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STATE CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS IN OHIO 65TH ANNUAL MEETING

A Bible Conference on the Family preceded the Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. This conference endeavored to minister to all families, especially families of pastors and church staff. The Carl Cartee Group provided music for both meetings.



David Starry

President David Starry, pastor of First Light Church in the Dayton, Ohio area, gavelled to order the 65th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio November 7, 2018 meeting at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. He introduced the officers for 2018: First Vice President Ryan Strother, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio; Second Vice President Reginald Hayes, pastor of United Faith International Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio; Recording Secretary Faye Rodgers, member of

Northside Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio; and Annette Dessecker, member of Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio.

In his presidential address, Starry emphasized the 2018 theme Mission Ohio: Reach Ohio One Person, One Family, and One Community at a Time from Acts 16: 25-34. He challenged Ohio Southern Baptists to engage the Mission Ohio Vision of reaching 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by 2020 by focusing on sharing the Gospel one person at a time. He offered as a model and pattern for reaching Ohio the conversion of the Philippian jailor, his family, and the prison community.

David Frasure, pastor of First Baptist Church in South Lebanon, Ohio, preached the annual sermon. From Ephesians 3:14-21, he encouraged pastors to experience A Ministry of Abun-



David Frasure



Reginald Hayes

dant Blessing. He outlined the requirements and the results of an Abundant Blessing such a ministry: yielding to the Holy Spirit and abiding in Christ results in great usefulness to God and reaches the next generation.

Jack Kwok, Executive Director for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, addressed the 2018 theme from John 4:1-42. He illustrated how the encounter of Jesus and the woman at the well provides a guide to reach Ohio one person, one family, and one community at a time. When the woman responded to the offer of living water, Jesus changed her life. Her changed life built a bridge of influence for her dysfunctional family and disbelieving community to experience for themselves the Christ, the Savior of the world.



Ryan Strother, Reginald Hayes, Jeff Woolum, Annette Dessecker, and Faye Rodgers

Over 720 congregations comprise the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. For the 2018 annual meeting, registered messengers totaled 164 from churches in all 15 associations. They elected Ryan Strother, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio, president for 2019. Strother served as first vice president in 2018 and second vice president in 2017. Messengers also elected Reginald Hayes, pastor of United Faith International Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Hayes served as second vice president in 2018. Jeff Woolum was elected as second vice president, pastor of FBC Perrysburg, Perrysburg, Ohio. They elected Faye Rodgers, member of Northside Baptist Church in Newark, Ohio, for another term as Secretary,



David Starry, Terry Robertson, Elizabeth Robertson, Wilsene Kwok, and Jack Kwok

Annett Dessecker, member of Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio, for another term as Assistant Recording Secretary, and Jack Kwok as Historian.

Messengers approved the 2018—2019 Budget which follows a fiscal year of December 1 to November 30. They approved a \$10,041.00 increase in the budget without raising the amount required by the contributions of the churches through the Cooper-

ative Mission Program. During the 2016 annual meeting, registered messengers approved the 2016-17 budget which moved the Cooperative Mission Program distribution from 59.9%—40.1% ratio to 50%—50% ratio without any shared or preferred expenses. Messengers to the 2018 annual meeting voted to maintain that ratio.

The 2018 annual meeting occasioned the completion of the required two-year process to revise the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio constitution and by-laws which is posted on the website www.scbo.org. Messengers voted without opposition to approve the revision. They also approved four resolutions, (see page 3 or see scbo.org for resolutions)

Executive Director Jack Kwok presented a globe to the Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New York Terry Robertson and his wife Elizabeth commemorating the celebration of their Jubilee Year. The Baptist Convention of New York organized September 25, 1969. Prior to its organization as a state convention, Southern Baptist churches in New York affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Ohio Southern Baptists helped start hundreds of churches in New York.

Greg Jackson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Camden, Ohio, received the Darty and Dot Stowe Award—provided by annual gifts to Georgetown College from members of the Stowe family. Darty Stowe led well from the

‘second chair,’ with a servant’s heart, leaving a great legacy in Ohio as designated by the description: The award is given every year to a pastor or minister who has served faithfully, perhaps never recognized like those in the larger, more visible churches, but leaving a legacy and serving in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 2:3-12.

Messengers and guest also received information on how to provide legal and physical protection for their churches and attendees. Mission Ohio churches can receive legal assistance from Alliance Defending Freedom and security provision assistance from Pro-



Ryan Strother

tect the Faith.

The messengers chose Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 5742 Pleasant Avenue in Fairfield, Ohio, to host the 66th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio November 4-6, 2019. They elected Stephen Owens, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, to preach the annual sermon and Kirk Kirkland, pastor of revive City Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the alternate.

Our Lord’s Great Commission compels us to take the Gospel to the whole world. Ohio Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Mission Program enables every participating church to obey the Great Commission from Ohio to the ends of the earth. Let’s press toward that mark.

Adopted Resolutions State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Meeting in Sandusky, Ohio November 7, 2018

1. ON EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

WHEREAS, God has instructed His people to express gratefulness for those who serve faithfully (1 Thessalonians 1:2); and

WHEREAS, Our convention president, David Starry has faithfully served for the past two years and has assisted with preparations for this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Our vice president Ryan Strother, second vice president, Reginald Hayes, recording secretary Faye Rodgers, assistant recording secretary Annette Dessecker, and historian Jack Kwok have ably served and assisted with preparations for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, The devoted staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio have played an extended role in planning and organizing this year's Annual Meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the 65th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, meeting in Sandusky, express our gratefulness and appreciation for all who have brought about an annual meeting char-

acterized by prayer, encouragement, worship and a purpose to help members of our churches Reach Ohio with the message of hope in Jesus Christ.

