

# OHIO BAPTIST MESSENGER

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## President's Pen...

### Celebrate to Motivate



Ryan Strother, SCBO President

It has been my joy to serve as president of the SCBO since elected in November, and I am excited about the possibilities before us! Serving as a Vice President for a couple years prior helped me realize that so much incredible ministry happens around our state that I simply did not know about. The joy of learning about these effective ministries far outweighed the difficult

situations pastors would share or the challenges set before the Mission Council.

I also know, though, that the difficulties can dominate our time and that our hearts can be so easily inclined toward negativity.

This is why we must celebrate all the Lord is doing around Ohio. It has motivated me to hear about churches going multi-campus, churches successfully navigating through revitalization situations, a basketball camp starting this summer to reach urban boys, pastors serving in the same ministry for 25 years, churches sending mission teams internationally, strong evangelistic emphases with the 3 Circles tool, and more.

How can you celebrate to motivate?

- Listen to the SCBgO podcast ([reacho-hio.blubrry.net](http://reacho-hio.blubrry.net)). It exists to celebrate God's activity in Ohio to motivate you!
- Attend one of the six Encouragement Tour gatherings happening around the state (<https://www.scbo.org/event/listening-leaders-encouragement-tour>). You'll be able to talk about and listen to what is happening in the SCBO.
- Encourage the leaders around you. Maybe through associational gatherings, or you initiating fellowship with those near you--gather together and encourage each other.
- Share testimonies on social media.
- Choose to dwell on the blessings, not the afflictions.

We have much to celebrate and much to do--let's stay faithful!

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Feb 22	Breaking Through Barriers
Feb 26	Listening to Leaders Encouragement Tour
March 1-2	Engage Now Missions Conference
March 3-10	Week of Prayer North American Missions
March 12	New Pastor and Staff Orientation
March 16	VBSI Ohio
March 25	Listening to Leaders Encouragement Tour
March 30	VBS Clinic Dayton, Ohio
April 5-6	LEAD WELL
April 6	Southwest Ladies Spring Retreat
April 23	Listening to Leaders Encouragement Tour
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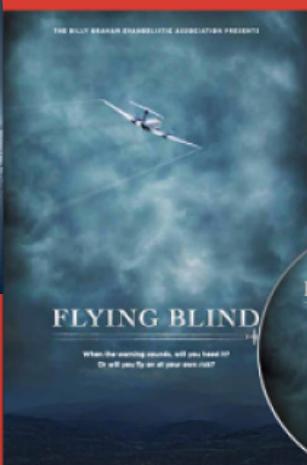
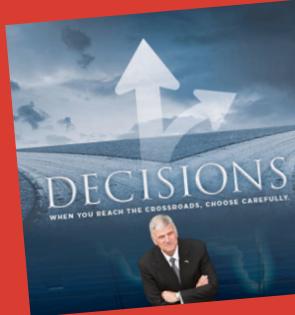
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# SENDING HOPE

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The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Church Ministry department has a new resource in Ohio to support local pastors. Christi Hall is one of two Ohio State Coordinators committed to lifting you, your family, your staff, and your congregation in prayer. Christi covers the west side of the state from with her territories broken out by congressional districts 1,2,4,5,8,10,15 and the lower ½ of district 16. The other Ohio Coordinator is currently in the process of being hired.

Her role is to encourage you, pray for you and to provide access to BGEA resources (if needed). Some of those free resources are items such as discipleship studies, new believer's next steps, DVD's, and more that can be used by

your staff, leadership teams, small groups or entire congregation. The BGEA Church Ministry Team wants to support you and encourage pastors and church leaders in any way we can to continue proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to disciple new believers.

Christi is meeting with key leaders and individual pastors across the state as a representative of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. She would love to meet with you for a brief 15-20 minutes simply to hear about what the Lord is doing in your church, what challenges you may be experiencing and offer you support and commitment to pray for you on behalf of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Christi's con-

## Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Ohio Coordinator

tact information is below and she looks forward to getting to know you and how God is using you, in the meantime, she will be lifting you, your family, your staff, and your congregation in prayer.



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# 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

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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



NATIONALDAYOFPRAAYER.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](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

