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ANNUAL CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2019



Ronnie Floyd

New President and CEO of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee



Dr. Adam Greenway

President, Southwestern Seminary

Jack Kwok, Ph. D.

Executive Director-Treasurer, SCBO

Ryan Strother

President, SCBO

Stephen Owens

President, Ohio African American Fellowship



Worship with Roy Cotton, Sr.

Director of African American Ministries for the General Convention of Texas

Annual Celebration Women's Luncheon

Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 12 PM

Cathy Pound - Featured Speaker

Jody Jones & Lillian Keenan - Worship Leaders

\$5.00 Per Person, open to all ladies!

Register at scbo.org

New Church Celebration Banquet

You are invited to celebrate with us during the dinner break on Monday, November 4, 2019 at the State Convention Annual Celebration being held at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Fairfield. This will be a time of celebrating what God is doing in church planting throughout Ohio. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Seating is limited, please register online at scbo.org

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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November 15-16	DR Training

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NOVEMBER 4-5, 2019

Rolling Hills Baptist Church

5742 Pleasant Ave
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

MONDAY AFTERNOON

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Presiding: President Ryan Strother
Worship Leader: Roy Cotton, Sr.

Congregational Music:

Welcome and Prayer: Danny Rollins, Pastor Rolling Hills Baptist Church

Call to Order: Ryan Strother

Introduction of Officers: Ryan Strother

Committee Appointments: Ryan Strother

Credentials Committee Report: Chair

Seating of Messengers: Faye Rodgers

Statement from Resolutions Committee: Chair

(Resolutions are to be submitted before the end of the Monday Afternoon session)

Program Committee Report: Chair

Recognitions

New Church Staff: Jack Kwok

Retirees: Bill Wellman and Linnett Snodgrass

Mission Ohio Executive Director Address: Jack Kwok

Election of Officers: 1

Resolutions Committee Report: 1

Mission Ohio Council Report

1. 2018-19 Mission Council Actions: Faye Rodgers

2. 2019-20 Budget Presentation: Mark Wilson

Reach Ohio

Church Planting: Bruce Smith

Bible Teaching/Leadership: Steve Hopkins & Dwayne Lee

Evangelism: Jack Helton and Tim Binns

Mission Support and Ministries: Duane Floro

Woman's Missionary Union: Jean DiFilippo

Seneca Lake: Scott Seder

Election of Officers: 2

Worship Music

Annual Sermon: Stephen Owens, Pastor Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford Heights

On Our Knees Invitation

Prayer

MONDAY EVENING

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Presiding: President Ryan Strother
Worship Leader: Roy Cotton, Sr.

Congregational Music

Call to Order: Ryan Strother

Prayer

National Entities Reports: 1

North American Mission Board

International Mission Board

Worship Music and Mass Choir

Message: Adam Greenway, President Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

On Our Knees Invitation

Prayer

TUESDAY MORNING

Equip. Engage. Encourage. Enhance

Presiding: President Ryan Strother
Worship Leader: Roy Cotton, Sr.

Congregational Music

Call to Order: Ryan Strother

Prayer

Election of Officers: 3

Business Session

1. Nominating Committee Report

2. Time and Preacher Committee

3. Resolutions Committee Report: 2

4. Other Items

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Guidestone: Kyle Wheeler

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: Mike Wilson

LifeWay: P. K. Spratt

Seminaries: Adam Greenway

Stowe Award: Steve Hopkins

Election of Officers: 4

Ohio Baptist Foundation Report: Jack Helton

Worship Music

Presidents Address: Ryan Strother, Pastor Central Baptist Church in Marion

Installation of Officers

Worship Music

SBC Executive Committee Report: Ronnie Floyd, President SBC

Executive Committee

On Our Knees Invitation

Close of the Annual Celebration: Ryan Strother

Prayer

Cooperative Program Luncheon Slated to Follow the SCBO Annual Celebration

Leaders of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary are hosting a Cooperative Program Luncheon on Tuesday, November 5, at Rolling Hills Baptist Church. The luncheon is for all who attend the Annual Celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and will follow immediately after the conclusion of the Tuesday morning session. Featured guests for the luncheon will be Dr. Ronnie Floyd, new president of the SBC Executive Committee, and Dr. Adam Greenway, new president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Chad Keck, pastor of First Baptist Church Kettering will lead a panel discussion with Floyd and Greenway.