2. ON REAFFIRMING THE FULL DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING

WHEREAS, In the beginning, the Triune God chose to create humanity in His image and according to His likeness, such that "God created man in His own image; He created Him in the image of God; He created them male and female" (Genesis 1:26-27); and

WHEREAS, God judged His creation of humanity to be very good indeed (Genesis 1:31), crowned humanity with honor and glory, making them rulers over the works of His hands (Psalm 8:5-6), and put eternity in all human hearts so we might seek after Him (Ecclesiastes 3:11); and

WHEREAS, God's precious likeness and image was passed down from Adam to his posterity, the human race, through generations (Genesis 5:3); and

WHEREAS, God sent His own perfect image, Jesus Christ, into the world (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3), intend-

ing through the sufferings of Christ (Hebrews 2:10) for human beings to become conformed, renewed, and transformed into the same image of Christ (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:9-10); and

WHEREAS, God intends to bless human beings to "bear the image of the man of heaven," Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:49; cf. 1 John 3:2), and "wants everyone to be saved" through hearing and believing His gospel (1 Timothy 2:4; cf. Ezekiel 18:23; Matthew 23:37; 2 Peter 3:9); and

WHEREAS, Significant challenges threaten the dignity and worth of human beings who do not possess power or advantage, including but not limited to the heinous murder of the unborn child in the womb, the enforced withdrawal of life-sustaining medical care from the ill or infirm, the prejudices and discriminations of racism and ethnocentrism, various abuses of other human persons, the denigration of opposing political groups, and persecutions of religious minorities; and

WHEREAS, We are commanded by the Apostolic authority of Paul to protect the Church from false worldviews and



Andrew Hancock, Resolutions Committee Chair

abuses which threaten the church (Acts 20:28-31). We are to defend and protect the human dignity of the saints of God (men, women, children). As a collective body we are to stand against known threats of sexual atrocities against its membership (I Corinthians 5:1-5).

WHEREAS, Article III of The Baptist Faith and Message clearly affirms that the biblical worldview of human dignity is an inviolable status, stating, "The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio meeting in Sandusky, Ohio, November 7, 2018, reaffirm the sacredness and full dignity and worthiness of respect and Christian love for every single human being, without any reservation whatsoever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every unborn child and denounce every act of abortion except to save the mother's physical life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being, whether or not any political, legal, or medical authority considers a human being possessive of "viable" life regardless of cognitive or physical disability, and denounce every act that would wrongly limit the life of any human at any stage or state of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being of whatever ethnicity and denounce every form and practice of racism and ethnocentrism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being, whether male or female, young or old, weak or strong, and denounce any and every form of abuse, whether physical, sexual, verbal, or psychological; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being of whatever political or legal status or party and denounce rhetoric that diminishes the

humanity of anyone; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being of whatever religion or creed and denounce any unjust violation of the first freedom of religious liberty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that the full dignity of every human being can never be removed, diminished, or modified by any human decision or action whatsoever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the full dignity of every human being and commit to model God's saving love by sharing the eternal hope found in the gospel, to call all people to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:11; 1 Peter 3:14-17), and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39; Romans 12:10, 15; Philippians 2:4-7); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the love of Christ compels us to stand in the gap for the hurting, stand against sin within the church, and stand up for the innocent (Micah 6:8, Zechariah 7:9-10, Galatians 6:2, 1 Timothy 5:20). Unity within our culture must begin with unity in the church who proclaims the one lasting and true unity in Christ's gospel, for there exists no lasting and true unity outside of Christ (Ephesians 4:1-3).

3. IN SUPPORT OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program supports ministries for leadership development, mission partnerships, mission education, evangelism, church planting, and church revitalization in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program supports church planting efforts across North America through the North American Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program supports mission endeavors around the world through the International Mission Board and helps provide a platform for churches to connect with effective international missions; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program levels the playing field for churches to enhance their Great Commission (Matt.

28:19-20) ministries and provides a platform for sending missionaries from churches of any size and any ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, six seminaries supported by the Cooperative Program provide a place for training church leaders at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program supports the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention which works to keep churches informed on social and moral issues and serves to speak to issues on the public square for religious liberty and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention ended its 2018 fiscal year above budget in Cooperative Program giving making possible the support of more missionaries on the international field; and

WHEREAS, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio moved closer to reaching its budget with fifty percent of Cooperative Program giving being sent beyond Ohio, as approved by messengers of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program continues to serve its vision "for the purpose of eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the Gospel"; and

WHEREAS, increased gifts of the Cooperative Program will further enhance missions and ministries to reach Ohio, North American, and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the 65th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio express our gratitude to those churches giving ten percent and more to the Cooperative Program in addition to engaging in their own mission activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage continued support of the Cooperative Program and as possible increased percentages in mission giving through the Cooperative Program to help the State

Convention of Ohio move toward meeting and exceeding its goals in advancing the gospel; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to strive to fulfill the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) and the Great Commandment (Acts 1:8) so that others also experience life with Jesus Christ.

4. ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MORAL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, Scripture declares, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34); and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message says, "Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love"; and

WHEREAS, Current attitudes and practices in some segments of American life in such important areas as sex, marriage, money, and power reveal that American society is in moral decline; and

WHEREAS, God judges or blesses nations based on their morality (Genesis 6:5-13; Jonah 1:1-2; Micah 6:8); and

WHEREAS, God's Word provides guidance for living a moral life that pleases God and brings His blessing (Proverbs 3:1-8); and

WHEREAS, Leaders in every walk of life in America, such as church, government, and business, have destroyed their careers and brought shame to themselves, their families, and friends because of poor moral choices; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of their political, social, or economic status, our leaders should set a positive example for every American citizen by living

and serving according to the highest moral and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, The church has the responsibility in every season to proclaim to the culture the moral standards of God as revealed in His Word, not as legalists, but as advocates of Christ's transformative grace (Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 6:18; 2 Timothy 4:1-5); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio meeting in Sandusky, Ohio, November 7, 2018, express our appreciation to those leaders in all walks of life who have chosen to live according to God's moral standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude and support for those public officials who have displayed consistent moral character and uncompromising commitment to biblical principles of right and wrong, resulting in blessing upon the people they serve; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend those leaders who choose not to meet privately with members of the opposite sex who are not their spouses in order to ensure that they leave no room for temptation to lead them astray and to avoid any suspicion of wrongdoing (Proverbs 4:23-27); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on all leaders in every walk of life to conduct themselves, to the best of their ability, according to the moral standards set forth by God's revealed truth; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to pray for our nation's leaders to be able to resist every temptation that would create a hindrance to the fulfillment of their calling in society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge to hold ourselves to the same high moral standards that we require of our leaders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to pray that God will help us and all our fellow citizens to embrace the biblical moral values that will honor our creation in God's image and bring God's blessing on our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will endeavor to serve as examples to others of the blessings of living in accordance with God's moral guidance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in order "to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love," we commit to "be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising [our] loyalty to Christ and His truth" (The Baptist Faith and Message); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm, "Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ" (The Baptist Faith and Message).

[Adapted from SBC 2017: <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net/sbc17/resolutions#2281>]

Respectfully submitted,
2018 Resolutions Committee
Andrew Hancock, chair
Antonio (Tony) Harris
Philip Lane
Ricky Ray



OHIO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS PACK THEIR BAGS FOR APPALACHIA

Once again Southern Baptist churches, and other ministries, in Ohio have stepped up and filled Christmas backpacks for Appalachia. We collected approximately 600 backpacks at the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Annual Meeting at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. We are 900 backpacks short of our goal of 1500 Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia for 2018.

