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State Convention
of Baptists in Ohio

2020 Annual Celebration

November 16, 2020 **DUBLIN BAPTIST CHURCH**
7195 COFFMAN RD. DUBIN, OH 43017

Guest Speakers

DR. PAUL CHITWOOD, IMB PRESIDENT

RYAN STROTHER, SCBO PRESIDENT

DR. JACK KWOK, SCBO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KIRK KIRKLAND, PASTOR REVIVE CITY, CINCINNATI



*scbo.org/annualmeeting for
registration and hotel reservations*



Annual Celebration DETAILS

Online Pre Registration

**Required for all messengers and guests.
The last day to register online is November 12.**

scbo.org/annualmeeting

Hotels

**SCBO group rates are available at select
hotels until October 15, so book now!**

scbo.org/annualmeeting

Covid Procedures

-Due to COVID-19 masks will be required.

Online livestream viewing will be available for those with health concerns who cannot wear a mask.

-Temperature checks and COVID screening will be done at the door.

-Social distancing will be followed.

Due to COVID-19, no childcare will be offered this year.

**There will be a break for lunch,
but no on-site meals will be offered this year.**

Contingency Plan

**In the event of a COVID-19 emergency, the Annual Celebration
will be moved to an online video format and messengers will
be notified of the change.**

2020
By Prayer and Fasting



GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT GUY 

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING

**Thursday, October 22
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Springboro Baptist Church
125 E Mill St, Springboro, OH 45066**

**Designed to equip men to guide a congregation
through the period between pastors.**

Learn:

- The stages through which each church will progress during the interim period
- Guiding the congregation through a review of their ministry effectiveness based upon historic trends in attendance, giving, baptisms, etc.
- Introducing the congregation to relevant current demographics and trends that indicate ministry opportunity
- Selecting and training a pastor search team
- Resources available including books, surveys, demographic sources, websites, etc.

Registration: \$10.00 includes lunch and all resources



Ohio Disaster Relief Chaplain Report on Deployment to Cedar Rapids, Iowa Wind Storm

The Iowa chainsaw team returned home yesterday. We arrived on Monday, 8/24 and went into action Tuesday morning. Work was challenging with temperatures in the mid 90's each day. Throughout the week, we made 36 contacts, presented the gospel to 9 individuals, and gave out 7 Bibles. There were precious "God" moments during the week.

At our first job, the homeowner had a single very large tree that had to come down because of damage. It took a full day of strategic planning and hard work to get the tree down. The homeowner stayed outside with the team and talked with everyone. When we gave him the Bible and prayed with him before leaving, he was moved and grateful that the team had come to assist him.

Our next task was with a couple who had 5 acres of woods destroyed. The gentleman was a Vietnam veteran and openly shared some of his feelings. We agreed to cut wood for 2 hours (that actually became 3 hours) and then we would leave. When time came to give them a Bible, the gentleman was out in the far corner of the property so I went alone to pray with him. He was moved to tears at the love shown him by the team. After my prayer, he asked if he could say a prayer. He put his hand on my shoulder and through tears simply prayed, "God, thank you for coming back to me through Ohio." I was moved to tears as well.

The next day, we were asked to remove very large trees

Several members of the Ohio Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team deployed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to help clean up tree damage caused by hurricane force winds. The team worked in 95 degree temperatures and high humidity. They were quartered in a local Baptist Church. They and other teams were fed by a Missouri Feeding Unit. In a ten mile square area 75% of the trees received severe damage with 35% of the trees having to be totally cut down. Most of these trees were mature trees 24 to 40 inches in diameter and were broken over 15 to 20 ft. above the ground. Trees in this condition are difficult to remove. One of the first jobs we went on involved such a tree. After 6 hours of work using saws, ropes, ladders and an ATV to drag brush and pieces of the tree, the job was completed. Upon completion of the job the team and team Chaplain presented the homeowner a signed Bible. Upon returning home an email was received from this homeowner sharing a picture and the following: "A gift from the team. Time for me to read it cover to cover."