There is no fee for the luncheon, but registration is required. Space is limited to the first 200 who register. Attendees may register at scbo.org.

Cedarville University and the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio present

Worship 4:24 Conference

January 24–25, 2020 | worship424.com



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH



NEW Areas of Concentration on Friday

Featuring Travis Cottrell



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH

Mark your calendar now!

Plan to attend the Worship 4:24 Conference at Cedarville University on January 24–25, 2020. 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 new areas of concentration on Friday afternoon, the worship concert on Friday evening and over 80 breakouts on Saturday.



Meet Travis Cottrell

Travis Cottrell serves as Worship Pastor at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. For the last 18 years, he has also served as worship leader for Beth Moore's Living Proof Live conferences, where he has been able to minister in all 50 states and in several other countries.

His ministry is fueled by his desire to see this generation of the body of Christ come together in worship, and he longs for people to know, love, and worship the Maker and Lover of their souls. That's his passion, and ministering to God's people is his great privilege. He and his wife, Angela, have been married for 22 years and have three children.

Cost

Super Early Bird registration

09/01–10/31: \$40/person, \$20/student*

Early Bird registration

11/1–12/20: \$50/person, \$20/student*

Regular registration

12/21–01/16: \$59.95/person, \$30/student*

Day of registration

01/24–25: \$75/person, \$40/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 16, 2020.

Fees are nonrefundable after this deadline.



WORSHIP 4:24
SPIRIT + TRUTH



Speaking from I Corinthians 15:58, Kristy Carr, senior hub manager at National Woman's Missionary Union, told retreat participants, "If we truly believe the gospel, we will live it and we will tell it." (WMU photo by Pam Henderson)

Ohio Baptist Women's Retreat and Missions Celebration invites Women to Pursue a Deeper Relationship with God

By Trennis Henderson, WMU National Correspondent

SENECAVILLE, OHIO—Meshing the impact of Woman's Missionary Union and women's ministries, more than 110 women from across Ohio gathered Sept. 6-7 for the Ohio Baptist Women's Fall Retreat and Missions Celebration. The retreat, held at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly, explored the WMU theme, "Unshakable Pursuit: Chasing the God Who Chases Us." Keynote speaker Kristy Carr, senior hub manager at National WMU, challenged participants to "stand firm" in their faith. In a pair of messages highlighting I Corinthians 15:58, Carr urged participants to give themselves fully to the work of the Lord, "knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." "If we truly believe the gospel, we will live it and we will tell it," she declared. "We are very relational people. For

us to know people, we really have to know our Father" through such disciplines as prayer, Bible study, worship and ministry to one's neighbors. "Isn't it exciting to know that God is chasing us?" Carr asked. "We can know Him more and we can make Him known. ... That's what it's about – one soul at a time." On a practical ministry level, the weekend included such activities as an early morning prayer walk and an offering for the Joan White Scholarship Fund to help finance women and girls going on first-time mission trips. Participants also collected practical and personal gift items for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry and designed notecards to send to missionaries. The women had the opportunity to choose among several breakout sessions ranging from how to minister to victims of human trafficking and

reports of recent mission trips to Kenya and Nicaragua to a ministry wives' tea and ways to grow in one's personal faith. Jean DiFilippo, who was re-elected as Ohio WMU President, said, "One of my goals as president is to bridge together women's ministry and WMU. We're all serving the same God. We need to all be working together with missions, of course, being one of our central focuses but also building each other up in Christ. "Events like this are so important to help us grow," said DiFilippo, a member of First Baptist Church of Athens, Ohio. She also cited the significance of "just being with other sisters in Christ and sharing together our stories and worshipping together." The women also enjoyed lighter moments of fellowship throughout the weekend, including a bonfire, movie



Ohio WMU President Jean DiFilippo recognized ministry wives during the weekend retreat. DiFilippo also hosted a tea for ministry wives as part of the event. (WMU photo by Pam Henderson)

night and even spontaneously breaking into the "OH-IO" cheer. "It's a joy to see the women here really getting something out of it and just being happy to be here," DiFilippo pointed out. "When you think of missions, it's easy to focus on international," she said, "but there are so many ways people can be serving the Lord right in their own community.

