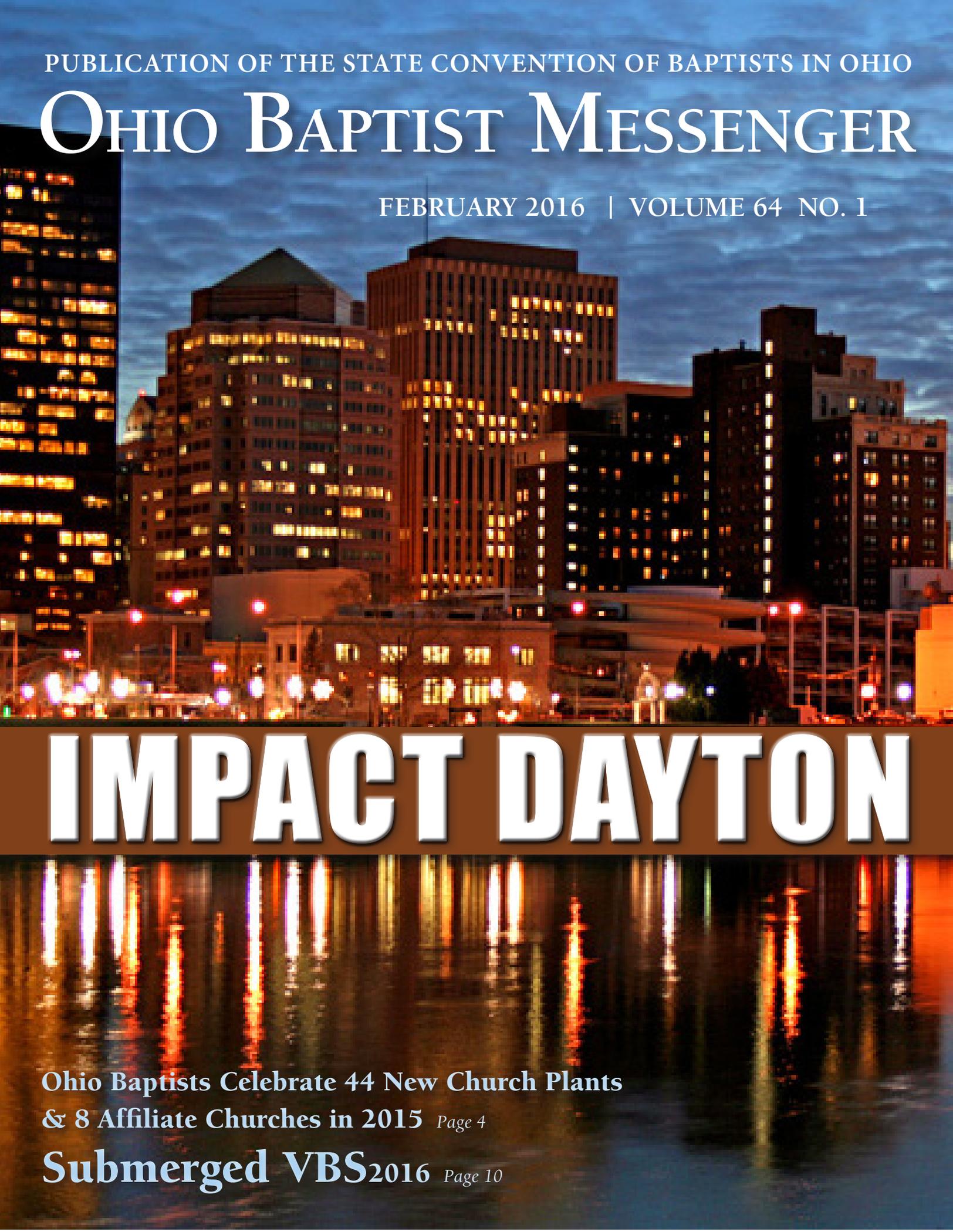


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IMPACT DAYTON

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What is IMPACT Dayton?

