



the Steel Valley Baptist Association COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome New Staff and Pastors

Associational Missionary



Brother Gary L. Frost was elected at the semiannual meeting to be our Associational Missionary. He comes with vision and lots of energy. Welcome Bro. Gary and Lynette.

He and his wife Rachel come here from the Midwest and are excited to join our fellowship looking forward to seeing God at work here. Their children are Abigail, Danny, and Abel.



New Hope (Youngstown) Pastor

At the last SVBA meeting we voted to accept New Hope Baptist Church in Youngstown into our association.



As you know the pic shows only the building not the church.

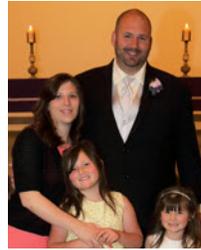
Secretary

Sandra Parks is our new secretary. As the bookkeeper and the treasurer as well we might need to create a new position called treasubooketary. Her e-mail address is sandra@ohiosvba.org.



Central Baptist Pastor

Dan Squezzello is the new pastor of Central. He and his wife Tabbethia have been on the field for two months and are getting acclimated to this area. The family, including Cameron and Cadence, comes to us from the snowy area of California.



Pastor Kevin Crum and his wife Sandra come into our association with high recommendations.

Wow, there is so much to say about each of the new people and not enough room to tell it all. Guess you will have to come to the next Steel Valley event and get to know them better!

Memorial Baptist Pastor

The new pastor at Margaret Wynn Memorial Baptist Church is Dan Hetzer.

The Spiritual Harvest Field

Gary L. Frost,
Associational Missionary SVBA

After shocking the disciples by His mid-day encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), Jesus used this event as an opportunity to teach these future church leaders the importance of recognizing the spiritual harvest field. In John 4:35 He says to them, "Behold, I say to you, lift up our eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest." Jesus was training these men to look beyond the superficial circumstances of a person's lifestyle (the Samaritan woman had five husbands ... plus) to see the longing in

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SVBA Picnic

Join us for an association wide picnic July 8 at Perkins Park in Warren right-on Mahoning Ave and across the street from the downtown Courthouse Square. This is a Sunday afternoon and evening.

The entire community is welcome to join us for the picnic.



NOTE:

The Executive Board Meeting has been changed. It will now be on the day of the picnic, Sunday, July 8th.
2:00 PM - Exec Board Mtg
3:00-8:00 PM - Picnic

Mississippi Revivals

The Steel Valley Association and the Clarke County Association in southeast Mississippi have enjoyed a linkage for years with our pastors going south in even numbered years and their pastors coming up here during the odd numbered years. This year Phil Cooper, Randy Langham, and Ron and Glenda Shipley traveled south and led services in three of their churches. God arranged the Shipleys to be at the church with numerous children. Therefore, Glenda got to lead the children's sermons.



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their hearts for love, acceptance and forgiveness. She needed a Savior not a Scrutinizer, she needed a Christ, not a Critic.

In this Northeast Ohio Region, filled with hurting, hopeless and even hated souls, I believe it's safe to say that **"Its Harvest Time."** God has privileged us to be divinely situated in this special place at this special time *"for such a time as this..."* Once this despised woman came to believe in Christ as the Messiah, the scripture says *"many Samaritans of that city believed in Him ..."* (John 4:39).



Jesus went on to remind the disciples that the mission they would engage was not originated by them; this was not their idea. They needed to see their harvest assignment in the perspective of God's eternal plan. These men needed to know that they would become current missionaries for a mission that long predated them. He said *"For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors"* (John 4:37, 38).

Giants in Steel Valley

I frequently think back over the years I spent as a pastor in this association serving in a church that was planted by this association. I remember the multitude of men and women who have served in places of leadership and made tremendous sacrifice in the Steel Valley [by the way, sacrifice is perhaps the best

definition of love]. I am humbled to recognize that we are standing on the shoulders of giants and are continuing the harvest labor that others began long ago, as early as the days of Ray Roberts.

Prayer Breakfast

As I engage this work, serving as your associational missionary, I want to begin in the posture of prayer. **I am inviting the pastors (and perhaps one leader) from each association church to join me in a Special Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8:30 to 10:30 am, at the Sunrise Inn located at 510 E Market St, Warren, OH 44481.**

I believe that God is doing something wonderful in this region. Let's talk with Him and find out what He's up to. If you can join us please email your confirmation to Sandra Parks at sandra@ohiosvba.org.