"So many of us need to be doing that more than we are," DiFilippo acknowledged, adding that the retreat is designed "to help the women understand that and to help equip them for it." Cathy Pound, Ohio WMU Executive Director, emphasized that "the No. 1 thing we hope the women take away is a deeper personal relationship with the Lord."

"We also would hope that this would be a time, especially for women who are so busy with many responsibilities, to be able to hear His voice in a new way or in a specific way that speaks to the situation that they're in right now."

The annual retreat helps women from across the state to affirm that "we are sisters together," Pound concluded. "What God is doing is not only impacting our churches, our communities; it's impacting Ohio."



Retreat participants join in worship led by Emily Fisher (left) and Emily Hurt. (WMU photo by Pam Henderson)



Retreat participants designed notecards to send to missionaries as one of the retreat's early bird activities. (WMU photo by Pam Henderson)



A scenic sunrise on Vesper Hill at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly, site of the 2019 Ohio Baptist Women's Fall Retreat and Missions Celebration held Sept. 6-7. (WMU photo by Pam Henderson)

Life Changing VBS

By: Susie Richter, VBS Director
First Baptist Church Waynesville

VBS means so much to me because it may be the only chance a child has to hear about Jesus. Sometimes we don't see the results of what God will do in their life, but we have planted a seed. Children always remember their time at VBS, and even I remember the times I went to VBS as a child. I remember realizing that the stories the teachers told were not just stories, but happened in real life. We have many unchurched kids that attend, so for their lives to be impacted by God.

I begin talking about VBS in November. Taking our volunteers to VBS training in March helps get them excited and familiar with the theme. I take a group of 15 to 20 which includes our pastoral staff, ministry leaders, teachers, and helpers. From the time we get back from the Director's Preview to the start of VBS in July, I ask people to pray every day for VBS.

Over the past 5 years we have gone from 45 kids in atten-

dance at VBS to 197 attending this year and over 50 volunteers helping each night. Several kids have asked Jesus into their heart and gotten baptized as a result of VBS. I have been blessed with great volunteers that truly enjoy spending time with the kids. We look forward every year to this fun, tiring, hectic, and blessed week to spend time with the children in our community. Our hope is that they will take what they have learned and that their lives would be changed forever by what they have learned in VBS.



Just when you thought you were finished with VBS this year, Think again! It's time to put your hard hat on and get back to work! Need help knowing how to get started with VBS? This Director Preview is for you!

This event is one you will not want to miss.

Only \$10 Per Person

Each church registered by October 9 will receive a FREE VBS 2020 Directors Kit at the Preview. A \$35.99 value!



Special Guest

Rhonda VanCleave

Publishing Team Leader | LifeWay VBS



VBS DIRECTOR PREVIEW

NOV 9, 2019 9AM-1PM
Highland Baptist Church, Grove City

The North American Mission Board has released a new awesome product THE BEST NEWS KIT!

This is an evangelism resource developed by James Merritt, that has taken two years to produce, and it is fantastic!

The Kit Includes:

- A multi-week small group curriculum with videos from James Merritt
- Sermon suggestions and videos
- A new witnessing tool and tract
- Leader's guide
- Participant guide
- Thumb drive with all the digital assets a church needs to carry out the campaign

To request a free copy of the kit, email Jack Helton at jackhelton@scbo.org. Supplies are limited.