IMPACT Dayton is a collective effort of God’s people to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to demonstrate God’s love through practical acts of service throughout the Dayton area, and to help strengthen churches and ministries in the Greater Dayton Association of Baptists (GDAB). On July 16, 2016 we anticipate Christians from

all over the country to participate in this unique outreach to the people living in and around Dayton, Ohio. We want you to be a part of this exciting ministry.

How do you participate in IMPACT Dayton?

There are many ways to be a part of IMPACT Dayton. You can volunteer your time, coordinate a special mission

project in your community, or support the hands-on efforts of others with your prayers.

Let me just highlight two of these areas below:

1. We encourage everyone to sign up as a volunteer. People from all over the United States will be travelling to Dayton, OH to be a part of these special outreach opportunities. You could be one of

those individuals by clicking the ‘Volunteer Sign Up’ link and completing the form.

2. If you are a part of a church or ministry in the GDAB, we would love for you to host or coordinate an outreach event in your community. Simply follow the ‘Church Project’ link to complete the online form. Visit SCBO.org to sign up.

From the Desk of the President



Dr. Jeremy Westbrook

Moving forward. These two simple, yet powerful words capture the vision and mission of our State Convention of Baptists in Ohio for 2016. The Apostle Paul declared he was moving forward when he wrote in Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the goal for the

prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” While we can look at the past and learn from it, we must not be a people who live in it. I believe as a convention we must thank the Lord for 2015, but trust the Lord for 2016. We must move forward in faith asking the Lord to do a fresh work in our hearts, our churches and our state.

Since being elected to serve as your President back in November, I have been scheduling meetings with leaders and pastors from across our state. I want to hear from you and truly believe that our greatest days are ahead of us if we will

stay on our knees and in God’s Word. Whether you a planting a new church or pastoring an existing church, we must come together for the sole purpose of moving forward for the Great Commission. Missionaries’ coming home from the field is quite honestly, unacceptable. We must be adding to the field, not taking away. I believe this is a critical hour for not only the SCBO, but also for our SBC family as a whole.

God has truly blessed us with the elections of our 1st Vice President, Tom Pendergrass and 2nd Vice President, David Starry. These are

wonderful men of God whom I have had the joy of meeting, praying and casting vision with already this year. I have so much more to share with you, but for now please make plans to attend our annual meeting in November at FBC Vandalia. I promise you, we will make it worth the drive, so mark your calendars! In the meantime, if I can ever help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at jeremy@livinghopemarysville.com.

Moving Forward,
Dr. Jeremy Westbrook
SCBO President

• NURSE(S) NEEDED •

Have you ever thought of using your nursing skills in an environment where you can see lives changed? Have you ever thought that you might want to relive your childhood or teenage years? How about going to camp and having your own private air-conditioned room? We are in need of a nurse or nurses for camps this summer. Our nurses must be an LPN or RN. Your primary duties will include dispensing medicine and some triage duty. You might even get a chance to witness to a teen, who is faking illness to avoid chapel service. You never know. All of this takes place at the beautiful Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly.

If you are available to serve for one week or multiple weeks contact Tim Binns – tbinns@scbo.org or Scott Seder SSeder@scbo.org.

• CONGRATULATIONS •

NEW ORLEANS -- Josh Carter of Cincinnati, received the doctor of philosophy degree Dec. 19, from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Carter, senior pastor of Clough Pike Baptist Church in Cincinnati, is married to Mandy Carter. He is the son of Alan and Kayla Carter of Greer, S.C. Carter holds the bachelor of science degree from Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C., and master of divinity and master of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

SEEKING STAFF • CHURCH NEED

Lewisburg First Missionary Baptist Church located in Lewisburg Ohio, which is 20 miles West of Dayton Ohio, is seeking a bi-vocational Pastor to shepherd our Church. We are seeking a man who is called to be a minister of the Gospel to minister with us in a rural/small town setting. The church is unable to afford a full-time pastor but is able to pay some compensation.

REQUIREMENTS:

Heart for ministry and people.
Faithfulness to teach and preach the Word of God.
Willingness to equip others for ministry.