On one of the last jobs the team completed we found we were in for a surprise. Not only did we present a signed Bible

that had fallen in the yard of a young couple with 2 children (9 months and almost 4 years). The parents were believers but not currently attending church. Jean learned that the older boy was turning 4 in two days so we went to Target to get a children's Bible and Hot Wheels car for him. When we had the final prayer and presented the Bible to the parents, we also presented them with the gifts for their son. Please join us as we pray that they will get plugged into a church.

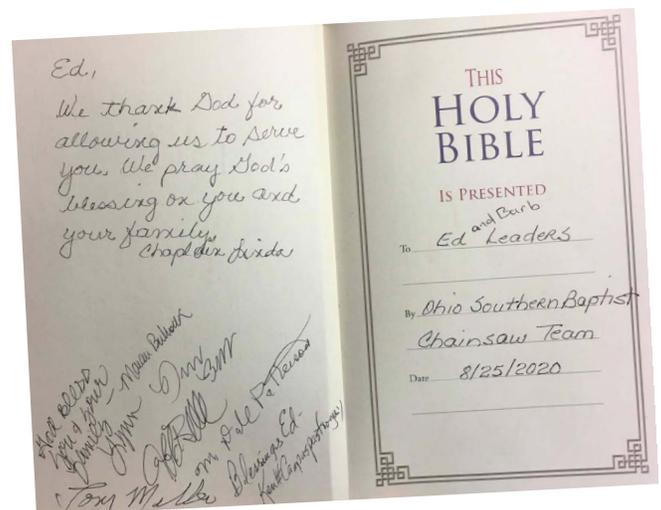
On Friday, we responded to a request at a senior citizen's condo to remove a few trees that were damaged and in danger of falling on the condo. Late in the afternoon, it appeared that a storm was coming so we left with plans to return on Saturday morning. When we arrived Saturday, the homeowner greeted us and stated that he has no heirs and wanted us to have his great grandmother's Bible. He wrote a beautiful message inside and gave the Bible to Dale. It was given to his great grandmother on her birthday in 1886 and is an amazing piece of history. The pages are beautifully illustrated (some in color) and in mint condition. Dale placed it in the chainsaw trailer as a keepsake.

The team worked very well together and God blessed us with heart connections to the people we served.

Chaplain Linda Humston

but the homeowner presented us with a Bible. The Bible was presented to his Great Grandmother for her birthday by her husband in October of 1886. The homeowner has no relatives to pass the Bible down to so he asked us to take it.

Dale Patterson, Chainsaw Coordinator



2020 Training Session

Food Service, Child Care, Chain Saw, Shower Trailer, and Mud-Out Training. You must be at least 21 to train for Child Care and at least 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

Training Date

November 6-7, 2020

Dover Baptist Temple
2896 S.R. 800 N.E., Dover, Ohio 44622

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Schedule

Friday	
6:00 PM	Registration
6:30 - 9:30 PM	"Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"
Saturday	
7:15 AM	Continental Breakfast Served
8:00 AM	Unit Training
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided by DR Food Service
12:30 PM	Evangelism Training
3:00 PM	Dismissed

