask God to soften your own heart and the hearts of your congregation to welcome, serve, and build relationships with everyone who enters your doors.
- Pray for those who will share the gospel during VBS and those who will follow-up with children, students, adults, and families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them clarity, guidance, and discernment.
- Pray for churches around the world who will conduct a VBS, Backyard Kids Club, or other evangelistic outreach this summer. Pray for God's Kingdom to be expanded. Thank God in advance for the blessings and opportunities He will provide through VBS.

Praying for the Arnett and Singerman Families

By Julie McGowan, Public relations manager for the IMB.
- March 19, 2018

RICHMOND, Virginia—International Mission Board missionaries Dr. Randy Arnett, 62, and Kathy Arnett, 61, died March 14, 2018, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Missouri-native missionaries served as theological education strategists for Africa.

The Arnetts were traveling to a theological training event with fellow missionar-

ies Jeff and Barbara Singerman, from Ohio, when the single-vehicle accident occurred about two-hours' travel from Kinshasa, the nation's capital. The Singermans, who sustained injuries in the accident, were transferred to Kinshasa for medical care. They have since been transferred to Johannesburg, South Africa, for continued care. The missionaries were driven by a Congolese national who also sustained injuries but has been released from medical care in Kinshasa.

"Randy and Kathy Arnett in so many ways represent

what is best about the IMB," said IMB President David Platt. "They gave their lives and family for over 30 years proclaiming the gospel, planting churches, and training pastors and missionaries across Sub-Saharan Africa. They did all of this with a zeal for God's name, a confidence in God's Word, and a dependence on God's Spirit. They lived — and died — for what matters most in this world. They will be missed deeply by their family and friends, our entire IMB family, and men and women across Africa, yet

we are looking forward to a reunion with them when one day we will see all the fruit of God's grace in them for His glory among the nations."



IMB missionaries Kathy and Randy Arnett, who served as theological education strategists for Africa, died March 14 from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle accident in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (IMB Photo)

INVESTED IN AFRICA

Randy and Kathy Arnett were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries on Oct. 14, 1986. Following French language study in Tours, France, they moved to roles in theological education in Lomé, Togo. Randy taught at Ecole Baptiste de Théologie pour l’Afrique Occidentale (the Baptist Seminary of Theology for West Africa), and Kathy directed the Bible Correspondence School and then served as director and professor in the seminary wives’ program.

In 2000, the Arnetts moved to Cote d’Ivoire to coordinate Southern Baptist human needs ministry for West Africa. Kathy also served as regional HIV/AIDS coordinator, responsible for the research and development of church and team HIV/AIDS responses for West Africa. In 2003, Randy became the West Africa research and analysis coordinator. From 2004-09, he served as West Africa regional leader, still based in Cote d’Ivoire. Kathy became the regional events coordinator for West Africa, organizing large-scale meet-

ings, mid-term conferences and training events.

From 2009 until their deaths, the Arnetts were theological education strategists for Africa. They were responsible for networking with seminaries worldwide and assisting national theological institutions in improving their effectiveness. They also taught at the Institute Baptiste pour la Formation Pastorale et Missionnaire in Côte d’Ivoire, in subjects such as evangelism, missiology, cultural anthropology and Baptist history.

JOYFUL RAPPORT

“What stands out to me about Randy and Kathy was their love for Africans and the exceptional rapport they had with them,” said Roger Haun, who served alongside the Arnetts in Africa. “This rapport came from the fact that Randy and Kathy were joyful people — always smiling, and Randy was often teasing and joking with people and always sharing in their lives.”

Haun, who now serves as director of IMB’s personnel service center in Richmond, and his wife, Sarah, knew the Arnetts for the duration of

their careers as missionaries. They served together on leadership of the West Africa regional team, they lived as neighbors in Africa, and their children attended school together. The last time the



“God called me to missions and gave the faculty of scholarship,” Randy Arnett wrote. “My insatiable desire for understanding comes from Him. Thank you for your goodness and mercy that makes all this possible.” (IMB Photo by William Haun)

Hauns were with the Arnetts in Africa was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Baptist work in Cote d’Ivoire in August 2016.

“Many participants were marching about two miles from the nearby town to the seminary where the celebration was held,” Haun said. “Randy and Kathy were right there in the middle of it — singing and dancing the whole distance with the African participants under the hot African sun, rejoicing

with their African brothers and sisters in Christ.”

INFLUENCE FOR GENERATIONS

Colleagues of the Arnetts have noted how their lives impacted the work of theological education strategy in Africa and around the world.

“Randy and Kathy were long-term missionaries who epitomized what being a missionary is,” said Chuck Lawless, who serves as team leader for theological education strategists for the IMB. “They were no longer North Americans taking the gospel to Africans. In some ways, they had become Africans taking the gospel to other Africans.”