Facebook | National Day of Prayer

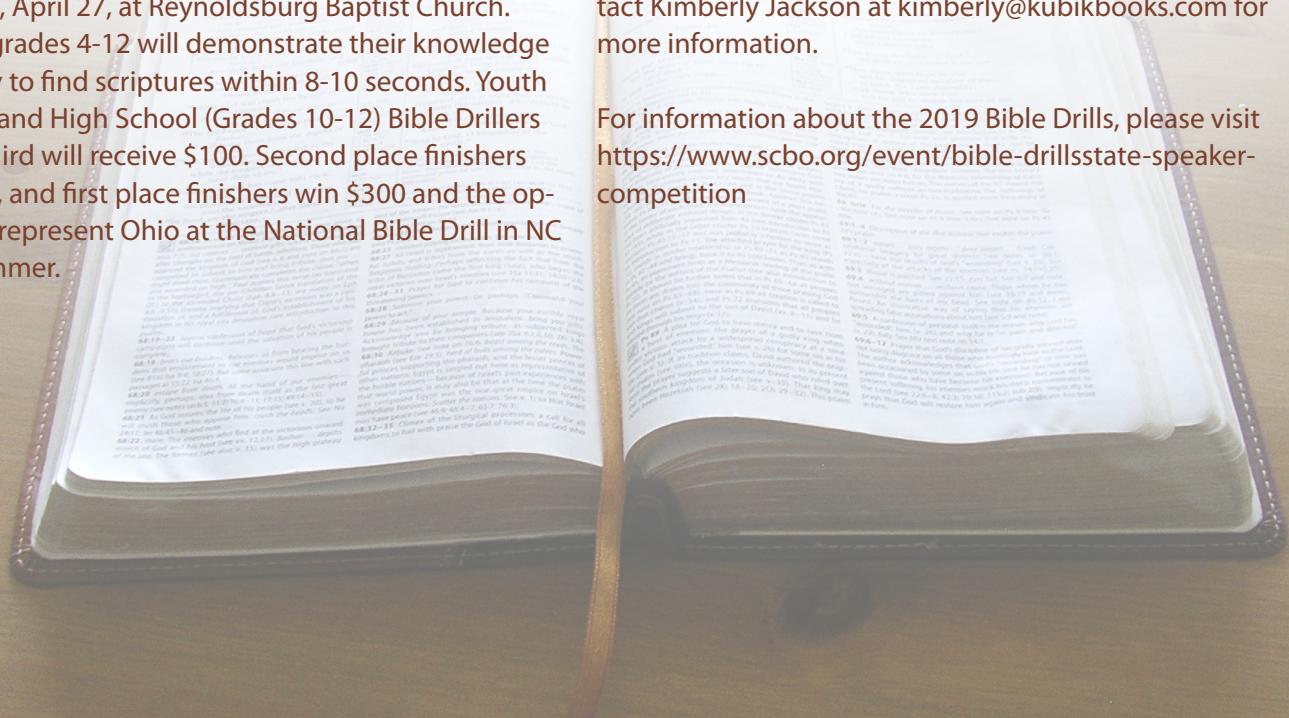
Twitter | @NatlPrayer

## State Bible Drills Coming April 27

Plan now to attend the State of Ohio Bible Drills Saturday morning, April 27, at Reynoldsburg Baptist Church. Students in grades 4-12 will demonstrate their knowledge of and ability to find scriptures within 8-10 seconds. Youth (Grades 7-9) and High School (Grades 10-12) Bible Drillers who finish third will receive \$100. Second place finishers receive \$200, and first place finishers win \$300 and the opportunity to represent Ohio at the National Bible Drill in NC later this summer.

If you'd like to start Bible Drill at your church, please contact Kimberly Jackson at [kimberly@kubikbooks.com](mailto:kimberly@kubikbooks.com) for more information.

For information about the 2019 Bible Drills, please visit <https://www.scbo.org/event/bible-drillsstate-speaker-competition>





By: Jimmy Lemon  
Crossing Community Church in South Point, Ohio

Every church leader who works with youth wants to see their students get serious about their faith and become leaders in their church, classroom, and communities. But, with all the options at our fingertips in this day and age, it can be hard to know which programs, resources, and experiences will help our youth grow closer to God and which ones will be just another thing we tried with our youth group that one time.

When I was a student pastor, it seemed like I was always trying to figure out the next thing that would

# JUNE 24-28

Join an intense week of Bible learning and leadership development. Super Summer is for potential leaders within your church that have completed grades 7-12th.

This event is designed for any sized church whether you have 1-100 students.

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Registrations April 16 through May 27, 2019 - \$275

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\$150 deposit after April 15.

1 adult family leader for every 1-7 students attending.

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# PLAN YOUR TRIP TO SUPER SUMMER!

help the best kids in our ministry to become all that they could be for God. I remember thinking that finding experiences to help our students become serious about their faith and be better leaders shouldn't be this difficult.

Since our church began taking students to Super Summer, though, things have drastically changed. We've seen our kids who have attended Super Summer step up to lead in amazing ways. At Super Summer, students are challenged to get serious about their faith and trained to become better spiritual leaders in

every aspect of their life. Just in our church, we've seen them lead worship, teach lessons, lead small groups, share their faith with their friends, and just generally be more plugged in as leaders in our church.

If you look at your ministry and see wasted potential, do yourself and your kids a favor and look into bringing a group of your students to Super Summer for an incredible week of Bible study, leadership training, and worship with other students and leaders throughout Ohio.

Visit the [www.scbo.org/super-summer](http://www.scbo.org/super-summer) for additional information.



## SPEAKER



**Thomas White**, president of Cedarville University. White has more than a decade of administrative, teaching, and research experience and combines strong leadership with a pastoral heart for ministry while standing for biblical truth.

## HEARTSONG



## WORSHIP TEAM

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



**Super Summer Ohio**



**supersummerohio**



## REACH Ohio Coaches Trained for Revitalize Bundle

Coaches from all over Ohio have now been trained to walk with you and your church as you utilize the Revitalize Bundle. The Revitalize Bundle is a new resource 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).

### 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.

### 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 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.

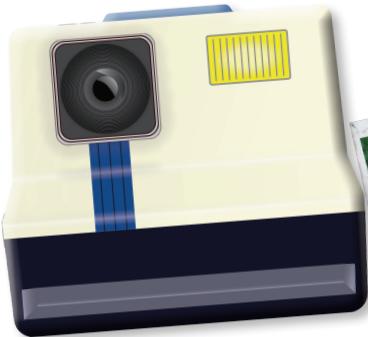
Revitalize Network believes we can empower churches to greater health—together. *"Revitalize Network launched with the focus of reviving hurting, declining, and dying churches. No church should struggle. If God can save any person, then He can save any church."*



*Thom Rainer*

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!

For more information go to this link: <https://www.scbo.org/article/revitalize-bundle-now-available-reach-ohio>



## Zoom In Focus on Jesus!

By: Anthony Smith

Minister of Education at FBC Maineville  
and the Leader of Director's & Pastor's on  
State VBS Team

When is the best time to plant a tree? Some may say, in the spring others may say in the fall, but to really enjoy a tree today, we needed to plant it 25 years ago. When is the next best time to plant a tree? Now! Many of you may not believe it but VBS is right around the corner. "YIKES! It's less than 6 months and I haven't even thought about what the theme is this year."

NEVER FEAR your state convention team is here! We are offering a FANTASTIC opportunity this year to get an overview of the material, even purchase the material, and fear not! We will even offer training for your people, by some of the best in our state.