In addition, don't forget about familiarizing yourself with two valuable evangelism websites that offer great resources, insights, and strategies:
www.whosyourone.com www.namb.net/evangelism



Evangelism Training
by James Merritt

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RETURN TO ME

A SPIRITUAL PROCESS FOR CHURCH REVITALIZATION WITH CLAUDE KING

"A revived church is the only hope for a lost world." — Andrew Murray

Claude King writes: *"Plateaued, declining, and lukewarm churches need a spiritual revitalization, not just a cosmetic fix. Examine a new tool and biblical process to guide your church to hear and respond to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Help your church Love God, Love Others, Surrender All, Be Transformed, Join God's Mission, and Glorify God as they return to Him. He's given an invitation and made a promise:*

"Return to Me, and I will Return to you," says the Lord of Armies." (Malachi 3:7).

Claude King will be sharing Monday, October 7, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Violet Baptist Church

(8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd NW, Pickerington 43147). The \$10 registration fee will cover lunch and a copy of his newest book **Return to Me: God's Invitation and Promise to His Church** (if it is available, it is still in the editing phase).





Ohio Leaders Unite in Prayer for *March for Jesus 2020*

At the initiative of Gary Frost (Associational Leader for Steel Valley Association), SCBO and the Ohio Network Resource (Assembly of God) launched a prayer initiative this summer in preparation for March for Jesus 2020 (themarchforjesus.org).

Why? —“For the sake of the gospel” The desire for a movement is bigger than our tribe, it is God-sized. The Assembly of God is another of several kingdom partners who have come to the place of “holy desperation” for revival in Ohio and beyond. Our Mission Council has endorsed March for Jesus 2020, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2020.

The vision for March for Jesus 2020 is to see churches united in public worship of the Lord Jesus Christ and Christians working together to impact the city with praise, prayer, and procla-

mation. Frost writes: “Lavishing love on Jesus is our agenda. The March creates an atmosphere for evangelism, prayer efforts, and reconciliation because Jesus is the primary focus.” The 2020 national theme is Jesus Christ is Lord! based on Philippians 2:11.

- The March for Jesus 2020 is not a protest. We will declare who we are for, not what we are against.
- The March for Jesus 2020 is not issue-oriented. Jesus is the focus; He is center-stage; issues are for another day.
- The March for Jesus 2020 is not personality-driven. His name is above all names!

Gary Frost reminded the group the “you” in John 15 is plural... “ya’ll.” The pronouns in Ephesians 6:10-20 are all also plural. The spiritual battle is always John 15 before Ephesians 6; abiding

is the battle; prayer is the weapon of choice for spiritual warfare. We must pray together, “ya’ll!” It is good to lock shields together against the enemy of our soul. Without compromising our distinctives, we can co-labor together in prayer for the sake of the gospel.

The next prayer gathering will be Thursday, October 17, 9:00 am-11:00 am We are looking for pastors and prayer leaders to join us October 17. We desire to expand the prayer network in preparation for March for Jesus 2020. We are also looking for leaders to champion the March in their city. Prayerfully consider embracing the initiative to lift the name of Jesus in your city.

For more information or to register your city for the March for Jesus 2020 go to themarchforjesus.org or contact Gary Frost, National Director (gary@missionamerica.org or 917.817.6287)





MARCH FOR JESUS

MAY 30, 2020

The LUKE 10:2 PRAYER CHALLENGE

The **Luke 10:2 Prayer Challenge** is a call for intercessors to pray daily that the Spirit of God will "compel" men and women in cities across America to **Plan, Organize and Mobilize a March For Jesus** in their cities, towns and villages in May of 2020.