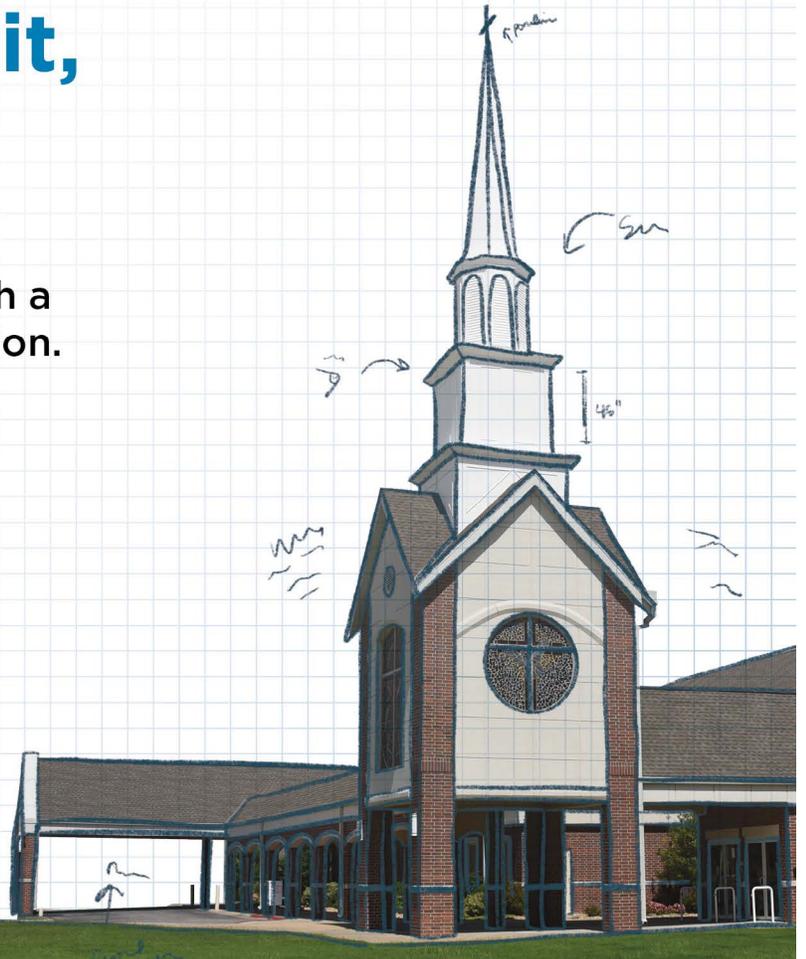


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Trying Something New

It's hard to find someone that hasn't tried something new this year. From learning to fish, bake, make fancy coffee drinks to watching church online. VBS was no exception. With average VBS attendance over 300, First Baptist Church Grove City knew that they had to try something different. Knowing kids were probably getting enough screen time made the choice to go virtual hard. VBS needed to be safe but as exciting and engaging as possible. The results blew everyone away!

As the days drew near, bags for each child were packed full of snacks, crafts, prizes and the Gospel message. Bags were dispersed at the "construction site", encouraging parents to take one as well to do VBS along with the kids. Construction volunteers welcomed cars as they drove past a tractor, backhoe and other heavy machinery parked in the front church parking lot roped off with construction tape and cones. Each car was given a hard hat and a little snack as they entered the construction site. At each stop they collected the supplies they needed for each day and instructions for logging over the next 3 days.

Near the end of the material pickup, a parent came through the line and said he lived nearby and his kids wanted to know what was going on at the church. FBC did no outside advertising and this came a pleasant surprise. They were able to get packets and join in on all the VBS fun.

With a combination of live and pre recorded videos VBS was held online through the church website and Facebook. Volunteers interacted through the group chat feature playing the games, singing the songs and praying with anyone who requested. The 45 minute session each evening included songs, seek and find games, missionary stories, crafts, Bible stories from life group leaders, and the Gospel message led by a different pastor each evening. Children who interacted each evening were entered into the nightly drawing which encouraged participation.

Parents posted pictures and videos of families spending the evening doing VBS together. They mentioned how excited their kids were to get on each night and couldn't wait for snack time or crafts.

As the VBS team first started to plan this virtual VBS expectations were low thinking that they would be happy to have a handful of kids but prepared for 100. As registrations poured in that number jumped to 150 then 200. At the end of VBS, 225 bags were dispersed and over 60 families interacted online each evening and 9 children responded to the invitation! Wow, did God ever exceed expectations!

*Amanda Mishne, VBS Team
First Baptist Chrch, Grove City*



Share your story with us!

Send VBS stories to Amanda Mishne
amishne@scbo.org



VBS is Worth it!

Wow, was this ever an encouraging theme and motto for VBS 2020. I am not sure how many in-person VBS's were held this year, but after much prayer and planning our church, City of Refuge Baptist, and two others, Walnut Heights Baptist and Westphal Avenue Baptist, decided it was very much needed for our community. We met three churches under one roof and shared resources and manpower to pull off this undertaking. Our neighborhood children were denied a lot of things this year and we wanted to give them a glimmer of normalcy and of hope in Jesus: Our Strong Foundation! All of the Parks and Recreation activities for the summer were cancelled, school was cancelled from in-person and we thought "let's not cancel one more thing." Many churches opted to go virtual, but with over half of the children surveyed not having access to wifi, that was not an option.