I feel there are churches that still have their filled Backpacks and don't know where to bring them. Some may already have taken or sent them somewhere else. If you fit into either of these categories PLEASE give me a call or e-mail or text. We need to know where the backpacks are so we may have an accurate count of how many backpacks were filled. If your backpacks were taken to the State office or to the Annual meeting, let me know your church or association or organization you are with and the number of backpacks you filled. This is needed for our records.

The State Convention

of Baptists in Ohio in 2017 partnered with Bell County, Kentucky, Hancock County, Tennessee and Lee County Virginia to supply Christmas Backpacks. We are working with Rev. Ryan Martin to distribute the Christmas Backpacks in the schools in these counties. The Christmas backpacks that we filled and collected in Ohio are designated for these counties, the 3 poorest in poverty level in the Appalachian region. The coal mines in these areas have been closed. The unemployment level is high.

This year we have 12 people from different associations in Ohio leaving beginning December 9th to Appalachia to distribute Christmas Backpacks to schools in the three counties and witnessed such an outpouring of God's blessings. Seeing smiles on children's faces, that receive the backpacks. They thought that there was no hope in their lives. To be told that Jesus loves them so much through these backpacks helps them to gain renewed hope. Their hope was coming through their trust and belief that Jesus loved them

so much that He gave His life for them. What an emotional moment as we witnessed tiny little fragile hearts asking Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. 287 children prayed and received Jesus during that week of distribution of the Christmas backpacks. A copy of the Christmas Story and a Bible were put into each backpack.

We distributed 1,800 backpacks in one week in December, 2017. These backpacks were loaded with food, clothing, gloves, scarves, hats, school supplies, toys, books & coloring books, hygiene items, etc. etc. These are things we take for granted, but are difficult for the folks in Appalachia.

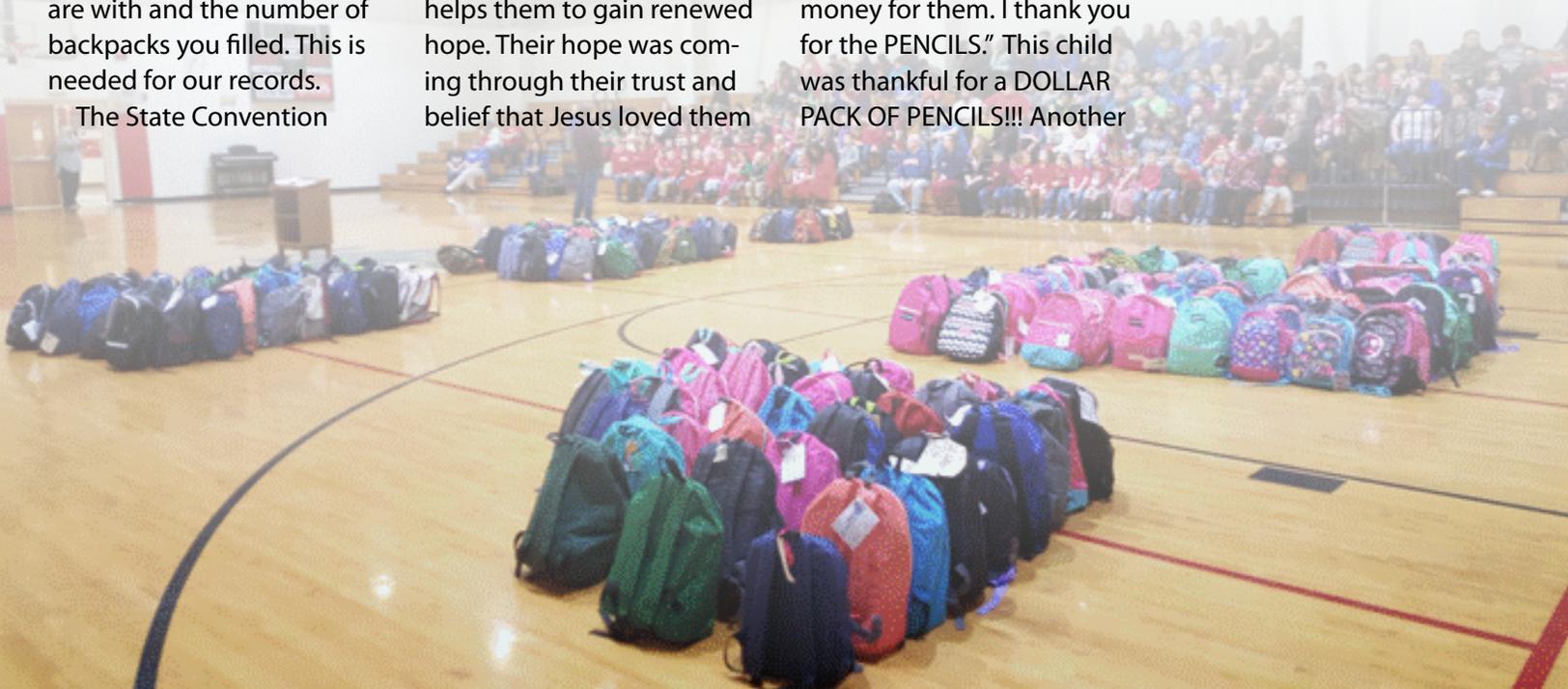
One little boy, age 10, wrote a thank you note after receiving his Christmas backpack. "Thank you cheerful giver for my backpack. I liked everything that was in it. I had been praying for something that was in my backpack that I needed, but mamma didn't have the money for them. I thank you for the PENCILS." This child was thankful for a DOLLAR PACK OF PENCILS!!! Another

child said, "Thank you for spending your money and taking time out of your life to help a child you have never met and didn't know. Why did you do this?"

Our answer to her and others was, "It's because we love you and especially Jesus loves you!!!" Jesus said, "When you have done it for one of the least of these, you have done it for me" Matt. 25:40.

P. S. Think about going on a Christmas Backpack Missions Trip for December, 2019? Contact me and I will share the details.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas from the Ohio WMU Missions Support and Mobilization with the Appalachian Mountain Ministry, Barbara A. De Lorme SCBO WMU Coordinator for A. M. M. Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia. 11kidsnanny@gmail.com (937) 609-0231



Job Posting - Modern Worship Leader



Dublin Baptist, dublinbaptist.com
Dublin, Ohio, United States

Date Posted: November 1, 2018
Categories: Music Ministry - Worship Leader
Church Denomination: Southern Baptist
Church Size: 600
Job Type: Part-Time: 25 hrs/week
Compensation: Up to \$20/hour based on capability and experience

Job Description

We are seeking an experienced and dynamic person to lead our modern worship ministry. The candidate will have a personal walk with Christ, a life of worship, and the character and capacity to develop a modern church worship culture. This candidate will have comprehensive understanding of modern worship styles. A knowledge and use of current worship technology and gear is needed, along with the ability to skillfully shepherd God's people.