As He prepared the 72 disciples to go into the cities of Judea and proclaim the kingdom of God, Jesus challenged them in **LUKE 10:2** saying *"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest"*

When Jesus challenged His disciples to pray that God would raise up workers for city harvest He used the word "Send". This is a rich word in the original language and it means more than simply "request or invite them to go". This word means "to compel, to thrust forth or even to cast out". In essence Jesus was saying to His disciples *"Pray that the Spirit of God will create a compassion for others in the hearts of people that will force them to leave their complacency and get busy in the work of advancing the kingdom of God in the city harvest field"* (see Matthew 9:35-37)

Do you accept the Challenge? Here are 5 things you need to Do:

- Ask God to burden your heart with great compassion for your own city or for some specific city that it may experience a move of God in awakening and revival.
- **Set the alarm on your cell phone, watch or clock to 10:02 am or 10:02 pm daily.**
- When the alarm sounds, or shortly thereafter, take a moment to pray three particular things for the city of your choice:
 1. That **Laborers** would be Multiplied there.
 2. That **Churches** would be Unified there.
 3. That **Jesus Christ** would be Glorified there.
- Commit to *March For Jesus* in your city and encourage others in your sphere of influence to publicly celebrate Jesus Christ with you.
- After one week, one month, or any time period you deem appropriate, ask God for another city and continue the Prayer Challenge.

Of course, even if you do not feel led to pray in the context of *March For Jesus*, please use this prayer strategy to pray for the cities, towns and villages of our nation, that workers will be "thrust" into these ripe harvest fields and lives will be transformed to the glory of Christ.



Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide Available Now!

The *Final Command* (Matthew 28:19-20) was for followers of Jesus to be on mission with Him. To be on mission is a declaration of war. Spiritual warfare requires spiritual weapons. Prayer is the best measure of our dependence on Him. Prayerlessness is our declaration of independence.

"We cannot know what prayer is for until we know that life is war. Life is war. That's not all it is. But it is certainly that. Our weakness in prayer is owing largely to our neglect of this truth." — John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*, p. 41

The **PrayOhio!** initiative has available for you the **Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide**. The guide is to help the church pray together, in concert, for the church. The guide is designed with daily scriptures and prayer prompts to guide each member seven days a week for 40 days. Then the body gathers weekly to pray together, spending time together seeking His face and His grace for His church.

Chuck Lawless writes, *"It isn't hard to measure to what degree we are trying to lead in our own strength. Just pay attention to what point in the process your prayers become desperate."*

We must not fail to pray together. In Acts, the early church gathered 26 times in 28 chapters to pray *together*; their story was one of prayerful dependence, and it must be ours too. The great prayer encouragements in Scripture are full of plural pronouns — John 15 we are to abide *together* and Ephesians 6

we fight the spiritual battle *together*.

"The greatest workings of God come by corporate prayer; and we will not see the power of God in sufficient measure to transform the world around us until we pray together. As a leader, you must make praying together on the same priority level as preaching/teaching." — John Franklin, *And the Place Was Shaken*, p. 4

The **Praying with Jesus: 40-Day Prayer Guide** is available in print and pdf formats. To access copies for your church please visit: scbo.org/content/40-day-prayer-guide There you can order print copies. Your Cooperative Program giving covers the cost. You can also download the pdf. Also, **pastors, there is a companion sermon series guide to go along with the 40-Day Prayer Guide!** Seven sermon outlines by Jamie Work, the author of the prayer guide available in pdf. You can provide a church-wide prayer emphasis, resources provided by CP giving!

"By New Testament measurements, we are anemic and shallow. We certainly are distracted. Could it be that we are powerless at the very moment when our society needs to experience the reality of faith that rests on the power of God and not the wisdom of men (1 Corinthians 2:5)?"

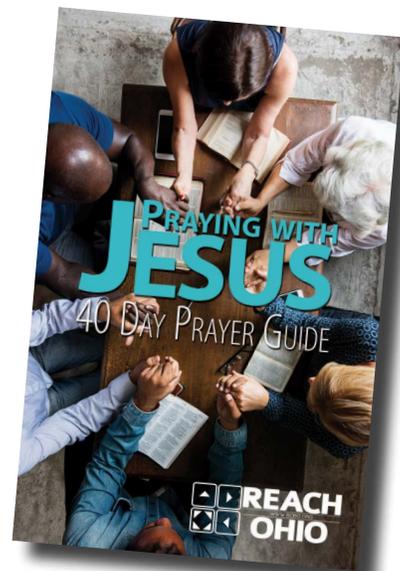
— Daniel Henderson, *Old Paths, New Power*, p. 36