Please contact one of the following to follow Gods call:
Joe Staggs c/o: Lewisburg First Missionary Baptist Church
608 N Commerce St, Lewisburg, OH 45338
fmbcsearch@gmail.com or

Steve Stiglich
Associational Missionary
Greater Dayton Association of Baptists
2050 Brandt Pike
Dayton, OH 45404
missionary@gdab.com



STATE CONVENTION OFFICE NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Name	Resource Group	NEW Number	Previous Number
Kwok	Administration	(614) 601-6877	(614) 827-1777
Smith	Administration	(614) 601-6800	(614) 827-1800
Snodgrass	Administration	(614) 601-6876	(614) 827-1776
Hammock	Bible Teaching	(614) 601-6826	(614) 827-1826
Hopkins	Bible Teaching	(614) 601-6820	(614) 827-1820
Lee	Bible Teaching	(614) 601-6824	(614) 827-1824
Stickel	Bible Teaching	(614) 601-6822	(614) 827-1822
Barbo	Church Planting	(614) 601-6804	(614) 827-1804
Moss	Church Planting	(614) 601-6792	(614) 827-1792
Bowman	Church Services	(614) 601-6848	(614) 827-1848
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Stupakewicz	Church Services	(614) 601-6835	(614) 827-1835
Warton	Church Services	(614) 601-6840	(614) 827-1840
Moodie	Evangelism	(614) 601-6883	(614) 827-1783
Binns	Evangelism	(614) 601-6846	(614) 827-1746
Frye	Evangelism	(614) 601-6880	(614) 827-1750
Helton	Evangelism	(614) 601-6881	(614) 827-1781
Bogardus	Missions	(614) 601-6814	(614) 827-1814
Floro	Missions	(614) 601-6854	(614) 827-1754
Kelley	Missions	(614) 601-6852	(614) 827-1752
Main Number		(614) 601-6789	(614) 258-8491
Toll Free Number		(877) 722-6674	
Fax Number		(614) 601-6102	

• PEWS AVAILABLE •

First Baptist Church of Fairborn have pews that they would like to donate to churches or individuals. If interested you must contact the office by March 15, 2016
Office: 937-878-8629 office@fbcfairborn.org

MISSIONINSITE

MissionInsite Training Offered February 23

Ohio Baptists have access to a powerful demographic tool, MissionInsite. Thanks to Cooperative Program gifts, members of all Ohio churches can access the tool. Instructions for registration are on the state convention website at <http://www.scbo.org/content/administration/resource-group-article/missioninsite>,

and helps for using the tool are available after registration and login on MissionInsite.com.

But for many of us, practical hands-on training is helpful. For those who want someone to personally help them understand the use and options available through MissionInsite, a training ses-

sion will be held at the state office, 9000 Antares Avenue, Columbus, on Tuesday, February 23, at 10:00 A.M. General information and usage will be covered from 10:00 to noon, and opportunity for help with specific applications of congregational and community analysis will be provided during the afternoon

for those who wish to stay for more in depth study. Bruce Smith will lead the sessions.

There is no fee for the training; however, attendees are asked to please pre-register through Linnett Snodgrass, lsnodgrass@scbo.org

Ohio Celebrates Church Planting

By Bruce Smith

God has recently utilized numerous churches and leaders to give cause for celebration of 44 new churches plus 8 new affiliates for 2015. The new works are listed below by the associations of which they are affiliated:

Buckeye Central Erie Baptist Association:

Epic Life, Columbus (Dwayne Carson)

Cincinnati Area Baptist Association:

Dominion Firehouse Chapel International, Cin (Edwin Okai)

Iglesia Alfa Y Omega Hamilton (Julio Pineda)

Iglesia Alfa Y Omega Elmwood (Julian Antun Marte)

Bridgeway Baptist Church, Amelia (Brent Cunningham)

Voyager Church, Cincinnati (Brandon Caudill)

The Well Church, Loveland (Jeff McClain)

Abundant Life Church, West Chester (Allen Lawless)

The Church in the Village, Carlisle (Eric Clarkson)

One Church, Waynesville (Jason McKinney)