Modern Worship Ministry

Dublin Baptist is launching a modern worship service and is looking for a passionate worship leader. Dublin Baptist has a 30-year running choir/orchestra service, and a 10-year running contemporary band led service. We have a strong base of musicians, vocalists, and volunteers. Come and be a part of this this new chapter at Dublin Baptist!

About Dublin Baptist

<https://youtu.be/m7mrpxllPrs>

Key Responsibilities

- The position will coordinate and collaborate with the Minister of Music and Worship to ensure continuity, communication, and coordination in worship planning and services.
- Facilitate weekly rehearsals
- Prepare and produce a weekly Sunday modern service
- Assist with worship vision casting and execution of plans
- Oversee the modern service creative team covering tech, video, sound, and lighting
- Recruit, train, schedule, skillfully support, and disciple worship team members

Qualifications

- The ideal candidate will be a self-motivated, proactive leader who is comfortable with a high level of involvement
- Experience leading modern worship with a band and vocalist
- Must be passionate about modern worship and be able to connect with and lead their volunteers
- Able to work with staff, musicians, and members in planning and coordination worship services
- Vocal talent required and musical instrument talent a plus
- A joyful personality that leads with passion
- Knowledge of ProPresenter, Planning Center, Multitracks, Ableton, and stage/lighting design desired
- In agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message (2000 version) and able to support Dublin Baptist Church doctrine and polity

How to Apply

Thanks for your interest! Please email your resume to jobs@dublinbaptist.com. Also, please include a link to a video of you leading worship.

March 12, 2019

9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

State Convention of Baptists
SCBO Resource Center
9000 Antares Avenue
Columbus, OH

New Pastor & Staff Orientation

The New Pastor and Staff Orientation provides opportunity to meet the State Resource Team Leaders and learn what resources are available through SCBO. There is no registration fee; however, advance registration is necessary through. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. Orientation begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes by 3:00 p.m. lunch provided.

Contact Linnett Snodgrass, lsnodgrass@scbo.org or 614-601-6876, for more information.

2019 Women's Spring Retreat in Amish Country

MAY 18, 2019 9AM-3PM

Community Baptist Church

420 E 3rd St., Dover, OH

Keynote Speaker
Autumn Wall



The cost for the retreat is \$20.00 which will include a light breakfast and lunch. Please register at <http://www.scbo.org/event/womens-retreat-amish-country-may-2019>

WANT TO ADD TO YOUR RETREAT EXPERIENCE?

If you would like to enjoy a little more of Amish Country, you can extend your stay by making reservations for Friday night at one of the motels listed on our website at the link listed above.

If you would like to fellowship with other ladies on Friday, May 17, 2019 for dinner and a performance of "Stolen" at Ohio Star Theater, contact Jean DiFilippo at jeandifilippo@yahoo.com for reservations and more information.



Reservations are going quickly, so don't hesitate!



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Registrants cover their personal travel expenses to and from the workshop, as well as food and lodging. The closest airport is John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) — 24 Minutes to Violet Baptist Church. Check-in is from 1:45pm – 2:30pm on Monday, September 16, 2019 at Violet Baptist Church: 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Road NW, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. Sessions will run from 2:30pm – 5:30pm on Monday, 8:30am to 5:30pm on Tuesday, and from 8:30am-12:30pm on Wednesday. Registration includes two essential books on small group ministry. One book will be sent to you a month before September 16, 2019 and should be read prior to attending the workshop. You will receive the second book at the event.

Enjoy the beauty of the Midwest in the fall, grow as a leader, strengthen your team & accelerate the health & growth of your small group ministry by attending our "Accelerate!" Ohio Small Group Workshop! "Accelerate!" is a 3-day strategic workshop designed for small group point people and their leadership teams. You and your ministry team will take a 360-degree view of your small group ministry and then develop a comprehensive action plan for 2019 - 2020. This workshop not only gives you stimulating ideas, but you will leave with a plan that you can begin to implement immediately. Attendance is limited to give you more interaction with other participants.

Greg Jackson Receives 2018 Darty & Dot Stowe Award



Pastor Greg Jackson, First Southern Baptist Church Camden, received the 2018 Darty and Dot Stowe Award at the 65th annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, November 7. Greg's wife Renee, parents Fred and Vevadyne Jackson, associate pastor Trevor Bridgeford and other members from Camden were surprise guests for the 24th presentation of the Stowe award. Video congratulations were shared from Greg's family and FSBC staff.

Pastor Greg has served First Southern, known as the *Corner of Hope in Camden*, for 25 years. During that time the church has built a 500-seat worship center (2004), planted churches in Ukraine, Dayton, Carlisle, and Las Vegas, Nevada. The church is currently praying about planting a church in Seattle, Washington. They also bought property for additional parking, and are debt free. At the same time, First Southern gives thirteen

percent to the Cooperative Program and is a leader every year in giving to the Ray Roberts State Mission Offering.

Greg Jackson received his Master of Ministry from Beth-



any Bible College and Seminary and Doctor of Ministry from Newburgh Theological Seminary. Jackson published *A Pastor's Guide to Conducting a Funeral: Things Every Pastor Needs to Know, But May Have Been Afraid to Ask*. (Crossbooks) Greg has been very active in associational, state and SBC work, includ-

ing serving for ten years as Ohio's LifeWay trustee.

Greg married his high school sweetheart Renee in 1983. They have two married children: Drew and Ashley Jackson, who have two sons Aiden and Eli; and daughter Stacy married to pastor Kyle Herrmann (Harrison Street Baptist, New Madison) who also have two sons Koby and Jordy. He loves to be with family, watching his grandsons play ball, crappie fishing, Ohio State football, and basketball. He is an avid fan of the late Pistol Pete Maravich.

Darty and Dot Stowe began their ministry with Mission Ohio in 1954 as director of missions for the greater Cincinnati area. A year later he became state director of missions and then became the associate executive secretary, working closely with state executive secretary Ray Roberts. Darty and Dot loved their work in Ohio and served until his home going in 1981. Dot accepted

a position as director of a women's residence hall at Georgetown College in 1983, where she influenced many young women. She moved back to Ohio in 1989 and stayed in close contact with friends in the ministry until joining Darty with our Lord in 2000.