We will be offering classes in all areas. First time director? We got that! Need help with missions? We got your back there, too! Worship, decorations; piece of cake! We will help you get focused on the goal and help you equip your

people. We can help you dig the hole to plant the tree to make a beautiful picture of a WILD and FUN Vacation Bible School.

Where is this amazing event? Dublin Baptist Church. When is it March 16th., How much is it? ONLY \$20 a person and that includes a meal, that's right you even get a meal.

For \$20 per person your whole VBS team will walk away prepared and excited for VBS this year.

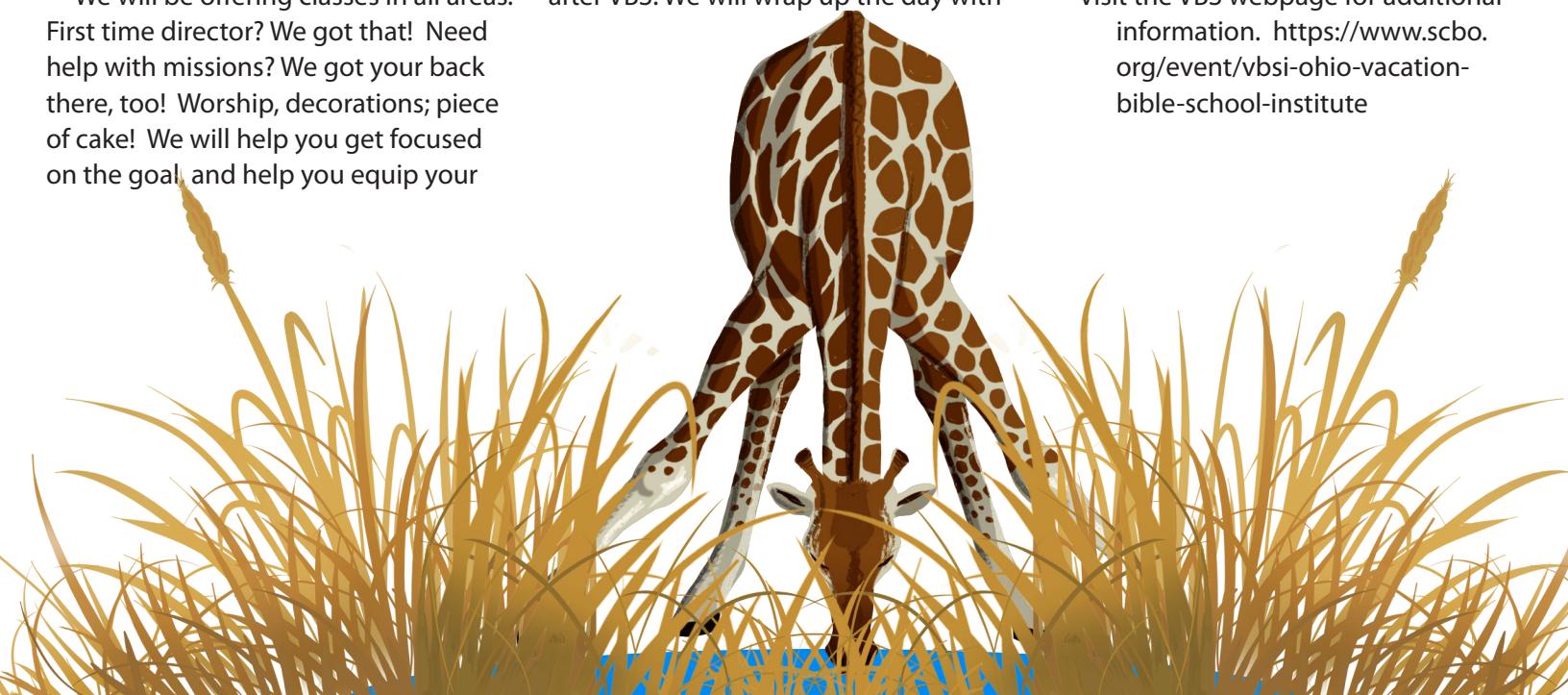
We will start the day off with Worship Rally, move into core training where each leader will be trained on their specific area they will be teaching this summer. All that learning will make you hungry and we have that covered too, lunch is provided! The afternoon is filled with elective breakouts where folks can pick topics that interest you, such as recruiting volunteers, engaging community and continuing the connection after VBS. We will wrap up the day with



a family night experience celebrating all we have learned and give away some great prizes. This is an event you and your team do not want to miss!

We had a great trip down to The Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Our state VBS team of 12 was trained along with about 300 others state team members in early January. They call us multipliers because those 300 people go back to their regions and end up training about 3,000 people who go back to their community and reach 30,000 people to show the love of Jesus through the ministry of VBS. So, plan now to bring YOUR team to VBSI and multiply YOUR efforts in reaching YOUR community with the good news of Jesus Christ. We can't wait to see all of you!

Visit the VBS webpage for additional information. <https://www.scbo.org/event/vbsi-ohio-vacation-bible-school-institute>





# VBS I VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

**March 16, 2019** 9am-4pm

Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin, Ohio



***Bring your team and get the training needed to make 2019 the best VBS for your community!***



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For more information contact  
Wendy Hammock: [wendy@scbo.org](mailto:wendy@scbo.org)

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*"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4*

## Breaking Barriers to Lead Transformation in the Local Church

**Friday, February 22**

**9 am–12 pm**

*Registration 8am–9am*

**Cuyahoga Valley Church**

5055 E. Wallings Road

Broadview Heights, Oh 44147

Every church leader longs to see transformation in the lives of their leaders and members. Yet, most are confronted with some personal obstacles that undermine fruitful prayer-ignited influence. This session will address eight barriers to transformation that every leader encounters, with practical tools for a fresh breakthrough in spiritual impact.