Connection Point, New Richmond (Robert Wooten)

Oikos, Maineville (Jerod Martin)

Clough Pike Hispanic Mission, Cincinnati (Wady Pineda)

Cleveland Hope:

Oakwood Deaf Community Church of Westlake (Mason Fenner)

Willoughby Bible Church (Todd Boiton)

The Edge Project, Cleveland (Koffie Café)

Encourage Church, Cleveland (Mark Johnson)

All Points Church at Hudson (Chong Xu)

Redemption Church, East Cleveland (Ben Shelton)

Fruit of the Spirit Church, Garfield Heights (Charles Redmon)

Connect Church, Cleveland (Hector Candelaria)

New Life Comm. Worship Center, Hudson (Dwayne Simmons)

Fellowship Church of Wellington (Mike Feliciano)

Roadside Church, Ravenna (Jimmy McNutt)

Greater Dayton Association of Baptists:

Grace Point Fellowship, Springboro (Reagan Wagoner)

Metro Columbus Baptist Association:

Pinnacle Church, Hilliard (David Boggs)

The Bridge, Pleasantville (Scott Gibson)

Crossover Church, Grove City (John Foster)

Almighty Bhutanese Nepali Church, Columbus (Tika Biswa)



Praying for Church Planters at the 2015 Annual Meeting

Access Church, Dublin (Mark Cox)

Veritas West, Columbus (Wes Thompson)

Spring of Glory International Min., Columbus (Samuel Opoku)

Mile City Church, Livonia, MI (Travis Whitaker)

Muskingum Valley Baptist Association:

Covenant Community Church, Heath (Joshua Tinkham)

Northcoast Baptist Association:

New Bethel Fellowship, Elyria (Dennis Wilkins)

Northwest Ohio Baptist Association:

H2o Akron (Chad Frank)

God's First Church, Toledo (Theodis Horton)

H2o Wright State, Dayton (Josh Ortega)

Steel Valley Baptist Association:

Country Gospel Baptist Church, Jefferson (David Lettau)

Struthers Bible Baptist Church, Struthers (Ronald Shipley)

Summit Baptist Association:

The Summit Church, North Canton (Tom Hogsed)

Redeemer Fellowship Church, Canton (Todd Moser)

West Central Baptist Association:

Fort Loramie Community Church (Tom Fernandez)

No associational affiliation:

The Crossing, Proctorville (Ricky Ray)

A few of these churches launched in 2013 or 2014; however, they were not included on the lists of new works until 2015 either because they had not secured Southern Baptist Convention ID numbers or they were started toward the end of the year and were not included in the previous list. Church starts are only counted once. An additional church to add to a prayer list for new works would be Redemption Church in Goshen which launched in 2013 under lay leadership called its first pastor,

Ken Gosney, in 2015. There was also a new church started in Beverly which is connected with the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Some additional churches launched at the end of the year but will be included on the 2016 new works list. Also be in prayer for leaders like Chuck Cotton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Middletown, who is now leading two legacy satellite churches which will be included on the 2016 new works list in addition to his original church.

Thanks go out to sponsoring churches and their leaders, associational leaders, church planting catalysts and the state team leaders Quinton Moss and Charlotte Barbo, who collectively play a role in seeing the multiplication of gospel points in Ohio. The partnership of churches, associations, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and the North American Mission Board is working to reaching into the lostness in Ohio. Pray for each of these churches and their leaders and for many to come to follow Christ through their ministries.

In addition to the church plants, eight churches began affiliation with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio:

Buckeye Central Erie Baptist Association:

Trinity Baptist Church, Ashland (Richard Grilley, pastor)
First Baptist Church of Wooster (seeking pastor)

Cincinnati Area Baptist Association:

The Oaks Community Church, Middletown (Matthew Salyer)
Bethel Baptist Church, Bethel (Tim Bradshaw)
Grace Covenant Church, Cincinnati (Greg McDaniel)
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Milford (Danny Burdine)

Cleveland Hope:

Second Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland (Napolean Harris)

Greater Dayton Association of Baptists:

First Baptist Church, Yellow Springs (William Randolph, Jr.)