"Rather than a religiously tame ritual, prayer is actually the most important and strategic work of kingdom advancement. It might be the least tame thing we ever do!" — Gary Mayes, *DNA of a*

Revolution, p.189

"Prayer is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do."
— Mark Batterson, *Whisper*, p. 18)

"Pastors and churches have to get uncomfortable enough to say, 'We are not New Testament Christians if we don't have a prayer life: This conviction makes us squirm a little, but how else will there be a breakthrough with God.'" — Ed Stetzer and Thom Rainer, Transformational Church, p. 135



Pray Ohio





Can You Go to Family Week Even if You Don't Have Kids?

By: Victoria O'Brien

Can you go to Family Week even if you don't have kids? Yes! I attended Family Week at Seneca Lake for the first time in 2017 with my husband, Daniel, and his extended family. Though we don't have any kids of our own, we have 23 (you heard that right!) nieces and nephews. Many of our family members live in different states, so we don't get a lot of chances to get together. Family Week has been our opportunity to have a family reunion. I have been able to spend time playing mini golf, hiking, and goofing around with my nieces and nephews, hopefully cementing my title as Best

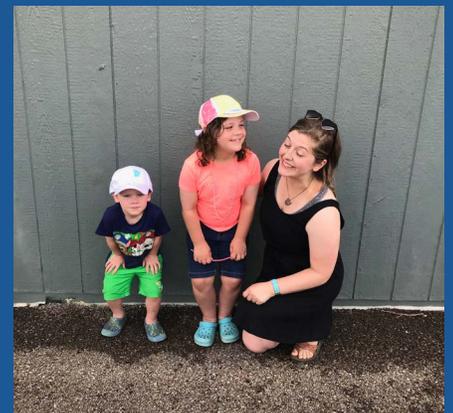
Aunt Ever. I have also been able to meet and make new friends at Seneca Lake that I look forward to seeing every year.

Not only do I get to spend time with my extended family, but Family Week is a great time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful camp as well as grow and connect spiritually through the Vespers and Chapel services. That is what makes Family Week different than any other family vacation, and what makes it special to me.

Another great thing about Family Week is that my birthday usually falls during that week! For the last three years, I have been blessed to celebrate

another year of life surrounded by family and friends—it's like a built-in party! One year, my nieces and nephews all decorated a birthday t-shirt for me and I got to wear it all day. Every time I wear it now, I am reminded of all our Family Week memories. I have already begun looking forward to spending my birthday at Seneca Lake in 2020!

Life always seems too busy to take a moment to relax and enjoy, let alone a whole week. Still, I promise that taking the time to be part of Family Week is worth it. No matter your stage of life or family size, you are welcome at Seneca Lake.



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

**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

Registration
"Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"

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

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

Shower Trailer

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



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

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

Mud Out



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

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

Child Care



Core Values

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

Our Mission

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

Vision

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

Chain Saw

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

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



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



200 locations in Ohio with zip codes with a population over 7,000 having no Southern Baptist Church

Church Plants Needed Here

A prayer initiative for church planting in Ohio is under development. While the number of Southern Baptist churches in Ohio has grown to about 750, many locations are without a Southern Baptist church. Bruce Smith was reminded of this fact when he received a phone call that someone was moving to Van Wert and was looking for a Southern Baptist church. He knew that Van Wert, a city of just over 10,000 people, did not have a Southern Baptist church, but something else surprised him. The closest SBC church was 21 miles away!