Darty Stowe led well from the 'second chair,' with a servant's heart, leaving a great legacy in Ohio. The award is given every year to a pastor or minister who has served faithfully, perhaps never recognized like those in the larger, more visible churches, but leaving a legacy and serving in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 2:3-12. The Darty and Dot Stowe Award is provided by annual gifts to Georgetown College from members of the Stowe family.

Candidates for the Stowe Award must be currently serving Mission Ohio and have at least five years of service. Nominations are submitted to the state convention staff by October 1 each year. The award is announced during the annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. A recognition plaque and a financial award for the purchase of books and/or continuing education are presented to the recipient.



Family Conference Precedes Annual Meeting

A Family Conference preceded the Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio which was held at the Kalahari resort in Sandusky. The conference was held in the afternoon and evening of November 6, which allowed some families to bring their children without them missing any school days because their schools were closed for polling on Election Day. Geoff and Sherry Surratt of Ministry Together were keynote speakers for the general sessions. The Surratts, along with Dean and Angie Fulks of Lifepoint Church in Powell and Matt and MaryLynn Pardi of h2o City Church in Bowling Green led breakout sessions on a variety of family topics.

Top: A number of families were able to bring their children to the evening Family Jam session.

Bottom Left: The Shawn Watson family from Northside Baptist Church, Lebanon, engaged in a friendly Family Feud with the Dan Stevenson family of New Heights Fellowship Baptist Church in East Toledo.

Bottom Right: Geoff and Sherry Surratt led participants to consider healthy family dynamics during the general sessions.



Jack Kwok, State Convention Executive Director-Treasurer, Editor; Linnett Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Mishne, Publication Layout.
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Plan to attend the Worship 4:24 Conference at Cedarville University on January 25–26, 2019. 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 over 80 breakouts on both Friday and Saturday.

Cost:

Super Early Bird registration (09/01–10/31): \$40 per person (\$20 per student*)

Early Bird registration (11/1–12/20): \$50 per person (\$20 per student*)

Regular registration (12/21–01/18): \$59.95 per person (\$30 per student*)

Day of registration (01/25–01/26): \$75 per person (\$40 per student*)

*7th grade–college

Registration:

Online: worship424.com

Phone: 937-766-4444

To pay offline for multiple registrants with a single check, please select the gray button "Add Registrant," then add each individual's information. Please make out checks to Cedarville University and send your check and registrants' names to:

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

Registration fees are due by January 18, 2019.
Fees are nonrefundable after this deadline.



Meet Meredith Andrews

Word Worship Music recording artist, Meredith Andrews, is passionate about writing and leading songs that keep people's hearts and minds set on Jesus. Over the course of her four Word Worship albums, the Dove Award-winning artist used her musical gifts, love for God, and her huge heart for His people to remind audiences about the enormity of our awesome and loving Savior. Andrews, who previously was on staff at Harvest Bible Chapel in Chicago, now leads regularly at The Belonging CO, her home church in Nashville. As a gifted songwriter and recording artist, she has been a part of multiple songs sung by churches across America such as *Open Up The Heavens*, *Lamb of God*, *Not For A Moment*, and *Spirit of the Living God*. Andrews often leads worship at major women's and worship leader conferences across the U.S. and has toured with Matt Maher, Natalie Grant, Big Daddy Weave, Vertical Worship, Phil Wickham, and Michael W. Smith, among others.

For additional information, please visit meredithandrews.com.



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Steel Valley Association challenged to “Experience God ...Again!”



Gary Frost

Gary Frost, associational missionary for Steel Valley Baptist Association challenged pastors and church leaders to *Experience God ... Again!* Churches were encouraged to study together *Experiencing God* beginning January 2019 in preparation for beginning a three-year *Kingdom Cohort* of churches, resulting in healthy churches

planting healthy churches.

First Baptist Church Newton Falls (pastor Steve Spurlock) hosted the SVBA 53rd annual meeting October 13. Pastor Randy Langham (Cornersburg Baptist Church) moderated the gathering focused on Psalm 85:6 “*Will you revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*” Frost reminded the association of Matthew 9:35-38, calling attention to Jesus being “*moved to compassion.*”

He noted:

“Jesus was not so much concerned with the ‘hands’ in the work. He was focused upon ‘hearts’ for the work. His challenge to ‘pray the Lord of the harvest’ was in the context of His own compassion for the weary and scattered multitudes. The issue was not a ‘labor deficit,’ the issue was a ‘love deficit.’ Christ challenged His disciples to pray that the

Father would send (compel, force) laborers who shared His compassion for lost and hurting people. I have found that when people are moved by compassion you don’t have to motivate them, you simply must direct their motivation.”

Claude King, co-author of the best-selling book *Experiencing God* and LifeWay Discipleship and Church Health Specialist, brought a challenging message on being ready for revival. King noted before God sends revival to a nation He always “*shakes*” a nation, creating a hunger and hopelessness, readying the people to seek Him. He said, “*God sometimes takes us to school to show us what we can’t do.*” We then learn with the indwelling Holy Spirit there is no limit to what God can do.

Revival comes when God brings His people back to Himself, but that is “*too small a thing.*” When we return to Him, we must also be a “*light to the Gentiles,*” chosen

by Him to share “*to the ends of the earth.*” (Isaiah 49:5-7) Isaiah 49:14-16 reminds us He has not forgotten us, we are inscribed on the “*palms of His hands*” as He prays for us (Hebrews 7:25). Claude King led a closing concert of prayer for revival in America.



Claude King

2019 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.

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 17-18, 2019
 Dublin Baptist Church
 7195 Coffman Road
 Dublin, Ohio 43017

November 15-16, 2019
 First Baptist Church
 590 W South Boundary St
 Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Schedule

Friday
 6:00 PM Registration
 6:30 - 9:30 PM "Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"

Saturday
 7:15 AM Continental Breakfast Served
 8:00 AM Unit Training
 12:00 PM Lunch Provided by DR Food Service
 12:30 PM Evangelism Training
 3:00 PM 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



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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.



Prepare hot meals using a field kitchen, line feed, prepare containers for use in Red Cross or Salvation Army vehicles for serving. Ohio equipment is capable of producing 10,000 hot meals per day.

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WHERE **GOD SHARPENS MAN**

Join us for Men's Summit 2019 as we welcome speakers Johnny Hunt (longtime pastor of First Baptist Church Woodstock, Ga., past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and now the North American Mission Board senior vice president of evangelism and leadership) and Paul Gotthardt (lead pastor of Life Church, Las Vegas NV.). There's something gratifying about reaching the Summit.