A warm welcome goes to these churches with a thanks for the partnership in sharing the gospel across Ohio and around the world through the Cooperative Program.



BETA Conference 2016

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is excited to announce a second BETA Conference to take place on April 11-13, 2016! The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is partnering with LifeWay Christian Resources, along with the Kentucky and Indiana state baptist conventions to bring Sunday School Directors, Ministers of Education or anyone else who may oversee different aspects of the education ministry in the church to this conference.

The BETA Conference is an invitation-only event. The reason for this is because the event is kept purposely small (between 25-30 participants) in order to focus on providing quality training and attention to the attendees.

Sessions Included:

The BETA conference concentrates on skill development in foundational education ministry principles. We cover the areas of ministry that Ministers of Education have asked for...

- How to develop a disciple-making process
- Finding, enlisting and developing leaders
- Key Sunday School principles
- How to start new Bible study groups
- How to effectively lead and serve alongside your pastor

These sessions will be interactive and high energy! You will be able to network with other Christian educators as well as be trained by some of LifeWay's national leaders in Sunday School, discipleship and ministry!

Date/Time: April 11-13, 2016

Beginning Monday, April 11 at 1:00pm and
Concluding at 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 13

Location:

North Fairfield Baptist Church
6853 Gilmore Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Registration Details:

This event is by invitation only. However all fees are covered by LifeWay Christian Resources if you receive an invitation. Please contact Dwayne Lee to request an invitation (contact info below).

*For more details, please contact:
Dwayne Lee at 614-827-1824 or dlee@scbo.org.*

The Ohio Baptist Foundation is excited to announce the Inaugural OBF Golf Invitational at the prestigious Wedgewood Golf & Country Club 9600 Wedgewood Blvd. Powell, Ohio.

Scramble Format

Pastor Scholarships Available

Sponsors Needed

Register opens April 1, 2016

Look for more details at scbo.org/obfgolf or contact Jack Helton 614.601.6881

Proximity and Door Prizes



OHIO BAPTIST FOUNDATION
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August 15 2016

INVITATIONAL

Ohio Mission Resource Roundtable

You Hold The Keys

Mark Your Calendar!

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
~ Matthew 16:19*

Circleville First Baptist Church
February 6, 2016
8:30am to 3:00pm

super summer
June 20-24, 2016

Super Summer is an intense week of Bible study and leader development for a select group of potential leaders in your church from grades 7-12. This event is designed for any sized church whether you have 1 or 100 students. Super Summer will help develop better leaders who are more intent in their walk with Jesus.

**Send us your best...
and we will send them back better!**

Registration:
Early Registration ~ Feb 22 - April 18
\$140 + \$90 deposit
Regular Registration ~ April 19 - May 31
\$140 + \$120 deposit

For more information visit www.scbo.org.
Location: Cedarville University Campus



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Financial Resources

2016 SBC Church Compensation Survey Kicks Off January 1 By Roy Hayhurst

DALLAS— GuideStone Financial Resources, along with LifeWay Research and Baptist state conventions, will open the biennial SBC Church Compensation Survey in 2016. Ministers and church employees are invited to participate in the survey, a resource used by churches of all sizes to determine fair wages and benefits. Survey participants will have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win an iPad®. The survey and complete contest rules are available at GuideStone.org/CompensationSurvey.

The survey's results will be made available in the early fall, in time for many churches considering their 2017 budgets. The survey is the largest free, church compensation study conducted in the United States. The most recent survey results — conducted in 2014 — have been visited almost 55,000 times.

"GuideStone works tirelessly to be an advocate for

pastors and church staff, ensuring that they are compensated fairly," said O.S. Hawkins, President of GuideStone Financial Resources. "The surveys can help churches benchmark their own salary and benefits packages against churches of like size within Southern Baptist life."

Survey results are not reported individually. Compensation and benefit information can be contributed anonymously. At the conclusion of the survey, GuideStone and LifeWay will compile the submitted data and provide all users with access to the results. Participants in the survey who provide an email address will have first access to the study's customizable reports.