Open to pastors and church leaders.  
(No childcare provided.)

No cost: Please RSVP to [kklasa@cvconline.org](mailto:kklasa@cvconline.org)

[cvconline.org](http://cvconline.org) with the church, address, email, and headcount. Questions? Call CVC at (440) 746-0404

Daniel Henderson: As a senior pastor for over two decades, Daniel Henderson brought prayer-based revitalization to numerous churches. Now, as the President of Strategic Renewal, Daniel is dedicating his full-time efforts to help congregations across the country and world experience renewal. Daniel is sought after for his expertise in leading corporate prayer. He has authored numerous books on biblical leadership and prayer including, Old Paths, New Power and Transforming Prayer: How Everything Changes When You Seek God's Face.

Link for more information about the 6:4

Fellowship:

<https://www.scbo.org/article/64-fellowship-encouraging-and-equipping-pastors-vital-priorities>



– Daniel Henderson,  
6:4 National Director  
and President, Strategic Renewal



# 2019

# LISTENING TO LEADERS ENCOURAGEMENT TOUR

*Get to know our New SCBO President Ryan Strother*

## JOIN US IN 2019!

FEB 26TH CINCINNATI - CLOUGH PIKE BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 25 DAYTON- FBC KETTERING

APRIL 23 TOLEDO - FBC PERRYSBURG

MAY 21 CLEVELAND - MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 18 COLUMBUS - UNITED FAITH INTERNATIONAL

JULY 16 CAMBRIDGE - TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

11:30AM - 2PM

VISIT [SCBO.ORG](http://SCBO.ORG) FOR DETAILS



From the Desk of Pastor Ryan Strother  
President of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio  
(SCBO)

As your newly elected president, I would like to gather with as many of our ministry leaders as possible for you to hear the vision and progress of your Mission Council and to get your input as we cooperate together in our state convention. It will be a time for you to listen, speak, and be encouraged with fellowship and a stack of nice resources as we strengthen our partnership to see Jesus known in Ohio.

So, let's do lunch!



## Church Revitalization “What’s wrong with the term?”

Church revitalization has been around for a few years now, and many things have been written or spoken about it. Still, many do not like the term, “revitalization.” The definition of the word means “to give new life to; to give new vitality or vigor to.” However, many do not like this terminology when addressing the current status of their church.

Leaders on the subject say that church revitalization is a process by which a church is redirected toward a healthy and sustained purpose. It is also defined as a church that can return to life, return to vitality, or return to health.

There is a significant number of churches within our state that have plateaued or are declining. The size of the church doesn’t necessarily matter, but

what does matter, is whether or not the church is moving forward. Is there new life in the church? Are the leaders taking a serious look at their current condition?

Therefore, let’s call it what it is. If a church needs assistance moving forward or refocusing, then it’s “revitalization.” Ask these questions:

- When was the last time we had first time visitors return?
- What do your baptism numbers look like over the last five years?
- Have you started any new Sunday School classes or small groups?

You can see where I’m headed with this. If we are honest with ourselves, we all need a push now and then.

Reviving the church comes in several forms: “revitalization, replanting, restarting, relaunching, or reclaiming.” What is

important is that we need to be serving the Lord’s churches and assisting them to exalt Christ, proclaim the gospel to the lost, preserve the Word, and express God’s love to the community.

Remember the state convention is here to help. Don’t hesitate to call Steve Hopkins (614) 601-6820 or Dwayne Lee (614) 601-6824 for more information.

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**Overview**  
<https://vimeo.com/298897014>

**Individual stories**  
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- SESSION 1: The Next Leader  
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- SESSION 2: The Next Main Thing  
*Dan Smith*
- SESSION 3: Overcoming the Fear of Leadership  
*Ryan Strother*
- SESSION 4: What's Next  
Becoming Equipped Enough for Others to Follow  
*Gerald Saffo*
- SESSION 5: Special Interview on Leadership  
*Dr. Martina Moore*

# LEAD WELL

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

### REGISTRATION

\$15 Before Feb. 15th  
\$20 After Feb. 16th  
\$15 Group Discount (3 or More)  
Registration Includes  
Lunch on Saturday.  
[www.mtcalvaryofbedford.org](http://www.mtcalvaryofbedford.org)

### LOCATION

Mt. Calvary  
Baptist Church  
271 Center Rd.  
Bedford, OH 44146  
PH. 440-232-6702

### SERVICES

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

**Who Should Attend?** Church Planters, Pastors, Leaders, Managers and Entrepreneurs

# Family Camp



## Why Family Camp?

By: Jenny Risner

Wife to Pastor James Risner, Senior Pastor, Brantwood Baptist Church, GDAB  
Busy mother of four small children

Moms, let's get excited for Family Camp at Seneca Lake! Yes, it's true, packing for a trip exhausts most moms. Preparation for a 5-day trip can leave you wondering if it would have been easier to just stay home. Staying home means you don't have to deal with getting your kids back on schedule, either. Why should moms sign-up for Family Camp at Seneca Lake? It is worth it, let me assure you as a mom of four small children who has been to Family Camp the past two years, I have discovered that the benefits make the work worth it. Three things stand out: no cooking or cleaning, adult time, and kid enjoy-

ment.

All moms know that cooking and cleaning take up a huge chunk of time. A mom is always planning, shopping, prepping, cooking, cleaning and cleaning some more. But at Family Camp every meal is completely covered! Your kids will look forward to these many delicious meals that are filling and well-rounded. Not only are we served three delicious meals every day, but special snacks each evening! This is every mom's dream!

Now we all know that motherhood limits regular interaction with other adults. Sometimes this lack of adult time can lead to broken sentence patterns and constant loss of thought! Ha! Anyways, having fellow moms around who love Jesus is super encouraging. At Family Camp stellar moms are ev-

erywhere, ready to chat about everything under the sun.