Once arriving at the top there is always this feeling of appreciating the struggle. Life is Hard. Never has there been a more desperate need for Biblical Manhood. It's tough, dirty and difficult but it so worth it! Our walks as men matter to the Lord... "It would be wise for the tongues in our shoes and the tongues in our mouths to go in the same direction." It's time to reach the Summit in our relationship with Jesus Christ. It's time to pursue a path that leads to godliness.

It has once been said...If you want to change a child, change the Father. If you want to change a marriage, change the Husband. And if you want to change the world, change the Man. Let's reach the Summit together for the cause of Christ!

REGISTRATION:

<http://bit.ly/UrbancrestMensSummit>



2019 Men's Summit February 1 & 2

Every year, it seems that being a man gets harder and harder. With the social blurring of gender differences, the struggling with other men's past sin, and a growing hostility toward living in purity, being a man is becoming more difficult. Our culture wants many of us to quit being gentlemen, honorable and courageous. How do we meet this growing conflict when many of us are dealing with our own issues of manhood?

This is where men need to "draw near to the Lord". Our struggle with sin and our confusion on how we are to live is met with the incredible grace and power of Jesus Christ, Himself. In all of our churches, the ways we men can draw near to the Lord vary. Many of us love our church, but finding encouragement when we are struggling with our sin and with our response to culture, is difficult to find. Where do we find the hope and courage needed to carry on in this life and love our families graciously? Where can we find truths, outside of our own churches, that will help us draw near to the Lord? Where can we gather with other men, who carry many of our own same issues, to focus on Jesus and to experience life change?

For over a decade, Urbancrest Church has invited men all over our region to join together and find hope in Christ. Every year, we have seen men "draw near to the Lord" and discover new encouragement in Christ through godly men leading them through the Word of God, prayer and through biblical worship.

On February 1st and 2nd, men from all over Ohio and other states will meet to shout with one voice that we are Christ's. Pastor Johnny Hunt, FBC Woodstock and Pastor Paul Gotthardt, Life Baptist Church, will lead us through each session along with the Men's Summit praise band. We believe God is going to change us through these two days!

If you and/or your church decide that you are participating in this incredible two days, please register through www.menssummit.urbancrest.org. There is a \$15 summit registration fee for each man attending which includes dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. The deadline to register is January 25, 2018 and is limited to the first 1000 men signing up. We encourage you to bring your young men that are 14-18 years old and any man that needs Deaf interpretation also.

If you need more information either go to our website or contact Mark Daubenmire at 513-932-4405 or mdaubenmire@urbancrest.org. We hope you will join us and other men to "draw near to the Lord" as "He draws near to us."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

In The National Leadership Summit of The National Day of Prayer, 300 leaders gathered in Northwest Arkansas to advance a strategy of prayer for America. With every state represented, Dr. Floyd unveiled the theme — “Love One Another” — for the 2019 National Day of Prayer to be held Thursday, May 2, 2019. The theme comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.” #love1another

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the amended law designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every year, millions of Americans, in tens of thousands of meetings across all 50 states, come together for unified public prayer for America. Dr. Ronnie Floyd is the senior pastor of Cross Church and president of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, which each year mobilizes millions of Americans to unified public prayer for the United States of America.

Website | www.nationaldayofprayer.org

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#PrayOhio! How May I PRAY for you?

This year’s SCBO Family Conference and Annual meeting at Kalahari (Sandusky) featured a prayer room. Intercessors were encouraged to pray Tuesday for our national election and families. Wednesday was designated a day of prayer for REACH Ohio. Prayer banners, prayer cards, “How may I pray for you?” buttons and several other resources were provided



for those who wanted to spend some time in prayer during the two day event. Prayer guides were available for a 40-day prayer initiative in the church. Mark Jones and the Northcoast Baptist Association provided hosts for the room. A copy of *Developing a Powerful Praying Church* by Richard Blackaby and Rick Fisher was available for those who wanted.

If you would like resources to host a prayer room in your church, prayer walking materials, 40-days of Prayer Guides or a mission trip virtual prayer walk, please contact Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org or

614.601.6820). Prayer banners are available for loan, as well as prayer cards, prayer guides and other resources. Check out www.scbo.org/pray.



Revive! Christ and His Church

An Encouraging Day for Pastors and Church Leaders

"Jesus, make whatever adjustments You need to make this next year the most fruitful of my life." — Richard Blackaby, Blackaby Ministries International

With that prayer on our hearts, Richard Blackaby and Rick Fisher led us to a fresh vision of Jesus, the Head of His church. Blackaby used Revelation 1 to encourage us to turn (1:12) to see Him, the risen Jesus, standing in the midst of His church. *"To see a fresh vision of Jesus, we need to change where we are looking,"* he shared, *"we cannot be discouraged when Jesus walks in our midst."* The question is not *"Did Jesus show up today?"* but *"Did we see Him at work today?"* Sharing illustrations from life and ministry, Blackaby reminded us, *"The church at Ephesus was doing seven things well, but it only took one thing they were not doing for Jesus to remove their lampstand. 'You have left your first love.'" (Revelation 2:4)*

Rick Fisher, Vice President, BMI, challenged us to develop a praying church. Using 1 Samuel 2:35, he reminded us the leadership mandate is to *"do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever."* Rick shared, *"If you will park your heart before Jesus, He will tell you what you need to know."* When we take



the postures of surrender and obedience and spend unhurried time before Jesus, *"He lays His heart over our heart."* Fisher Quoted Daniel Henderson: *"Prayer is a key to preparing our hearts and aligning our wills to His in order to step through the doors of opportunity."*

Richard concluded the afternoon with a word from Numbers 20, *"when you find yourself in the wilderness with no water... get into the presence of God and stay there until the glory of the Lord appears."* (20:6) God's instructions to Moses were different than they had been 40 years earlier. *"God often changes the plan, so we trust Him, not the method."* Blackaby shared, *"the greatest seduction of leadership is success; we begin to trust and worship previous success or try to copy someone else's success,"* and fail to trust and worship Him alone. Here is Moses, 110 years old, and God wants to teach him a new way to do something. We are so often like Moses, reverting to the way we did it before, speaking of how *"we"* will lead His church, seek-

ing His glory for ourselves. (20:10-12) We speak of *"my church"* – *"my staff"* – *"my people"* – *"my ministry,"* and Jesus says, *"I don't recall giving my church to you."*

Participants at the conference received a copy of *Flickering Lamps: Christ and His Church* by Henry and Richard Blackaby and *Developing a Powerful Praying Church* by Richard Blackaby and Rick Fisher. We have a limited number of those books available, for your copy; please contact Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org or 614.601.6820). Please include your mailing address. Free as long as the supply lasts.