“The Arnetts were theological trainers who knew well the importance of contextualizing our training approaches,” Lawless said. “We will miss them greatly, but their influence will continue for generations.”

The Arnetts are survived by two grown daughters, Bevin Wyrick and Jillian Cavness.



April 8, 2018 Cooperative Program Day

Baptist Press contributed to this story.

Messengers to the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas approved the 2017-2018 SBC Calendar which designates April 8, 2018 as Cooperative Program Day. This action recommends and requests Southern Baptists to highlight the Cooperative Mission Program of Southern Baptists that day however each church may choose.

During the June 2017 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, messengers approved the CP Allocation Budget goal of \$192 million dollars. This adopted budget is distributed 50.41 percent to international missions through the International Mission Board, 22.79 percent to North American missions through North American

Mission Board, 22.16 percent to theological education through the convention's six seminaries, 2.99 percent to the Executive Committee and SBC operating budget, and 1.65 percent to the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. If the convention exceeds its budget goal, IMB's share will go to 53.4 percent of any overage in CP Allocation Budget receipts. Other ministry entities of the SBC will receive their adopted percentage amounts and the Executive Committee and the SBC operating budget's portion will be reduced to 0.0 percent of any overage. GuideStone Financial Resources and LifeWay Christian Resources are self-sustaining and do not receive CP funding.

The Cooperative Program is a unified plan of giving through which a local church is able to contribute



COOPERATIVE MISSIONS PROGRAM

to the ministries of its state or regional Baptist convention and to the missions and ministries of the SBC with a single contribution. State and regional Baptist conventions retain a portion of church contributions to the Cooperative Program to support work in their respective areas and forward a percentage to SBC national and international causes. The percentage of distribution from the states is at the discretion of the messengers of each state convention through the adoption of the state convention's

annual budget. The totals in this press release reflect only the SBC portion of Cooperative Program receipts.

Mission Ohio uses 50% of Cooperative Mission Program receipts for mission work in Ohio and sends 50% of Cooperative Mission Program receipts to worldwide SBC mission work. From Ohio to the ends of the earth, Ohio Southern Baptists cooperative with other Southern Baptists to obey the Great Commission. This worth celebrating April 8, 2018. Let's press toward that mark.

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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.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TRAINING. We will collect required information, during the training session, to perform a background check. 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). Pre-Register at SCBO.ORG Questions? Call: (614) 309 - 9751



Dates

May 18-19, 2018

Bluffton Baptist Church
345 Country Line Road
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

November 16-17, 2018

Hillcrest Baptist Church
820 Central Avenue
Carlisle, Ohio 45005

Schedule

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

Shower Trailer

Maintain the shower unit in working condition, clean showers after use, launder towels and washcloths, also launder volunteer clothing as needed.



Removal of flood damaged furniture, carpet, appliances, etc. Basically gutting the house and preparing for rebuild.

Must wear protective gear and often mask to prevent breathing in toxic air.

Mud Out



Care for children ages birth to 2nd grade while parents recover from the disaster. We have the equipment segregated into age groups for ease in use.

Volunteers provide loving care for the children, sympathy for the parents, and prepare meals for children.

Child Care



Core Values

- CHRIST CENTERED
- PARTNERSHIP ORIENTED
- LOCAL CHURCH FOCUSED
- FLUID PRACTICE
- EFFECTIVE ACTION

Our Mission

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is a Christ-centered partnership of national, state and associational ministries serving through the local church to bring help, healing and hope to individual affected by disasters.

Vision

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief will be a well-defined, unified disaster response organization, demonstrating the love of Christ by providing physical and spiritual help to those affected by disasters.

Chain Saw

Cut down trees and stack in location designated by the property owner. Also, pull brush and stack accordingly.

Safety is of utmost and all volunteers will wear the safety attire provided.



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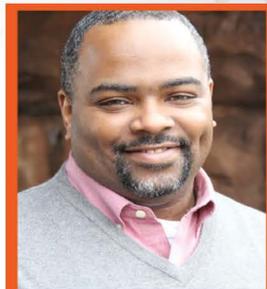
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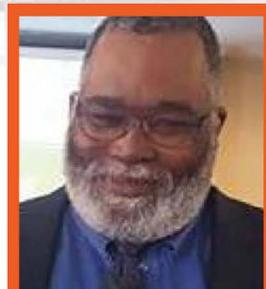
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David Gray

First Baptist Church
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“FOLLOW ME AS I FOLLOW CHRIST” ~ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1



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Stephen Owens
- **SESSION 2: The #1 Dream Killer**
Chad Allen
- **SESSION 3: Putting Steps to the Dream**
Tom Pendergrass
- **SESSION 4: Living Out the Dream**
Duane Floro
- **SESSION 5: Dreaming of the Power of the Gospel**
David Gray

Space is limited!