Lastly, many moms have a hard time stopping to enjoy their kids with the constant check-list of family maintenance staring them in the face. The task list seems endless and you wonder when you will finally be able to stop and enjoy these beautiful gifts from God. Family Camp is one way to stop the endless checklist and play with your kids. If you are not comfortable playing with them, then you could start by just watching them play. Time is fleeting.

So, moms, do I have you convinced yet? Yummy meals, inspiring encouragement, and time standing still with your kids. I hope that you'll join us for a focused week of being built up together!

# 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](mailto:jeandifilippo@yahoo.com) for reservations and more information.

Reservations are going quickly, so don't hesitate!



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SMALL GROUP WORKSHOP

**SEPT 16TH-18TH, 2019**

VIOLET BAPTIST CHURCH

8345 Blacklick-Eastern Road NW, Pickerington, Ohio 43147

**SMALLGROUPNETWORK.COM/EVENTS**

## SUPER EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (NOW – March 27, 2019)

Individual Registration - \$99.00

Team of 2 (price per person) - \$89.00 Team of 3 or more (price per person) - \$79.00

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.

# *Southwest Regional Women's Spring Retreat*

**April 6, 2019, 8am-4pm**  
FBC Waynesville 1009 Lytle Road

*Step Up*



**Cost: \$20/\$25 after March 25th**

Register directly online at  
[www.GDAB.org/rsvp.php](http://www.GDAB.org/rsvp.php)  
or by calling (937) 233-3999

Please send completed forms and registration fees  
(once you register by phone or online) to:  
**Greater Dayton Association of Baptists  
2050 Brandt Pike, Dayton, OH 45404**

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*

# Harvest Force- Southern Baptist Churches

Cuyahoga Valley Church, Cleveland, Ohio

In 1998, a team from Cuyahoga Valley Church, Cleveland Ohio, led by Rick Duncan, senior pastor, visited IMB missionaries in Ghana serving at the Baptist Medical Center, Baptist Pastors Training School and Ghana Baptist Seminary. The team shared the gospel in villages through the Jesus film and conducted theological training. Through this the team returned to their church with a burden for the nation, and the Lord led them to adopt the Nzema people, an unreached people group with a population of 350,000 in southwestern Ghana.

In 2000, a team from CVC returned to Ghana and visited the land of the Nzema, showed the Jesus film and established a relationship with a Ghanaian Baptist pastor to plant churches. In January 2002, the pastor, Frank Archer, was appointed as a home missionary by the Ghana Baptist Convention, and CVC helped with his support.

When Rev. Archer began his work, there were only three Baptist churches among the Nzema. Today, there are over 50 Baptist churches and outreach groups ranging in size from five to 60. Hundreds have been baptized into this association of churches that was launched in 2009. CVC continues to work with Rev. Archer to train pastors,

church planters, and evangelists to see transformed disciples in healthy multiplying churches.

Because of CVC's dedication to training pastors among the Nzema, CVC and Teams to the Nations (based in Cleveland) have provided Theological Education by extension training to the border of Cote d'Ivoire and provided certificate level theological education. In May 2010, 13 Nzema leaders traveled to the Baptist Training Center in Tamale, Ghana to receive their Certificate of Theology awards. The training of indigenous leadership is vital for the continued growth of the gospel in the region. Sadly, the Ghana Baptist Convention now requires all pastors to be trained on-site at the seminary in Kumasi, thus limiting the number of pastors in training.

On top of the 50 churches, a new association, a program of theological education by extension and a well-drilling project, CVC continued to engage the Nzema by purchasing ten acres from an Nzema chief for a much-needed hospital. One of CVC's elders, Dr. Ron Cleveland, who ran the pathology lab at Metro Hospital in Cleveland, made numerous trips to Ghana to build the hospital and its ministry. CVC partnered with the Ghana Baptist Convention in

this effort and is further supporting the ministry of the hospital by sending large, multi-disciplined teams from Southwest Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, and Metro Hospital in Cleveland. CVC is continually seeking the leadership of the Lord and national partners in undertaking new initiatives.

In addition to engaging the Nzema of Ghana, CVC adopted a people group in Asia in 2013 and has engaged them since 2014. They first heard about this people group in a Desiring God Conference conducted by IMB. After a trip to this people group, CVC began working with IMB missionaries in the country. In 2017, they showed the love of Christ by staying with local families while providing earthquake relief alongside Baptist Global response. CVC staff, students and Nehemiah project personnel use Any3 to share their faith and lead others to Christ. Additionally CVC is partnering with the Seed Company to raise \$400,000 to provide a Bible in the language of this people group they've grown to love. At home, CVC educated members and is training 100% of their juniors and seniors to engage in International Missions.



# 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  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Saturday  
7:15 AM  
8:00 AM  
12:00 PM  
12:30 PM  
3:00 PM

Registration  
"Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"

Continental Breakfast Served  
Unit Training  
Lunch Provided by DR Food Service  
Evangelism Training  
Dismissed

## Shower Trailer

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



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

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

## Mud Out



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

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

## Child Care



## Core Values

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

## Our Mission

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

## Vision

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



## Chain Saw

Cut downed 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.

## Food Service

**Missions**  
Support + Mobilization



# "GOD IS BIGGER THAN THE WEATHER"

*Quote by: Reverend Ryan Martin, Appalachian Christmas Backpacks*

Our bags, cars and vans were packed. Ready to head to the Appalachian Mountains. We were all excited about the trip to Pineville, KY, where we would be staying at the Clear Creek Baptist Bible College as we distributed the Christmas Backpacks. That would be the start of a very long busy week for the workers from Ohio. Our target areas were schools in Bell county KY, Hancock County TN and Lee County VA.

The day before our departure the weather forecast for that part of the Appalachian region called for more than 12 inches of snow. Ryan Martin, the pastor/missionary that directed this ministry said,"God is bigger than the weather. It's in His hands". We began praying!!!