Quotes from participants:

"We attended the REVIVE Conference in Fairfield, Ohio, and were extremely blessed," one attendee



shared. "Richard and Rick's engaging style not only made us laugh, but also spoke to the heart of real church revitalization. It was time well spent."

It was, for me, a very timely day of

encouragement and refreshment. I felt afterward as if I had taken a long drink from a fresh stream. The challenges to us as pastors were creative and biblical, and from men who had obviously been in the trenches. Fresh ideas like—I need to "be an expert in the activity of God", and insights into leadership principles from Numbers 20—truly blessed my heart. It was just what this pastor needed. — Danny Rollins, Rolling Hills Baptist Church

The Revive! Conference with Richard Blackaby and Rick Fisher was a blessing. It was good to have practical ideas from seasoned ministers. Since I know Henry and Marilyn Blackaby, I really appreciated the viewpoint from Richard, a son who saw his father's faith in action. Probably the strongest take-away for me personally was about criticizing the church at home sows seeds of apostasy in our children. There's a balance between being honest and overly critical. I'd recommend Revive! to any church leaders. — Mark Snowden, Director of Missional Leadership, CABA

I thought that this was one of the best events that I have been to in a long time. I really like the heart behind the Blackaby teachings and we plan to implement the model shown in 'Developing a Powerful Praying Church! Thanks to SCBO for sponsoring this event and I hope that there will be many more opportunities in the future offering similar teachings. — Jeff Woolum, FBC Perrysburg



Revitalize Bundle now available for REACH Ohio!

Revitalize Bundle is a new resource now available for the REACH Ohio revitalization initiative. A partnership with Revitalize Network, the North American Mission Board Replant and Revitalization and REACH Ohio, the resource will be available to SCBO churches for \$125 (normally \$500). Dwayne Lee and Steve Hopkins are certified coaches for the Revitalize Bundle. In January other coaches will be trained for REACH Ohio.

WHAT IS THE REVITALIZE BUNDLE?

The Revitalize Bundle consists of three tools to help you know your self, your church, and your community better. These assessments will provide you with the information you need to move forward with revitalization in your church. However, you don't have to do this alone. We provide you with a trained coach to help you take the info you have and create a plan that is specifically formulated for your church and context.

The Revitalize Bundle will resource the pastor in three vital areas for revitalization:

- **Know yourself:** Get to know your self better with a helpful emotional intelligence assessment.
- **Know your church:** Get to know your church better with the Church Health Report.
- **Know your community:** Get to know your community better with a demographic and psychographic report of the area.

WHO IS THE REVITALIZE BUNDLE FOR?

Anywhere from 65-90% of churches in North America are in need of some kind of revitalization. The great thing about the Revitalize Bundle is that even though the components are the same for every church, the plan you develop is truly unique to your church and your context. Every church is different, and every Revitalize Bundle action plan is different, too.

Along the way, you will meet with a certified coach to help you understand the data and implement changes as a result of the three assessments. Your coach will be your guide to get started in revitalization and set you on a path to transforming your church for the glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom.

Revitalize Network believes we can empower churches to greater health—together. "Revitalize Network launched with the focus of reviving hurting, declining, and dying churches. No church should struggle. If God can save any person, then He can save any church." Sam Rainer serves as president of Revitalize Network, and the board of directors includes Thom Rainer (executive director), Mike Glenn (chairman), Chuck Lawless, Brad Waggoner, and Amy Jordan.

Contact Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org or 614.601.6820) or Dwayne Lee (DLee@scbo.org or 614.601.6824) for your **promo code to get the Revitalize Bundle for \$125!**

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**Make one check payable to:
Greater Dayton Association of Baptists (GDAB)**

Deadline: Must be postmarked by March 25, 2019

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.
James 1:22 NIV*

Wild Times at the VBS Director Preview



Melita helping is get Into the Wild with VBS this summer.



We had a WILD time at the Vacation Bible School Director Preview! We had over 50 churches and close to eighty folks representing communities from all over of the state of Ohio. You may wonder why would people come out on a Saturday in the middle of November to preview VBS for 2019? We happen to believe that the Lord will honor our prayers and preparations with blessings.

Melita Thomas, Director of LifeWay Vacation Bible School division, was the guest speaker. She really gave the big picture of what to expect in the coming 2019 VBS. Dwayne Lee helped us focus on the “why” of VBS and it’s evangelistic emphasis. Jackie Frasure and her team taught the motions to the theme song “In the Wild” and got us up and moving around. She also helped get us excited about the decorations and possibilities of what our church might try to pull off

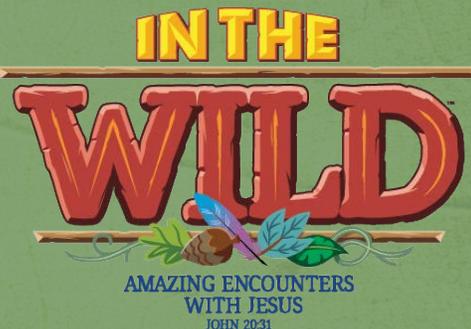
with the new theme. Amanda Mishne guided us to see the importance of planning and preparing to train our own volunteers whether at VBSI of Ohio or at your church. We rounded out the training day with Margie Thomas and the topic of “How Not to Dread Recruiting.”

We are so grateful to Crossing Community Church for their great hospitality. We also invite you to grab your team and bring a busload to Vacation Bible School Institute (VBSI) of Ohio 2019. It will be hosted by Dublin Baptist Church on March 16, 2019 and the cost is only \$15 per person. You may register at scoo.org/register. VBS is still the number one evangelistic event that most churches will see for their entire calendar year. Begin now to prepare, plan and PRAY for how your church might use VBS to reach the lost for the Kingdom!

By: Wendy Hammock



Amanda Mishne and Wendy Hammock all ready for VBS!



That's a Wrap! Theology of Mixology

By: Dwayne Lee, BT/L group

What started out as a thought quickly turned into a question; then became a reality the week of October 29 through November 3. It was called the "Theology of Mixology" tour. Sound engineers, worship pastors, music leaders, and tech staff came from all over Ohio to receive instruction, encouragement, and help in the area of live sound. Many, if not all of them were volunteers not looking for the job when they got it, but for some reason, they ended up sitting behind a console with a lot of buttons, knobs, and sliders.