"This survey, which is one of the most comprehensive of its kind, will help scores of churches as they seek to provide for those who are called to lead their congregations,"

Hawkins said.

Southern Baptist church ministers and staff have until May 31 to complete the on-line survey. The winner of the iPad will be notified via email.

Contact GuideStone Financial Resources with any questions or issues. Call toll-free at

1-888-98-GUIDE (1-888-984-8433) Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CST to speak with a customer relations specialist, or send an email to info@GuideStone.org.

STATE BIBLE DRILL COMPETITION

Location:

Reynoldsburg Baptist Church
887 Rosehill Rd
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Date & Time:

May 7th, 2016
9:30am-12:30pm
Please arrive at 9am for registration.

Registration:

Register by April 29, 2016
Contact: Kimberly Jackson Kubik for information on how to register (kjax@voyager.net) or visit scbo.org for more information.

There is no fee to attend the State Bible Drill and Student Speakers' Competition so please feel free to come and watch this exciting competition revolving around the Word of God.

State Student Speakers' Competition



VBSI HAS A COST OF \$10 AND OFFERS CORE CONFERENCES FOR DIRECTORS/PASTORS, PRESCHOOL, BIBLE STUDY GRADES 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 AND 7-12, CRAFTS, MUSIC, MISSIONS, DECORATIONS AND RECREATION. AS WELL AS A FULL LIFEWAY VBS BOOKSTORE, MORE THAN 20 BREAKOUTS, A WORSHIP RALLY, CHILDREN'S MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND LUNCH. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FEBRUARY 29, 2016.