We were given masks and disinfecting cleaner from SCBO, enough for all the kids and staff. We formed a team of folks to clean and disinfect every night at the conclusion of VBS. We used the facemask as a nametag and everyone decorated their own which, although we couldn't see their face, became easily identified. The kids and the staff had a blast. God over exceeded our expectations and we had more kids than we thought would show up and they kept



coming and bringing more friends each night. Our staff also loved working with other churches and we have plans to do other ministry outreaches with them. As the LifeWay VBS book states: "VBS IS WORTH IT!"

*Wendy Hammock, VBS Director
City of Refuge Baptist Church, Whitehall, Ohio*



New VBS reports system from Lifeway

Churches will no longer have to go to SBC Workspace to report their VBS ministry results. All reporting will take place at:

vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport

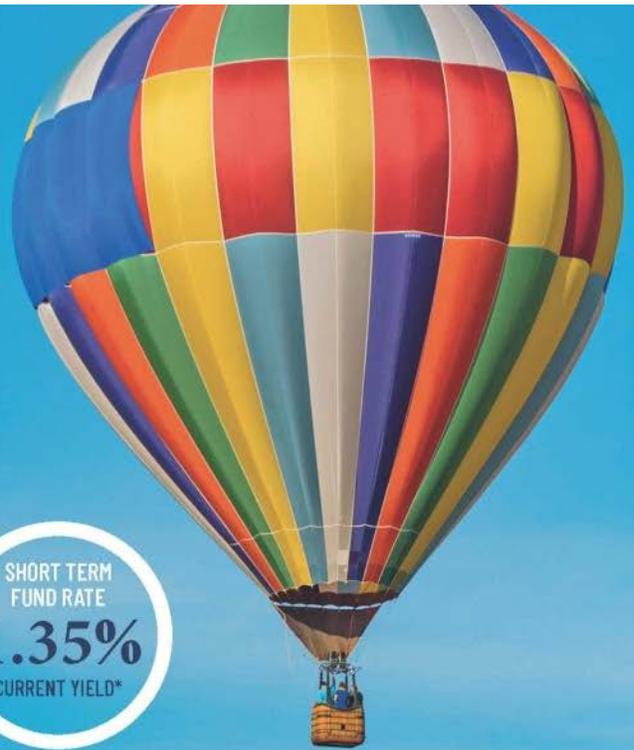
This is the direct link to the form that is housed on our VBS website at lifeway.com/vbs. There is a button on the far right in of the VBS website.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio VBS Team

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This Director Preview is for you!

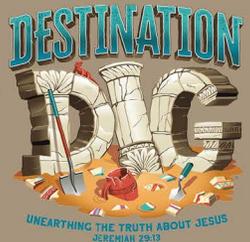
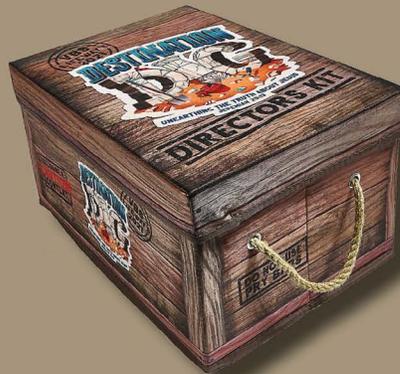
Join us for all the ins and outs of
VBS for 2021.

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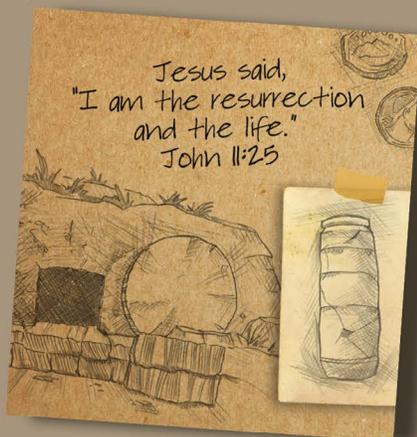
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Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection
and the life."
John 11:25