As a result of the question, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio found a way to help those who are struggling

with the equipment they have or just wanting to become better at their responsibility.

Mike Overlin from Music Tribe and Daren Fulks with PDH Systems graciously provided our attendees with a plethora of information like signal flow, equalization, balance. The difference between mic, speaker, and instrument cables, but the biggest thing our attendees received was a reminder that they are a significant part of the worship team. They have the responsibility to know and understand the largest instrument in the room, the band!

Music Tribe provided each group with the opportunity to sit behind a Behringer x32 digital board. They discovered

the basics of how digital boards work and at the same time how these boards can be very specific when setting up a room. After some instruction, they put on a set of headphones and began to work on a multi-track that was provided on their console. The hands on training was a hit! While Mike and Daren walked the room giving personal attention to each question, the attendees were lost in their own little world working on what they were hearing through their headphones. At the end of each session, the group was very thankful for what they had received and was ready to take back to their churches what they had learned.

As the state worship direc-

tor for the state convention and co-director of the Worship 4:24 conference, I am working with Daren and Mike about coming to the conference and providing the same type of training. The dates for the Worship conference are January 25-26, 2019. We are also looking at the possibilities of doing another PA tour later in 2019.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with the current equipment you were using please feel free to contact me at 614-601-6824 or dlee@scbo.org. Until next time, "That's a Wrap!"



Left to right: Dwayne Lee, Daren Fulks and Mike Overlin

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On Mission in Romania

Reaching the Roma people group with the Gospel and bringing encouragement Romanian Pastors and laypeople.

The regime of Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu fell in December 1989. In 1994 Allen Sidel of the then Westwood Baptist Church in Wooster, Ohio made his first trip to Romania. Allen was moved by what he saw and experienced that year.

Soon, through his efforts, a partnership was established between the Buckeye Central – Erie Baptist Association (BCEBA) and the Bacau, Romania Baptist Association. Twenty-four years later Allen Sidel is still the driving force behind the Associations efforts in Romania as we partner with Pastor Ionel Chivoiu of the Bacau Association. Through the years we have seen over 100 church plants in Roma (Gypsy) villages as well as in Romanian cities.

The primary purpose of our going has not been to sight see, rather it has always been to evangelize the lost. In the case of the Roma people group, it brings hope to so many who seemly have no hope. We have built long stand-

ing relationships with the Romanian people. Because of those relationships, they have opened doors to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The end result is many have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and Romanian Christians have been encouraged.

Pastor Crist Poppa, a bi-vocational Pastor and his wife Lydia have had a vision of a Baptist church in the city of Panciu. He began with worship services in his home. Later he added a second structure on his property to accommodate worship on the first floor and living quarters on the second floor. He has acquired additional property, and over the course of several years has been slowly building the church. At this writing the walls are up and it is under roof.

The exterior of the building has had stucco applied and the walls insulated. He is still seeking help for windows and doors. Their hope is to dedicate the church in the late fall of 2019. It our goal to raise \$25,000.00 (with a promise of

\$12,500.00 in matching funds) to complete the church in Panciu and other projects in 2019.

The Buckeye Central – Erie Baptist Association will be returning to Romania April 15th through May 1st, 2019. If you would like to join our team, we would love to have you. For more information or to help with financial support, contact Pastor Cliff Hartley, D.O.M., Buckeye Central Erie Baptist Association at P.O. Box 206 Millersburg, OH 44654. 330-231-88461.



Family Camp



Amy with some of the nieces and nephews she is looking forward to enjoying camp with this year.

Why Family Camp?

By: Amy Williams

The summers of my youth are marked by time spent at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly. Girls in Action in elementary school, followed by Acteens and Youth Camp in Junior High and High School. Many evenings spent on vesper hill and in chapel, days of dodgeball in the gym, and paddle boating on the lake. All of these camps and memories are special to me, but there is one week of camp, every summer, that stood out year after year - Family Week.

Family Camp was similar in structure, yet wholly different from the other camps I participated in. Rigid schedules, color coded by wrist band were thrown out the window replaced by large blocks of free time

to experience all the joys of camp with the people you love. Counselors were replaced by parents who were free from worries of work and housekeeping to spend the entire week swimming, fishing, and playing with each other and their children. The memories we created at Seneca Lake during those weeks are more special and more enduring because they were made with the people who are most important to me, my parents and siblings.

Today, I still return to family camp with my parents, siblings, and nieces and nephews. As an adult who experienced Family Camp as a child, I know just how special these memories will become to the children in my family. They will hold

them close, just like I do, as they grow and mature, struggle to find their place in the world, and by the grace of God walk steadfastly in the Gospel.

This year, I'm more excited than ever for Family Camp. Planning is already underway in order to make sure this is the most successful year yet. There will be time for family devotions, worship, and teaching. In addition, there are some planned games and activities, including a wiffle ball game and water balloon fight which I can't wait to enjoy with my 9 year old nephew. My nieces (2 and

18 months) will enjoy the daily craft activities in the dining hall after breakfast. Personally, I'm most looking forward to relaxing by the pool. Of course, relaxing will be replaced with splashing and ball throwing and diving contests, which is OK, because that's what the memories are made of.



PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

“Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year” from your Mission Ohio Resource Team and Staff. It is a joy to serve alongside of you in Mission Ohio. Taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to the lost and unsaved people of Ohio and to the ends of the earth is the heartbeat of Ohio Southern Baptists. When lost people repent of sin and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, they will truly have a “Merry Christmas” and a “Happy New Year.”

This Christmas will be the 10th anniversary for me without my mother. She loved Christmas so much. Some of my earliest memories are of my mother’s delight in Christmas. During

economic hard times, she would work very long hours so she could give her children and family a good Christmas.

Christmas became tremendously special after we became Christians. We learned the true meaning of Christmas. Now, we find great comfort in the Blessed Promises because of Christmas. I am so grateful for Southern Baptists cooperating to provide a witness that reached my family so we could truly celebrate Christmas.

Southern Baptists have faithfully sought to cooperate to obey the Great Commission since 1835. Through the Cooperative Mission Program, Southern Baptists have

reached out to the lost all over the world in peacetime or wartime and prosperity or depression. Those who have gone before us sacrificed greatly so we could hear the “Good News” and enjoy a truly “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” spiritually and otherwise. That is why Mission Ohio and Southern Baptists exist. May those who come behind us find us as faithful, obedient, and passionate as those who have gone before us. Let’s press toward that mark.



Jack Kwok, Ph.D.
Executive Director-Treasurer
State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

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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