



# the Steel Valley Baptist Association COMMUNICATOR

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## AM Search Team Recommendation: Gary Frost

The Associational Missionary Search Team is recommending Gary Frost to be our new leader at Steel Valley Baptist Association. The Team has prayed and believes the Lord is directing this way. His name will be presented in a few days at the semiannual meeting, April 9 for a vote.

One of the ways the association can meet Bro. Gary before the meeting is to attend the dinner at 6 pm the night of the meeting. There he will be present to answer questions.

Many of us remember him as the former pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church. He was born and raised in the Youngstown area. Over the years he has

served in many denominational positions within the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the North American Mission Board, as well as serving as pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church in Brooklyn. He has also served as the executive director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, the same position he would fill here in the Steel Valley Assoc.

He now serves at Mission America and is actively involved in many ministries within our state and in the Youngstown community where he and his family live. He has organized Pray-For-Ohio and has initiated a rallying point for ministers in Ohio to stand against all

legal recreational and medical use of marijuana. He is very active rallying pastors in northeast Ohio to prayer and has co-chaired the citywide Good Friday service held at the Covelli Centre.

A local ministry he and his wife, Lynette, lead is Eagle's Nest, a support group home for young women who decide to keep their babies and need a place to live and learn how to raise their kids in a thriving way. They introduced this ministry at our recent annual meeting.

His passion as our leader is to see God's kingdom grow mightily here.

He and Lynette have 6 children and have fostered more than 40 additional children.

## Semiannual Meeting

Our semiannual meeting is this Monday, April 9 at Grace Baptist Church in Champion on Rt. 45. The agenda is packed. We will do our best to expedite the evening yet make it both productive and a celebration

At 6 pm we will have dinner and a question-&-answer time with Bro. Gary.

At 7 pm the business portion will begin. The items currently on the agenda include the following:

- \* The voting in of a secretary
- \* The voting of Gary Frost to be our new Associational Missionary.
- \* The voting of an adjusted budget for the rest of the 2018 year
- \* The voting of New Hope Baptist Church in Youngstown to affiliate with our association.
- \* The voting of a new date for the Annual meeting.
- \* Signing up people to participate in the

Block Party Training.

- \* Signing up people to participate in the Walk Thru the New Testament seminar
- \* Signing up of churches to participate in the OnMission Celebration
- \* Message from Bro. Ron Thompson, the pastor of Mercy Community Church
- \* Celebration afterwards if Gary Frost is elected into the new position.

Reminder: Only messengers elected from their churches can vote.

## Sign up Now!



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### Walk Thru the Bible

It is back, May 19 at the Rising Star Baptist Church from 9 am to 4 pm. This seminar is an absolute must. It is fun, hilarious, and most of all the world's easiest way to learn the New Testament. In five hours you will learn all the major events of the NT in chronological order and a key word or phrase

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### Block Party Training

One of the most effective ways to reach out to a community is with a block party. This activity is a fun way to open up the hearts of people who would normally be resistant or hesitant.

The Missions and Ministry Team is offering an excellent training for churches to get maximum benefits out

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### OnMission Celebration

How would you like to have some of our SBC missionaries visit your church? It's easy. Just sign up!

From Sept 16-19 participating churches (hopefully all 34-35 in our association) will hear five different missionaries whom we support through the Cooperative Program and through our

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## OnMission continued

state missions offering. The desire is for each church will hear someone from the International Mission Board, someone from the North American Mission Board, and one from within our own state.

Each participating church is expected to provide lodging for 1 missionary, transportation for that host missionary to other churches, and food for whichever missionary you have at your site during meal times..

The association will pay for the transportation for all the missionaries from their field or place of furlough to Steel Valley. We can begin praying that the missionaries from outer Mongolia are home on furlough!

The planning for this major event needs to begin now. We need to contact and reserve dates for the missionaries now. In fact we have already contacted or have information for about ten missionaries so far. Therefore we need every church in our association to begin praying about participating in this celebration. Options are available for smaller churches. There is a way for every church to participate. When God speaks to you and says yes, then contact Randy or Rafael ASAP. You can also sign up at the semiannual meeting. Either way, sign up now!

## Block Party continued

of a block party while utilizing the trailer we own and rent out. In the next month some of the contents will be upgraded and other resources will be added.

Here is the training. On Saturday, April 21, starting at 10 am we will have a 2-hour training followed by a lunch. After the light lunch all participants in the training will lead an actual block party that will have already been advertised to the community in advance.

Another benefit. This training will take place in the vicinity of New Hope Baptist Church in Windham.

Another benefit. It will be held on the site of the Renaissance Family Center in Windham. This is the site of the new health clinic offering free services.

Another benefit. How many other training sessions will you ever attend that is followed with fun and games?

What you need to do. Contact Rafael Cruz or one of the other Missions and Ministry leaders to reserve your spot in the training. See you there!

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## Hand out Flyers

The Windham community needs to know of the upcoming Block Party. Join us on Sat., April 14, in Windham to hand out flyers. For info contact Rafael.

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for each of those 27 books in the New Testament so that you will be able to remember the big idea in each of them.

Please register now. Early registration is \$25 per person for the first two people in your family. Additional family members can register for \$15.

After May 5 registration is \$30 per person for the first two people in your family. Additional family members can register for \$20.

Our goal this round is 200 people. To prepare for this large number we need your registration forms before May 5. Our leader, Mark Parks, will be picking up the notebooks in Atlanta, and we want to make sure we have enough. Early registration ends in less than a month so sign up now!

## Faithful Servants Care Center

A new Christian-based health care organization has opened in Windham. They provide free urgent health care for people who meet eligibility requirements. The clinic is in the Renaissance Family Center just a few hundred yards from New Hope Baptist Church. For more information call 330-633-3680 or visit [www.faithfultservantscarecenter.org](http://www.faithfultservantscarecenter.org).

The April 21 Block Party Training will take place at the location of the Faithful Servants Care Center. What a way to bless the community!

## The Steel Valley Churches and Missions

Austintown Baptist Church  
Beacon of Hope BC  
Carnation City BC  
Central BC\*  
Christian Community BC  
Community BC  
Cornersburg BC  
East Conneaut BC  
Faith BC  
First BC, Andover\*  
First BC, Garrettsville  
First BC, Newton Falls  
First Spanish BC  
Grace BC  
Grace Korean BC  
Grace Place Ministries  
Hope BC  
Howland Glen BC  
Living Testimony Ministries



\*Living Water BC  
Margaret Wynn Memorial BC  
Mercy Community Church  
New Birth-Kimmelbrook BC  
New Covenant BC  
New Hope BC, Windham  
Northside BC  
Rising Star BC  
Shenango Valley BC  
Solid Rock Community Church  
Southington BC  
Struthers Bible Baptist Church  
Unity BC  
Upper Room Ministries  
Youngstown Metro Church

and New Hope BC, Youngstown

\* seeking a pastor

## Ministry Opportunity

Do you have skills doing e-mails? texting? organizing? basic computer communicating? If so, then the Ministry and Missions Team has an opportunity for you. Please contact Rafael Cruz.

## Meetings / Other

Apr 9, 6 & 7 pm Semiannual Meeting at Grace Baptist Church, Preacher Ron Thompson.  
Apr 13-20 Mississippi Revival linkage in Clarke County Mississippi  
Apr 21, 10 am to 2 pm. Block Party Training in Windham, Ohio.