VBS DIRECTOR PREVIEW

First Baptist Church, Groveport
NOV 7, 2020 9AM-NOON

STATE WOMEN'S EVENT GONE VIRTUAL



Virtual Women's Fall Retreat & Mission Celebration 2020 was experienced on September 12 via a webinar format. This technique included amazing worship with Jody Jones, North Coast Baptist Association. Ohio WMU President, Jean DiFilippo, FBC Athens presided over the business session. Bryon Carpenter, North Fairfield Baptist Church, Royal Ambassador Consultant; Alisha Davis, Violet Baptist Church, Adult Women's Consultant; and Sarah Beck, Lincoln Heights Baptist Church, Ohio WMU Recording Secretary completed their terms of service. Newly elected officers include Jean DiFilippo, President; Charly Callahan, Liberty Heights Baptist Church, Vice-President; Tabitha McKeeth, FBC Union City, Recording Secretary; Beth Mackens, Crestview Baptist Church, Adult Women's Consultant; Marisol Fernandez, Red de Vida Unlimited, Spanish Speaking Consultant; Ginny Howell, Fairborn Baptist Church, Girls In Action Consultant; Sam Kelley, FBC of Groveport, Royal Ambassadors Consultant; and Teresa Baily, FBC Perrysburg, Mission Friends (Preschool) Consultant.

The Fall Retreat, "Relentless" based on Hebrews 10:39, featured four panelist who testified and answered questions regarding personal events and spiritual encounters during the 2020 pandemic. The panel included Barbara Dunbar, IMB serving in Japan; Charissa Fee, Violet Baptist Church; Charly Callahan; and Beth Mackens. The webinar format allowed participants to interact with the panel. One comment stated, " Just an observation: To me, the word "relentless" seems to have a tough and rough implication. However, our panelists are demonstrating that relentless also includes being flexible (with time and schedules and such) and being able to roll with the punches that are thrown

with humility and humor. This presents a "softer" side of relentless. :)"

The event closed with prayer for each panelist and the Ohio women represented by each presenter. Since the event several churches reported groups of women meeting together for this webinar. The largest on-site gathering was our new Hispanic sisters who included a luncheon. Please Save the Date September 10-11, 2021, Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly for next year's Mission Celebration & Ladies Fall Retreat.



Conferencia de Damas

Red de Vida Unlimited Ladies Luncheon



BREAK ME

First Friday Fast 2020 - October 2

Our **First Friday Fast 2020** has taken several unexpected turns this year. The first three months featured in-person gatherings across the state. The March 6 prayer summit with Daniel Henderson at Cuyahoga Valley (www.scbo.org/article/prayer-summit-2020-timely) was a powerful day of prayer and fasting.

In the next three months, we gathered online via Zoom as part of our COVID-19 Information Exchange. Claude King and Gary Frost joined us, and in June, we joined Southern Baptist as we prayed for persecuted Christians. (www.scbo.org/article/prayohio-sunday-june-7-sbc-day-prayer-persecuted-church) Pastor's wives led one Friday as we prayed for the five prompts:

- **Denominee Process and Future Team** *Seeking His future for Ohio Baptists*
- **Church Revitalization** *Seeking His plan for the church*
- **Church Planting** *Seeking His places for church plants*
- **Pastors and Leaders** *Seeking His favor for pastors, leaders, and their families*
- **Awakening** *Seeking supernatural gospel impact in Ohio and beyond*

July and August featured prayer guides based on **1 Chronicles 7:14** "If my people..." Prayer guides, along with several resources for fasting and prayer, have been available on our DropBox Showcase. (<https://shwca.se/FirstFridayFast2020>) Each month the Showcase has featured a different

resource.

Our September prayer guide was based on Psalm 139:23-24, focusing on "Search me, God, and know my heart." The guide featured an outline and quotes from *Dangerous Prayers: Because Following Jesus Was Never Meant to Be Safe* by Craig Groeshel. October's prayer guide will continue to follow *Dangerous Prayers* with "**Break Me.**" We'll see two illustrations of brokenness from Mark 14 that can guide us to pray and live broken and poured out.