Part of our team left on Sunday. When they arrived at Clear Creek they found,"No snow, just rain!!!" Looking at the current weather map it was as

though we were looking at a horse-shoe and our area was in the middle of that horseshoe. The storm had been pushed further south from our location. Parts of Hancock county had snow and the roads were bad. Our schedule was changing daily, due to the weather conditions. The Lord used it to allow us to visit a nursing home, what a joy they were to visit. We prayed with them. We passed out backpacks and shared Jesus with a pre-school of about 50 children. This was not on our list of visits, but due to school closings for that day, we were able to visit. The children were adorable and so appreciative of the Christmas backpacks.

The entire state of OHIO collected 841 filled backpacks. This included 284 received from the West Central Baptist Association.

We distributed over 2100 Christmas

backpacks to 8 schools and 316 children made professions of faith in Jesus.

There are churches in West Central Baptist Association and in the state of Ohio who are already packing backpacks for Christmas, 2019.

April will be our Annie Armstrong Home Mission Emphasis. This will be our state emphasis also for the Christmas Backpacks. For after all, Christmas backpacks for Appalachia is a Home Mission Emphasis.

*Barbara De Lorme  
SCBO WMU Coordinator for the  
Appalachian Mountain Ministry Christmas Backpacks.*

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# Annual Church Profile



## Annual Church Profile Reporting

The Annual Church Profile is a quick and much needed system used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention to collect vital statistical and leadership information.

Churches and associations are asked to compile data each year on membership numbers, baptisms, worship, Sunday school attendance, and other key areas of ministry.

Information is power! The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio encourage you to consider completing your church's Annual Church Profile as an act of "informational stewardship," similar to the stewardship you demonstrate through tithes, missions offerings, and support through the Cooperative Program.

### WHY REPORT?

- Information gathered can be used to help churches measure their ministry directions and effectiveness.
- Information collected can be archived and not lost as the result of a church fire, flood, or property damage. This serves to assist in retaining and preserving church historical statistics.
- Assists our national SBC agencies in reporting accurate, important, and relevant information concerning church life.
- Determines the number of church messengers that can be duly and properly elected to participate and vote in state convention and national convention meetings.

If you've not done so already, would you please fill out your ACP and forward that information to your local association? If you want to send the most essential information that is needed (1 - church average worship attendance, 2 - how many baptisms, 3 - church average weekly bible study attendance, 4 - average VBS or kids sport camps attendance (if your church conducted either one), you can do so by emailing that information asap to [jackhelton@scbo.org](mailto:jackhelton@scbo.org)! Thanks in advance for your consideration concerning this vital information!

*Portions of this article were taken from an article that originally appeared in the Kentucky Baptist Convention state paper.*



Go to [www.whosyourone.com](http://www.whosyourone.com) and register to receive additional information and resources that will be available in mid February.

Click this link to hear JD's recent sermon on Who's Your One:  
[www.summitrdu.com/message/whos-your-one](http://www.summitrdu.com/message/whos-your-one)

You can also go to [www.gospelaboveall.com](http://www.gospelaboveall.com) for encouraging news about the SBC's emphasis on evangelism in 2019.

## Greear to launch 'Who's Your One?' with Associations

By: David Roach

This article is reprinted from Baptist Press posted Friday, January 04, 2019.

DURHAM, N.C. (BP) -- A Jan. 31 simulcast for associational leaders will help launch Southern Baptist Convention President J.D. Greear's "Who's Your One?" evangelistic initiative among the 1,000-plus associations within the Southern Baptist network.

"Who's Your One?" encourages every Southern Baptist to intentionally build a relationship with one person over the course of 2019, share the Gospel and invite that person to trust Christ as Lord and Savior.

"Associations have always served as a valuable partner in cooperation, mobilizing churches together," Greear, pastor of The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., told Baptist Press. "Our own local [Yates Baptist] Association, under the leadership of Marty Childers, provides a great structure for church revitalization, racial reconciliation and partnership evangelism in our city. It only seemed natural for every association in the country to work together."

Sponsored by the North American Mission Board and the Yates Association, the simulcast will begin at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time and feature Greear's introduction of "Who's Your One?" to

Yates Association pastors as they gather for a luncheon at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham. Other associations that sign up online will receive login information to broadcast the event live.

Following Greear's address, Johnny Hunt, NAMB's senior vice president of evangelism and leadership, will introduce a "Who's Your One?" evangelism kit being produced by NAMB for release in February. The kit is designed to help pastors lead a multi-week emphasis in their churches encouraging every member to become more focused and intentional about evangelism.

Hunt told BP, "The 'Who's Your One?' evangelism kit is going to be a huge help to pastors throughout our convention as they seek to mobilize their congregations for evangelism. Our associational leaders can play a key role in helping churches engage with this effort. We are grateful for their partnership and look forward to seeing how God is going to move as thousands of Southern Baptists become focused on sharing their faith."

The simulcast also will feature a question-and-answer session with Greear, Hunt and Yates Association pastors.

Ray Gentry, executive director of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders, has encouraged associations around the SBC to host their own pastors' luncheons during the simulcast

or show the event video, which will be archived, to pastors at a later gathering.

"The event is an opportunity for Pastor Greear to speak directly to our associations, recognizing the critical role associations play in equipping our churches for ministry," Gentry wrote in a Dec. 20 email to associational leaders. "...Can you imagine the impact if every church in our associations were filled with people asking God each day to allow them to lead one person to Christ this year?"

Childers, missional strategist for the Yates Association, called the simulcast "a great example of Baptist collaboration."

"We are just thrilled about hosting the event," Childers told BP, "because we do get to hear from our SBC president and hear his vision. I think that will go a long way. I know J.D. has a heart for Baptist churches and Baptist associations."