Registration includes lunch on Sat.
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TIME

**Friday: 6pm-7pm Registration
7pm-9pm Conference Session
Saturday: 8:30am-9am Registration
9:30am-3:30pm Conference Sessions**

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 3, 2018

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3

MAKING EVERY EFFORT
TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH
THE BOND OF PEACE.

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NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

Former Southern Baptist Convention President Ronnie Floyd is leading the National Prayer Day Observance.

Please access the following link for assistance in joining Christians across our nation in praying for revival in our country.

[http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/
theme_and_verse](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/theme_and Verse)

<http://www.scbo.org/article/prayohio-national-day-prayer-releases-digital-resources>

BBB week at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly April 30 – May 4, 2018

During the early summer each year volunteers from around the state merge on the Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly, 55819 Skyline Drive, Senecaville, Ohio 43780, for the purpose of assisting with facility maintenance and repair in preparation for summer camps.

Various projects from painting, roofing, general cleanup, and repairs to the putt-putt golf courses, snack shacks, cabins, gym, etc. This is a great help to the ministry of the camp and helps provide a safe, clean, useable facility for campers to experience time with the Lord, fun, and fellowship together. Volunteers will be provided with free meals and lodging. Tools will be available, however volunteers can bring their own if they wish. We suggest all tools be clearly identified (marked with owners identification), as they often get mixed with others during the week.

Lodging will be assigned at time of registration, so the earlier the better if you prefer a "motel type" room. Lakeside Lodge, Buckeye Lodge, and Beech have rooms furnished with linens and towels. Once these facilities are filled, the cabins will be utilized as lodging.

Cabins have 8 double bunk beds (total 16 beds) per room.

Volunteers using the cabins must bring their own bed linens, towels, etc.

In any case, you may be paired up with someone you do not know. Beds will not be shared, however rooms will be shared in order to get the most benefit from the lodging facilities.

If you are interested in assisting with this week of ministry, you must contact Dale Patterson by email at: LocoBBB@aol.com. Registration deadline is: APRIL 10, 2018. He will need the following information:

Your Name

Your Preferred roommate (make sure this person is registered)

When you will arrive

When you will leave

Lodging requested (no guarantee, depends upon availability at time of registration)

Contact: Dale Patterson LocoBBB@aol.com

Registration deadline is: APRIL 10, 2018.

Jack Kwok, State Convention Executive Director-Treasurer, Editor; Linnett Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Mishne, Publication Layout.

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PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

March 2, 2018 I sat mesmerized before the television viewing the funeral service for Billy Graham. My heart sored and my tears flowed as his family and friends voiced their tributes to a great man of God. More than that, they lifted up Jesus as the only way to God.

God used Billy Graham to share the Gospel to millions of people. He used him to bless my life as well.

My earliest memory of Billy Graham is reading his books and listening to the Hour of Decision. I still recall driving back to college after preaching at Northside Baptist Mission on Sunday enjoying the cool night breeze in my Ford Falcon station wagon listening to Cliff Barrows and the Crusade Choir, George Beverly Shea singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" or Ethel Waters singing "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" before Billy Graham preached a gospel message. That

weekly short radio program always proclaimed eternal truth.

Later, I received an invitation to attend a "Prayer Breakfast" sponsored by Holiday Inn in Memphis, Tennessee. Anita Bryant sang and shared her testimony. Billy Graham preached Jesus the only way to God. Admittedly, I was star-struck. What really struck me was how both of them exalted Jesus.

My next encounter with Billy Graham occurred in 1971 when I served as a counselor for the Billy Graham Crusade in the former Dallas Cowboy Stadium. The Crusade preceded all other events at the stadium. At the time of the Crusade, the artificial turf only covered about half of the field.

Prior to the beginning of the meetings, I attended the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. I arrived early for the service and sat on the second row from the front

on the left facing the pulpit. During the service, the pastor Dr. W. A. Criswell called upon Billy Graham to lead in prayer. To my surprise, he had sat behind me. When he rose to pray, he momentarily touched my shoulder. I felt as if I had been anointed.

Many years later, Billy Graham desired to return to Little Rock, Arkansas to hold a planned evangelistic crusade. He came to Little Rock in 1957 after the racial conflicts at Central High School to conduct a service with all races attending. His advance planners contacted me to share his desire to involve all racial groups in the community in the crusade. God blessed the crusade with multi-racial attendance and many professions of faith. Billy Graham honored me by requesting that I sit on the platform with him and other leaders one night.

God used Billy Graham to preach the gospel to more

than two million people; the Holy Spirit of God reached out to each one individually. Only eternity will reveal the impact and influence of the life and ministry of Billy Graham.

I continue to praise God for blessing my life through the ministry of Billy Graham. Please join me in following the example of Billy Graham by seeking to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone in Ohio. Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Baptists 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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