Join with others all across Ohio Friday, October 2 as we fast and pray. For more information about the First Friday Fast 2020 initiative, please go to scbo.org/fast or contact Steve Hopkins (SteveHopkins@scbo.org 614.309.9746)

FIRST FRIDAY FAST 2020

Praying and Fasting for Supernatural Gospel Impact

DENOMINEE PROCESS AND FUTURE TEAM

Seeking His future for Ohio Baptists

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In Search of

Part time Senior Pastor

Ashville First Baptist Church is a Country Church located in the Southern Ohio region of the SBC and began its Service to the Community and surrounding Communities in 1959.

Church Objectives:

- This Church subscribes to the Doctrinal statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963..
- To be a dynamic Spiritual Church empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in our Community and around the World.
- Worshiping Fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, and responding in obedience to His leadership with fellow believers.
- Sharing the good news of Salvation to lost mankind.
- Pastor responsibilities:
 - Be ordained of the Baptist doctrine.
 - Preach on Sunday mornings, Sunday Evenings, and Wednesday evening Bible Study.
 - Leading the Church to function as a New Testament Church in the achievement of its mission.
 - Lead the congregation, the organization, and Church staff to perform their tasks.
 - Proclaim the Gospel to believers and unbelievers.
 - Care for the Church's members and other persons in the community.
- Preside at meetings of the Church and may serve as moderator in all business meetings, keeping with the rules of order and bylaws.

First Baptist Church P.O. Box 61, Ashville, Ohio 43103

Office Manager

The Office Manager will be responsible for church communication, records, scheduling, and social media. He or she will support the pastor with administrative tasks, the Finance Team with accounting, and the Properties Team with vendor relations. A full-time candidate will need 4 areas of competencies.

Church Communication.

Manage ministry networking, church-wide notifications, promos, and reminders
Oversee calendar: schedule off-campus events, virtual meetings, and room usage.
Maintain accurate member status and contact information

Church Administration.

Assist pastors with administrative, clerical, and secretarial necessities
Assist in vendor relations: maintenance, repair, and replacement
Liaise with local organizations for building use in view of missional priorities.

Financial Accounting.

Assist treasurer with financial records and provide reports for the Finance Team.
Facilitate preparation of the annual budget
Prepare analysis of income and expenditures and projections to resource future ministry

Media and Webpage Administration.

Coordinate Instagram and Facebook posts.
Schedule post and analyzing our social media presence.
Maintain Church webpage.

Candidate Expectations

We are praying for a leader with a professional and positive godly attitude, spiritual maturity, and the willingness to both work independently and as a team player. While ministry strategies are negotiable to fit individual strengths, we are seeking a healthy and flexible person with a calling to support growth-oriented ministry efforts, to find procedural solutions, and to prepare the path for Gospel advancement.

A bachelor's degree, or professional-training equivalent is appropriate education level for this role. Any experience in accounting, social media, and management experience is a plus. Please be able to provide one letter of recommendation from a professional or ministry colleague and three personal references. In addition, all staff must submit to a general background check prior to employment.

Compensation can be estimated from part-time to full-time pay up on request. Actual pay rate will be determined based on appropriate skill levels and a negotiated weekly time commitment. Significantly discounted child-care at our Child Nurturing Center is available to all staff members.