Additional information about the simulcast is forthcoming on the SBCAL website ([www.sbcassociations.org](http://www.sbcassociations.org)) and SBCAL social media channels.

*David Roach is chief national correspondent for Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's news service. BP reports on missions, ministry and witness advanced through the Cooperative Program and on news related to Southern Baptists' concerns nationally and globally.*



## NEW EVANGELISM PODCASTS

Johnny Hunt, newly appointed and elected VP of Evangelism and Leadership at the North American Mission Board has recently began a series of podcasts on the subject of evangelism. To view and hear the most recent episodes go to [www.namb.net/evangelism](http://www.namb.net/evangelism).



### BE GOD'S HELPING HANDS

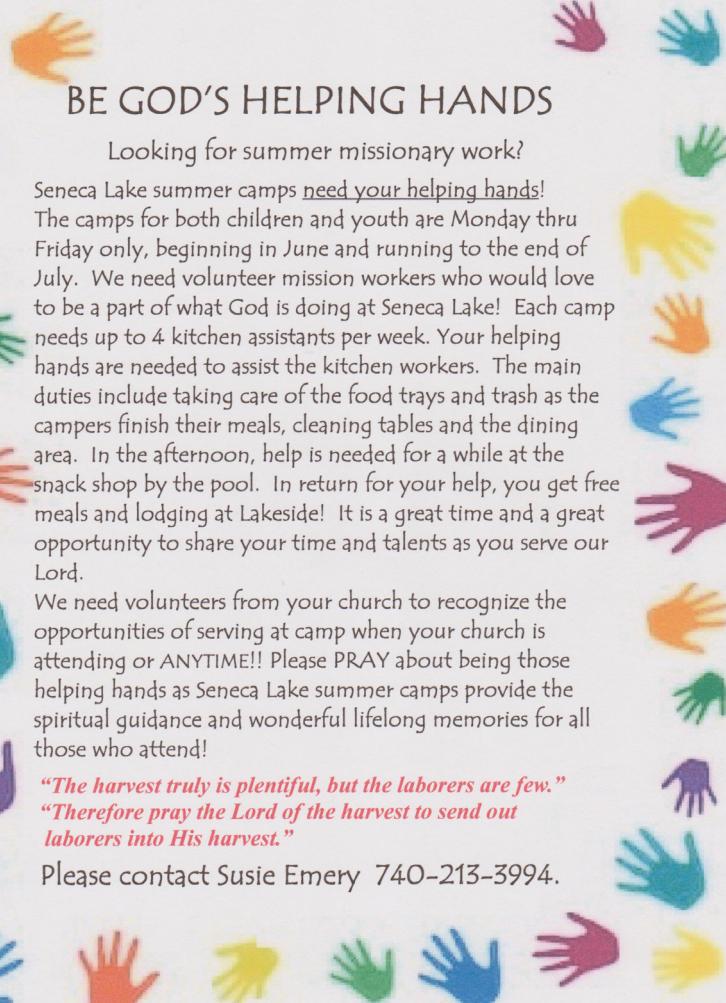
Looking for summer missionary work?

Seneca Lake summer camps need your helping hands! The camps for both children and youth are Monday thru Friday only, beginning in June and running to the end of July. We need volunteer mission workers who would love to be a part of what God is doing at Seneca Lake! Each camp needs up to 4 kitchen assistants per week. Your helping hands are needed to assist the kitchen workers. The main duties include taking care of the food trays and trash as the campers finish their meals, cleaning tables and the dining area. In the afternoon, help is needed for a while at the snack shop by the pool. In return for your help, you get free meals and lodging at Lakeside! It is a great time and a great opportunity to share your time and talents as you serve our Lord.

We need volunteers from your church to recognize the opportunities of serving at camp when your church is attending or ANYTIME!! Please PRAY about being those helping hands as Seneca Lake summer camps provide the spiritual guidance and wonderful lifelong memories for all those who attend!

*"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."  
"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

Please contact Susie Emery 740-213-3994.



## NO PLACE LEFT



Clough Pike Baptist had about 35 attend the Missions Briefing after church services. Josh Carter serves as pastor. Sunil Prasad, our NAMB church planter, spoke about working among South Asians in Sharonville and Mason. He also talked about Willowbrook missions locally and a trip to Boston helping Suresh Kumar Sammangi. The training is set for Feb. 22-23 with "No Place Left" being the core approach to evangelism and missions. For a snowy cold Sunday, it was a great start to "Glocal" Missions for 2019. It's my joy to serve as Clough Pike's Mission Team Leader.

# 2019 Big Invite Easter Campaign: One Day Can Change Everything!

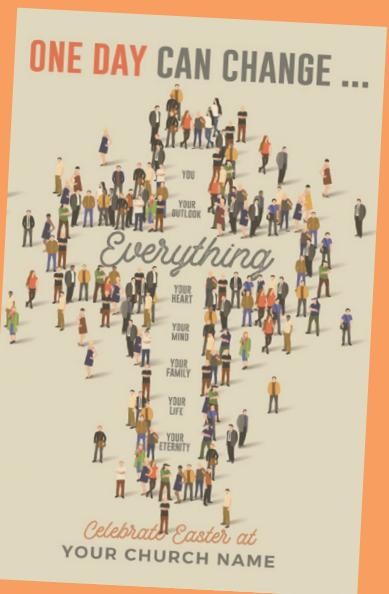
Each year at Easter thousands upon thousands of people embark on a journey to a nearby church to hear the story about a man named Jesus. It's a story of hurt, hope, recovery, and redemption! In reality, it's the greatest story ever told!

The Evangelism Resource Group would like to assist you in telling that story by introducing you to the 2019 Easter Big Invite Campaign! ONE DAY CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING is a simple, biblical, and practical ministry initiative intended to assist local churches in conveying the story of Jesus.