2016 Vacation Bible School Institute

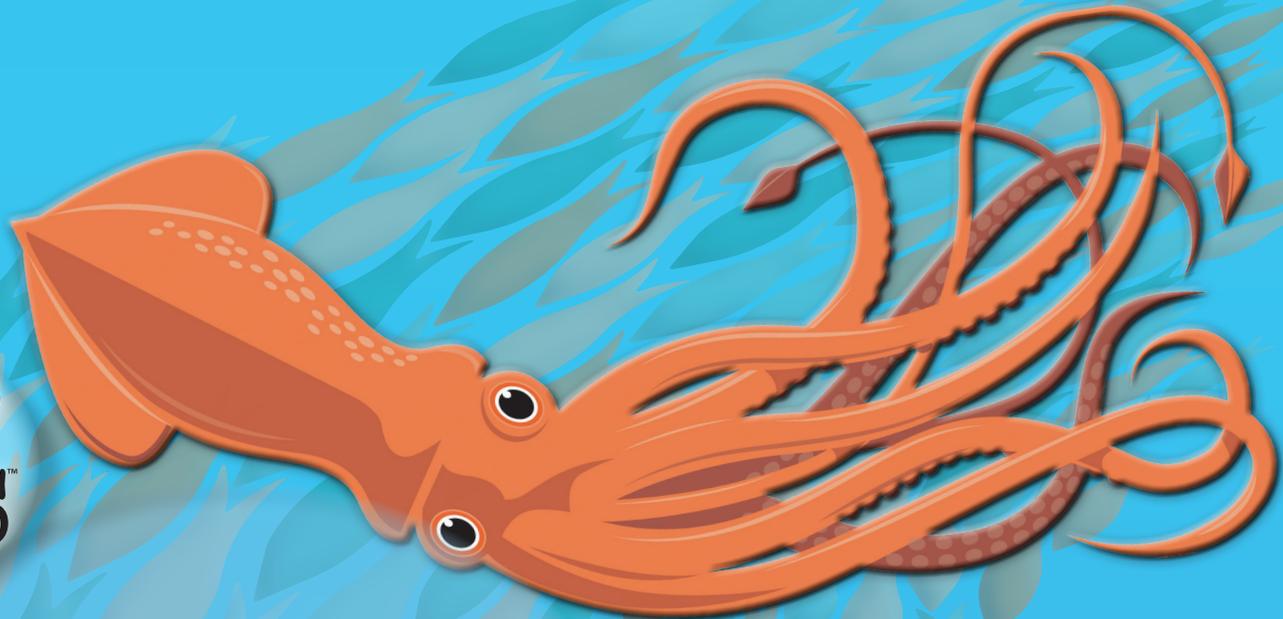
**March 5, 2016
Jersey Baptist Church**

www.scbo.org

Register by
February 26



**For more
information contact
Wendy Hammock:
wehammock@scbo.org**



CLINICS ARE FREE AND OFFER A CONDENSED VERSION OF THE CORE CLASSES (DIRECTORS/PASTORS, PRESCHOOL, BIBLE STUDY GRADES 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 AND 7-12, CRAFTS, MUSIC, MISSIONS, SNACKS AND RECREATION) AND SAMPLE OF THE WORSHIP RALLY. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLEVELAND CLINIC.

PLEASE SEND PRE-ORDERS 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLINIC AND WE WILL HAVE THE ORDER FOR YOU AT THE CLINIC.

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND LOCATION THAT YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE MATERIALS CHECK OUT OUR VBS PAGES AT WWW.SCBO.ORG

www.scbo.org

- April 4 9:00am Dayton**
- April 14 6:30pm Northcoast**
- April 16 9:00am Buckeye Central/Erie**
- April 23 9:00am Cleveland**
- April 26 7:00pm Cincinnati**

2016 Regional VBS Clinics



Get SUBMERGED... Vacation Bible School 2016

By Margie Thomas

VBS Director at Brookside BC in Reynoldsburg, Ohio

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.” Psalm 139:23-24

It will be an amazing voyage not only at a surface level but when we dive deep into understanding how Jesus sees us, knows us and saves us. After attending the Ohio VBS Director’s Preview in November, I was not only excited to

directors from all over the state and ask questions. Being surrounded by people sharing the same passion to reach children and families is a wonderful thing. It’s a springboard for gathering your whole team in order to attend the Ohio VBS Institute or a clinic.

I have been a director for many years but learned more in the last few than ever before. I would organize and run VBS the way I saw it run in the past but realized my environment changed, our neighborhood changed, the needs changed. I learned through VBS training that even though material is specifically designed for many different age groups, a church could build a successful VBS based on where they are and whom they want to reach. The Ohio VBS Institute and regional clinics are available for VBS teams to attend. There are your base classes you can

attend at either, but the VBS Institute offers additional elective classes for something more specific. It is a way your VBS team can get the most information to have a successful VBS. Why send 1 when you could have 10! VBSI is designed for every size church. Statistics gathered over the last 15 years show that for every person trained there is a direct correlation of 1.1 salvations! Who wouldn’t want to see more salva-

tions? Send us your Captain, First Mates and Crew...ALL HANDS ON DECK! We look forward to serving you!

Please see our promotions for VBSI Ohio and the re-



10 of our Ohio VBS Institute Crew holding our breath ‘til we see you on March 5 at VBSI Ohio!
Row 1: Amanda Mishne, Jackie Lee, Debbie Saffo, Wendy Hammock, Jackie Frasure
Row 2: Dwayne Lee, Charlotte Barbo, Lori Wilson, Mike Lattella, Margie Thomas



get a quick overview of the 2016 material but also get a chance to order what our church needed to get started. VBS Director Previews are also a great opportunity to see what changes have been made, brainstorm with other



regional clinics. If you go to our website at www.scbo.org you can search for VBS 2016 and find more info including the VBS bookstore order form.



PRAYER BOOT CAMP

Basic Training for a Life of Prayer

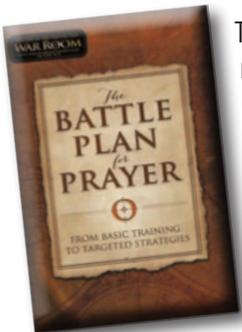
Pray Ohio 2016: Prayer Boot Camps

'As for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD.' (Psalm 69:13)

"Prayer is not about prayer... just like a cell phone is not about a cell phone. A phone's primary purpose is not for itself but to serve as a conduit to connect us in relationships. If held up to our ear without engaging another person with it, we're not making it do what it's been created to do. Likewise, there are activities you can undertake that may look and feel like prayer, but they're not really prayer if God is not truly engaged." Prayer is communion with God in order to...