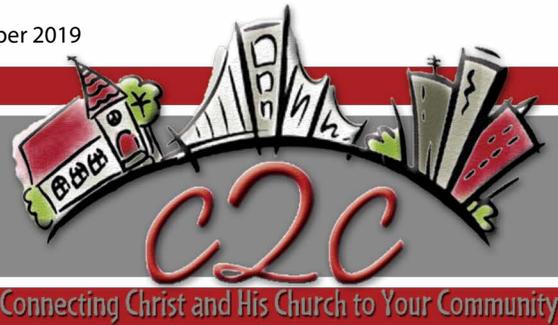
Pray for church planting among the millions who need to know Christ in Ohio. To bring the prayer need to a more tangible focus, a prayer initiative will help identify locations in need

of a church and ask for churches and people to adopt those areas first for prayer. A church or group within a church will be able to identify zip code areas in need of a church and adopt that zip code for prayer. Adopt an area not too far away, and begin to prayer drive or prayer walk the area. Pray for those who need to know Christ. Pray for leaders to be raised up. Pray for church planters to be developed. Pray for ways your church can engage the area. Then, as God brings opportunity, engage in gospel activity in that area. And when God's people pray, things happen!

Be watching for the release in late Fall of the initiative to adopt an Ohio zip code for church planting. An opportunity scan from MissionInsite

(See <https://www.scbo.org/content/missioninsite-demographics>.) shows 105 zip codes in Ohio with a population over 15,000 and no SBC church. Another 105 have a population of 7,000 to 10,000 people with no SBC church. Add to that another 74 zip codes that have an SBC church, but the population is more than 20,000 people per church.

In the meantime, be praying for church planting in Ohio. Then be ready to pray more specifically and adopt an area and see how God wants to move. Matthew 9:36-38 reminds us of Jesus' compassion for the crowds of people "like sheep without a shepherd" and his command to "beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."



Dear friends,
 The following are four short excerpts from Christians doing ministry in their community that is impacting and influencing people toward God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information concerning ideas on how to reach people for Christ outside the walls of your church, contact Jack Helton at jackhelton@scbo.org or 614-309-9738.

There Is Victory In Jesus,
 Jack Helton
 Evangelism Resource Group Leader



Note Burning

The First Baptist Church of Westerville recently had the privilege of burning their church loan note! Retired Pastor Danny Lambert and member Janice DeHart led the initial charge to begin thinking about a church addition way back in 2003! The more than \$475,000 project began with a ground breaking on April 10, 2011. Praise God for His faithful wisdom and provision in meeting the needs of His people in accomplishing this ministry milestone!



Dale Patterson lighting the fire!



The note is burning! Debt free!

Collegiate Ministry

By: Jack Helton

Each fall thousands of students return to Ohio colleges to continue their education and enhance their life skills and communications! I did that for the first time way back in the fall of 1975. As a naive freshman football player and student at Kent State University, I was startled by the things I saw, heard, and experienced. To say I was out of my element and comfort zone would have been an understatement. And I was exposed to new temptations that I was not prepared to battle!

Not much has changed since 1975. Thousands of college students in Ohio are experiencing some of those same things even as you read this. Where do they turn with their questions? with their fears? with their dilemmas? with their tears

or sorrows?

One place is through the ministries of h2o, our state collegiate ministry. h2o churches and ministries are impacting college students on the campuses of Ohio State, Toledo, Bowling Green, Akron, Wright State, and my alma mater, Kent State. Add to that collegiate church plants that have launched from OH to the University of Indiana, Western Michigan University, and the University of Wisconsin and you've got the evidence of college Christ followers with a desire, passion, and calling to impact the next generation of humanity with the Gospel. Would you take just a few minutes and pray for our leaders and their work on these campuses? And for the unsaved whom they are trying to reach? Would you consider supporting them financially? Spiritually? Practically? If so, give me a shout and I'll connect you.





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50th Anniversary

Sharon Baptist Church recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary! Every former minister of the church was on hand to enjoy a great day of preaching, singing, eating, and fellowship. Praise God for His many blessings and for the faithfulness of commitment shown by those who have served and those that have attended or supported SBC!



Amen!



Great food and fellowship.