In 2018 more than 125 SCBO churches participated in the Big Invite Easter Campaign and more than 500,000 pieces of promotional material were distributed encouraging people to attend a local SBC church and hear the wonderful news of Jesus. The initial outcome saw many churches have an increase in attendance, more personal community connec-

tions, and most importantly salvations that resulted in life change and public baptisms!

I want to encourage you to consider participating in the 2019 ONE DAY CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING Big Invite Easter campaign. Look for additional information and resources by visiting [www.scbo.org/easter](http://www.scbo.org/easter) beginning February 15th. Questions? Contact me at [jhelton@scbo.org](mailto:jhelton@scbo.org) or 614-309-9738.



## CHURCH LOANS THAT CHANGE LIVES.

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### GET STARTED AT:

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[scbo.org/foundation](http://scbo.org/foundation)



Three years ago, our church refinanced our mortgage with WatersEdge Advisors. When we began looking for a new lender after our conventional bank significantly increased the rate of our mortgage, we did not know what our small, suburban church would find. However, God provided a great blessing with WatersEdge! The rates and terms are significantly improved over our previous lender. Their professional service is phenomenal. Perhaps best of all, we know that our mortgage is used by WatersEdge to build churches, strengthen Christian ministries, and spread the Gospel, as they reinvest every penny of loan interest back into Kingdom causes. I was so excited to recently learn that WatersEdge is partnering with the Ohio Baptist Foundation to service loans in our state. Our church wholeheartedly recommends WatersEdge! - Pastor Drew Carroll, Cornerstone Church of Aurora, Ohio



# Help Needed



Southside Baptist Church of Columbus Ohio is seeking a worship leader who desires to bring God's people into God's presence in worshiping Him. Do you love Jesus? Then we seek someone like you who is well rounded in all types of music. Southern gospel, bluegrass, hymns, contemporary and praise and worship alike. We are in the position of transitioning from an all hymnal type of service to a broader approach to accommodate the needs of a contemporary world without losing the heart for Him in worship. If you are called to the worship ministry with the gifts of musical talent that may include guitar, keyboard or piano, please give us a call. This is a part time position that includes two services on Sunday and an occasional Wednesday. We offer a monthly salary. Visit us at 1621 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43207, email us at [southsidebaptistcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:southsidebaptistcolumbus@gmail.com), or phone 614-444-3539. Ask for Carolyn or Pastor Bill.

## Growth...mobile classroom need

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio has been blessed with a large number of souls coming to Christ in 2018. The church was forced to expand into the youth area to accommodate the new growth. At this time, the Church is financially unable to expand the physical building for the youth ministry. Mount Pleasant Baptist is in need of a mobile classroom for the youth ministry and children's church. The church is appealing to any church in Ohio that may have a mobile classroom that is not being used. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is asking to use, borrow or purchase a mobile classroom.

Dwayne Simmons is pastor; James Edwards is the contact person and can be reached at 440-263-6532 or email [jamedw1949@gmail.com](mailto:jamedw1949@gmail.com)



# March 12, 2019

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

# NPSO

New Pastor & Staff Orientation

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 through SCBO. There is no registration fee; however, advance registration is necessary. 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](mailto:lsnodgrass@scbo.org) or 614-601-6876, for more information.

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# PRESS FORWARD MARK

This month, we celebrate Valentine's Day. Historians bemoan the lack of accuracy concerning the origin of Valentine's Day. They do agree upon its rise to popularity during the 19th Century in England and its migration to the United States. Many of us remember sharing valentines with all of our class mates during elementary school. Despite its questioned origin and its recent commercialization, Valentine's Day does provide an opportunity to express and promote godly affection and love. "Be My Valentine" notes around Valentine's Day February 14.

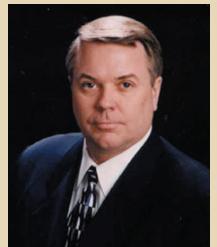
A long time before the origin of Valentine's Day, God expressed His love to all of us. John 3:16 captures His valentine greeting "For God so loved the world, that He gave His

only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" to us. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," declares Romans 3:23. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," declares Romans 6:23. This is the greatest gift of love.

Mission Ohio is the cooperative effort of Southern Baptists to proclaim the love of God to the lost of Ohio, North America, and the world. In Ohio, Southern Baptists are seeking to lead at least 1,000,000 people to accept the love of God in Christ Jesus by the end of 2020. This 2020 vision requires 2,020 congregations. The Mission Ohio 2020 vision is the missional plan of Ohio Southern

Baptists to obey the Great Commission.

The Great Commission includes Ohio and extends to the whole world. Southern Baptists support this worldwide missionary endeavor through the Cooperative Mission Program. Through our worldwide witness, we are obeying the Great Commission and sending God's valentine to the whole world. Let us 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.*

## How to submit Church News

Send all church news and information to Linnett Snodgrass at [lsnodgrass@scbo.org](mailto:lsnodgrass@scbo.org)

# Attention Church Planters!

Church Planters and Wives who are within the first four years of their plant are invited to the Church Planters Forum being held on May 9&10, 2019 at Dublin Baptist Church, 7195 Coffman Road.

This is the 9th year for this event. Every year planters and their wives leave feeling renewed and re-energized. They go back home with some great new ideas, too! We will begin at 10AM on Thursday, the 9th concluding in the early afternoon on Friday, the 10th. We also offer an extra night's lodging on Friday to planters and wives who wish to extend their little getaway!

There is no charge for this event; food and lodging will be paid for with Cooperative Program funds. For more information or to register, contact Charlotte Barbo at [cbarbo@scbo.org](mailto:cbarbo@scbo.org) by April 9th. Associational Missionaries/Church Planter Catalysts/Send City Missionaries are also invited.

## Church Planters Forum May 9&10, 2019 Dublin Baptist Church

**FREE EVENT FOR CHURCH PLANTERS!!!**

A great opportunity for