1. Intimately know, love, and worship Him.
2. Understand and conform our lives to His will and ways.
3. Access and advance His kingdom, power, and glory.

"Prayer is not about prayer, it is about a Person - God Himself." (The Battle Plan for Prayer, p. 32-39)



The Prayer Boot Camp: Basic Training for a Life of Prayer is not just learning about prayer, it is learning to pray together. The content is based on *The Battle Plan for Prayer* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, developers of 'War Room.' Claude King will be facilitating both Prayer Boot Camps. Claude serves as the Discipleship & Church Health Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources. He is the author/coauthor of numerous books and discipleship courses including *Experiencing God*, *Fresh Encounter*, *The Mind of Christ*, *The Call to Follow Christ*, *Growing Disciples*, *Pray in Faith*, *Come to the Lord's Table*, *Concentric Circles of Concern*.

The Prayer Boot Camp will be in two locations. Select the day and location most convenient for you. Both days are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday
February 19
Springboro Baptist Church
125 E Mill Street
Springboro, 45066
937-748-2670

Saturday
February 20
Jersey Baptist Church
13260 Morse Road SW
New Albany, 45054
740-927-1859

Cost is \$10, which includes book, resources to lead a boot camp experience, light lunch and refreshments. Registration deadline is February 15.

Go to scbo.org for more information and registration or contact Steve Hopkins SteveHopkins@scbo.org 614.309.9746



The Church Needs A
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
REVIVAL**

David Francis, Director of Sunday School for LifeWay Christian Resources will be our featured speaker Monday, September 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM

The event, materials and lunch are free, but registration is required

Register at www.cincinnatiabaptist.com

Event will be held at FBC South Lebanon, OH, 505 W Mason Rd 45065

New Pastor & Staff Orientation



March 15, 2016

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

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

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

Contact Linnett Snodgrass (lsnodgrass@scbo.org) or Bruce Smith (brucesmith@scbo.org) for more information.

PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Southern Baptists to reach 1,000,000 believers in 2,020 congregations by the end of 2020 in Ohio. Ohio residents number around 11.5 million. The results of 2015 church planting reveals 45 new starts and 8 affiliations.

Quinton Moss leads the Mission Ohio Church Planting Resource Group including Martin Jones and Charlotte Barbo. They have worked alongside Mission Ohio Associational Missionaries in assisting and encouraging these wonderful church planters and their wives. Steve Hopkins has provided

additional encouragement and assistance to sponsoring churches and their pastors. Mission Ohio is very grateful to NAMB for assisting in church planting.

Affiliations are existing churches that have chosen to join the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Southern Baptist Convention. These churches affirm the Baptist Faith and Message. They desire to participate in the effective worldwide missionary outreach of Southern Baptists. Additionally, these churches appreciate the Biblical stance of Southern Baptists in the area of holiness and lifestyle.

Let us praise God for his blessing Mission Ohio with these new congregations. To penetrate the lostness in Ohio requires soul-winning churches impacting Ohio. IMPACT Dayton is focused primarily on July 16, 2016. The Greater Dayton Association of Baptists is the IMPACT Association for 2016. Many resource training events are scheduled for Dayton. They are preparing to impact Dayton July 16 this year. Your help and assistance are needed. Dayton churches are posting outreach projects on <http://www.scbo.org/content/administration/event/impact-dayton->

July 16, 2016 where you can volunteer to help reach lost people for Christ in the Dayton area July 16, 2016. Cooperation in obeying the Great Commission continues to be a preeminent distinguishing identity mark of Southern Baptists. IMPACT Dayton needs your help. Let's press toward that mark.



Jack Kwok, Ph.D.
Executive Director-
Treasurer
State Convention

How to submit Church News

Send all church news and information to Linnett Snodgrass at lsnodgrass@scbo.org

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.

Jack Kwok, State Convention Executive Director-Treasurer, Editor;
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