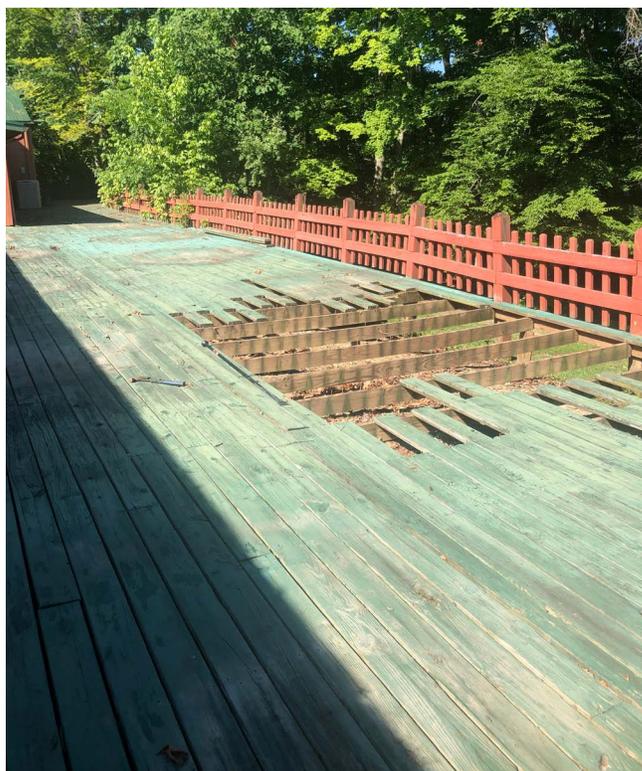
The Crossing Community Church

4770 Britton Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026.

OFFICE PHONE: 614-451-4500 PASTOR'S EMAIL: chad@crossingcommunity.org

Cabins on the Move *Buckeye Baptist Builders*

A group of volunteers met at The Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly campgrounds at Seneca Lake the week of June 22nd and the week of July 13th to tear down three 40+ year old cabins. The cabins were on ground that is shifting and sliding down hill. The road passing the cabins is also shifting. It was determined to stabilize the hillside, but the cabins were in the way and could not be leveled or moved due to their construction and age. Anything that could be reused was removed and put in storage. It is hoped to build a new cabin within a year. Dale Patterson is looking for an architect who will donate the design. If you know of such an architect, call Dale at 614-352-0884. The group also removed the deck behind the Dining Hall so that it could be rebuilt. The second week also saw seven dead trees cut down for safety. Camp personnel provided excellent food and rooms and God provided good weather and safety. Volunteers came from eight different churches.



If you want to be a part of this group, contact Sam Kelley or Dale Patterson.
Sam 614.309.9751 skelley@scbo.org
Dale 614.882.1375 or 614.352.0884

NOW DIGITAL!

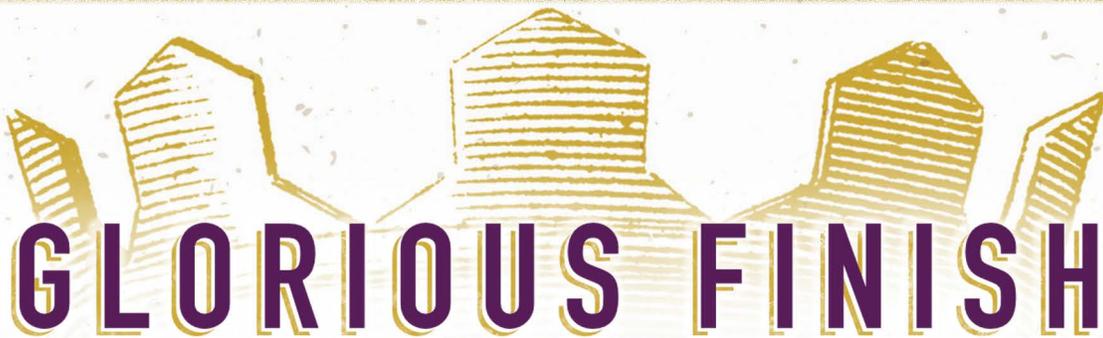
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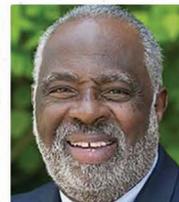
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Changing Lives - One Backpack at a Time

“Don’t tell me how much Jesus loves me, show me how much He loves me!”

This is what we are doing as we fill Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia. We are showing these children, through the love and concern we have for them, how much Jesus loves them.

This year we have been overwhelmed with everything that has been affected by the Covid-19. Our lives have changed in so many ways.

There is one thing that has not changed and that is the poverty levels in the Appalachian Region. The total amount of hungry children in these areas is over 1,000,000. Many need adequate clothing, hygiene products, bedding, proper shoes, food and the love of Christ.

We can’t downplay the great need we have for 6,500 backpacks. We are on the downhill side of the time to finish packing the backpacks. The keyword is “PACK”. Pack the backpacks so full that you can’t put another item in them.

The following timeline is what Duane Floro and I have agreed upon.

October 25th will be the date to have your backpacks filled. When you have the total amount you or the church have done, Please e-mail me your total. We need the exact number of backpacks we are collecting, in order to divide them among the Appalachian areas.