Let's Abide In Him Together.
John 15:5-7.

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 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.

Pastor Mark Stradiot, the excellent instructor we had for the Old Testament, will be our instructor again. PTL!

Registration is now \$30 per person for the first two people in your family. Additional family members can register for \$20.



Missions and Ministry

Our block party training and outreach event went well. I was so thrilled by the number of people who showed up for the training. We crammed a four hour training effort into two hours, so we didn't get to cover everything, but the main points were made.



The outreach went very smoothly considering it was part of a training effort. Our trainees served with big smiles, much enthusiasm and loving hearts. The Lord did His part in giving us a beautiful day and in bringing in some neighborhood folks. We didn't get a large crowd from the neighborhood, but there usually isn't a large crowd in the first event in a given neighborhood. I was told that there were four professions of faith at the event which is the biggest blessing of all. A big thanks to all who served.

We are hoping that the block party trailer will be used extensively throughout the summer by our SVBA churches. It has been well stocked with supplies and new equipment. This is an excellent tool to use for outreach in your church neighborhood. If you have any questions, or if you would like special training at your church, please contact me. Also, contact me as soon as you have dates set for your outreaches so I may check for the block party trailer's availability and reserve that date for your church.

If you are planning on hosting a missionary for the OnMission Day September 16-19, 2018, please contact me as soon as possible. Even if you have already informed me, please do so again so that I can make sure I have you on the list. We need to contact the missionaries this month.

We would love to have more of our SVBA members involved on the Missions and Ministry Team. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 4th at 11 am. Thank you. God bless you.

Rafael, mm@ohiosvba.org

Missions 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 35 in our association) will hear five different missionaries whom we support through the Cooperative Program and through our state missions offering. The desire is for each church to 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 Rafael ASAP.



imb INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Upcoming Calendar

May 7, 6:00 PM - Admin Team Meeting
May 15, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Walk Thru the New Testament Seminar
June 2, 8:30-10:30 AM, Pastor Prayer breakfast
June 4, 11 AM - M&M Team Meeting
June 4, 6:00 PM - Admin Team Meeting
July 8,
2-3 PM - Executive Board Meeting
3-8 PM - Picnic at Perkins Park
Sept 16-19 - OnMission Celebration
Oct 13, Annual Meeting

A Parade for "Unity in the Community"

Sponsored by Warriors, Inc (a ministry of NAMB) and Eagles Christian Preschool, this parade seeks to rally for Unity in the Community.

June 2 from 10 to 11:30 AM, starting at the intersection of Midlothian and Market St. in Youngstown and ending at the Old South High Field Home, 1148 Erie St. After the parade is a Community Day Celebration, at the Old South High Field Home, 11 to 1:30 PM. Everyone must register. Call Wendy Robinson at 330-783-5440.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

This community family affair is a dinner dance hosted by Warriors Inc. to fortify the family structure by promoting emotionally healthy relationships our families and communities can thrive on. May the hearts of the Father be turned to their children and the hearts of the children to the Fathers.

Sat, June 16, 4:30 - 8:00 PM at the Saxon Club, 710 Meridian Road, Youngstown. For tix call 330-783-5440.

Sympathy

Sympathies to pastor David Ray's family in the loss of his mother, Mary.

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

Annual Meeting

At the last meeting we voted to change the date for our annual meeting. The new date will be Saturday, Oct 13 at the same scheduled location: First Baptist Church of Newton Falls, beginning at 9:00 AM. The business will take place the first half and Claude King will have the remaining time.

Our guest speaker will be Claude King, the co-author of the best selling book, *Experiencing God*. He will arrive the day before the meeting to share additional wisdom.



SCBO Newsletter

To read the newsletter for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, go to www.scbo.org/content/ohio-baptist-messenger.

Seneca Lake

Are you aware of the happenings at the state campground/assembly? Go to www.scbo.org/content/seneca-lake-baptist-assembly to see what youth camps, kids camps, family camps, etc. are scheduled this Summer. Seneca Lake run by our state convention is at 55819 Skyline Dr, Senecaville, OH.

Living Testimony Ministries
*Living Water BC
Margaret Wynn Memorial BC
Mercy Community Church
New Birth-Kimmelbrook BC
New Covenant BC
New Hope BC, Windham
New Hope BC, Youngstown
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
* seeking a pastor