Pastor Steve Harvey

Bill Wellman's Retirement

On August 17 the Scioto Valley Baptist Association honored Bill and Emily Wellman for their faithful service to the association for the last twenty years! Bill will officially retire December 31st of this year. The State Convention of Baptist's in Ohio rejoice with Bill and Emily and have been so blessed by their grace and humility in serving our Lord, Mission Ohio, and the churches of the SCVBA! Well done faithful servants and may God's abundance of blessings be upon you!



A full house attended at Grace BC, MacArthur.



Bill and Emily Wellman receiving an award of meritorious service.

Pastor Transition

David Brainard and his wife Amy have faithfully served the First Southern Baptist Church of Pomeroy for the last ten years! Mission Ohio is very grateful for their steadfast service. However, David will soon make the transition to begin serving as a chaplain in the United States Navy! On August 25th the church held a commissioning service for David, Amy, and their two children Ethan and Brooke! May the Lord bless this family as they move to this tremendous arena of Christian service and ministry! What an honor and challenge!



Prayers of commissioning



Marty O' Bryant and The Brainard Family

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January 8, 1954, 160 messengers representing 38 churches met at the Westside Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio to organize the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. God has blessed the cooperative mission work of Southern Baptists in Ohio. Over 700 congregations have joined and followed the witness and faith of those original 38 churches.

You are invited and encouraged as a messenger or guest to join the 66th annual celebration of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio November 4-5, 2019 to celebrate the blessings of God in His Great Commission ministry. Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 5742 Pleasant Avenue Fairfield, Ohio 45014, is hosting the 66th annual celebration.

President Ryan Strother has chosen "Equip. Engage. Encourage. Enhance." as the theme for the 66th annual celebration. Equip, Engage, Encourage, Enhance comprises "Reach Ohio" the delivery structure for the Mission Ohio Resource Team.

Southern Baptists are Great Commission people. The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is a missionary convention purposed to assist and encourage affiliated churches and associations obey the Great Commission. Affiliated and credentialed churches may register church members as a duly elected messenger to conduct the missionary business during the annual

celebration.

In addition to missionary support business, worship is a vital component of every annual gathering of Ohio Southern Baptists. The annual celebration isn't limited to pastors, church staff, and messengers. All are welcome to attend and participate in meaningful worship. Roy Cotton, Sr., Director of African-American Ministries for the General Baptist Convention, and Dwayne Lee Bible Teaching/Leadership Strategist for the 'State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, are leading the uplifting worship music.

Stephen Owens is the pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford Heights, Ohio, and the current President of the Mission Ohio African-American Fellowship. Pastor Owens is preaching the annual sermon Monday afternoon.

Monday evening features a mass choir before the message from Adam Greenway. Dr. Greenway is the new President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ronnie Floyd is the new President of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Floyd is preaching Tuesday morning.

President Ryan Strother is closing the Tuesday morning session with his presidential address. He is the Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion, Ohio.

First Vice President Reginal Hayes is assisting President Strother. He is the Pastor of United Faith International Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Second Vice President Jeff Woolum is also assisting President Strother. He is the Pastor of First Baptist Church Perysburg, Ohio.

Registration information is available at scbo.org, the website of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Additional information for the annual celebration and resources for Mission Ohio churches are available on the website as well.

From January 8, 1954 to the present, The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio continues to assist and encourage affiliated churches and associations to obey the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. All cooperative missionary work of Southern Baptists receive support from the Cooperative Mission Program. From the local church to the ends of the earth, Southern Baptists support a worldwide missionary endeavor to share Jesus as "The Way, The Truth, and The Life." Let's continue to press toward that mark.



Jack Kwok, Ph.D.
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How to Become a Christian

If you are not a Christian, have never surrendered your will to the Lord Jesus, let me share briefly how you can make this life changing decision. GOD WANTS YOU SAVED.

FIRST, you must believe that God loves you and wants you to have peace in your heart and an everlasting life (John 3:16).

SECOND, you must recognize that you are a sinner, that you have done things which have displeased God and that you have separated yourself from Him (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

THIRD, you must believe that Jesus came to this earth, was actually God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, and yet went to a cruel cross, dying for your sins, paying once and for all the penalty of sin (1 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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