Drop Off Areas:

**West Central Baptist Association
Piqua, Ohio Call to set up a time to bring your backpacks.
(937)609-0231
11kidsnanny@gmail.com**

**Muskingam Valley Baptist Association
Stow, Ohio
Call to set up a time to bring backpacks to the church.
Freedom Hill Community Church
3943 Fishcreek Road, Stow, Ohio
(330)673-0405**



November 16th the day of the Annual Celebration, the SCBO Office will be open for you to drop off your Christmas backpacks. State Convention of Baptists in Ohio 9000 Antares Ave, Columbus, Ohio Vernita Lambert (614) 601-6814 vlambert@scbo.org

It is not too late to fill backpacks. I am encouraging everyone one who reads this to fill as many backpacks as you can, even if it is just one backpack. That is one more child who will have Christmas and know that Jesus loves them.

*Barbara DeLorme
SCBO WMU Consultant for
Appalachian Christmas Backpacks
(937) 609-0231
11kidsnanny@gmail.com*



My Final
PRESS TOWARD THE MARK

This is my last “Press Toward the Mark” as the Executive Director/Treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. The August “Press Toward the Mark” contains the following:

To avoid losing staff, the Executive Committee and the Mission Council approved my retirement proposal. They have chosen Bruce Smith to serve as the Interim Executive Director until finances will support the employment of an additional position of Executive Director. Ministry reductions of \$69,035 (\$138,070 with 50/50 Cooperative Program matching) and the reduction of the Executive Director position in the budget bring the budget requirements in line with the Cooperative Program anticipated receipts of \$4,416,154. My retirement date will be November 30, 2020.

My heart is filled with gratitude and appreciation for God’s call to Ohio which afforded such wonderful friendships and partnerships in His kingdom work: church pastors, leaders, and members along with associational missionaries and leaders. I thank all of you for your consistent and effective prayer support over these past decades.

Our Father has blessed Mission Ohio with some of His choice servants who have served and continue to serve on the staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Their skills, commitment, dedication, work ethic, sacrifice, and passion to assist churches and associations obey the Great Commission vividly reflect their devotion to our Lord.

Likewise, elected officers of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and Mission Council Members have rendered immeasurable service and contributions to Mission Ohio. They have invested untold hours of prayer and work in support of Mission Ohio.

When my tenure ends in November 2020, I shall have begun my 25th year as Executive Director. Through every day and night, my family has unwaveringly supported me. God has blessed me with a wonderful family, and I am very grateful for each and every one of you.

Excerpts from the first “Press Toward the Mark” January 1997,

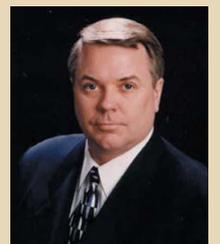
We are committed to assisting in strengthening present churches and starting new churches to reach Ohio for Christ. The state convention exists to assist local New Testament churches in fulfilling their Biblical mission. In partnership with the local association, your staff shall endeavor to provide assistance through conferences, resources, and personal consultations to local churches which comprise the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

In all that we do, your state staff concurs that one of the best ways to help local churches is to help the pastor. All of our staff have agreed with me that helping pastors is a high priority for us. We want to be one of the pastor’s best friends.

exemplify the sustained focus of the Mission Ohio Resource Team. The assignment given by the Mission Council to the Resource Team is to assist SCBO affiliated churches and associations obey the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We continue to adhere to this assignment.

Southern Baptists are Great Commission people. We support our mission work from the doorstep of each local church to the ends of the earth through the Cooperative Program. Thank you Ohio Southern Baptists for your faithful and sacrificial support of the Cooperative Program. Since the 2016-17 budget, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio mission budget distributes Cooperative Program receipts by a 50-50 ratio between worldwide missions and Mission Ohio.

From Ohio to the ends of the earth, Ohio Southern Baptists are obeying the Great Commission. “To all the world for Jesus sake, where bodies hurt and sad hearts aches, lift high His cross, His love proclaim ...” Let’s press toward that Mark.



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

Congratulations Dr. Kwok

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Please call & leave a retirement greeting of appreciation or congrats for Dr. Kwok at (614) 470-4436.

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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