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# the Steel Valley Baptist Association COMMUNICATOR

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## Steel Valley Picnic July 8 at Perkins Park

Join us for an association wide picnic July 8 at Perkins Park in Warren right-on Mahoning Ave across the street from the downtown Courthouse Square. The times are 2 - 7:00 PM. The quarterly Executive Board mtg will be at 2 PM.

### Open to the Community

The entire community is welcome to join us for the picnic. We will have food, fellowship, music, games, and the gospel!

The picnic will be a great opportunity for you to bring your unchurched friends and relatives to a relaxed, enjoyable event that will contain a brief time of worship containing the presentation of the gospel.

### Block Party Trailer

Yes the Block Party Trailer will be at the park for the picnic. Come see many

of the upgrades and see how you can use this tool to increase your church's outreach events.

### Food

The food (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.) will be provided. No need to bring anything other than a desire for a great day.



### Executive Board Meeting

This announcement deserves being repeated. The quarterly meeting has been changed from the previously scheduled Monday evening to this day, July 8 at 2 PM at Perkins Park. No major decisions are planned so the anticipated length is no more than 30 minutes.

## New Telephone #

The new telephone number for SVBA is 330-775-3401.

## Mission & Ministry

### Mission

Romans 10:14-15 says, *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

All members of Christ's body have a mission to reach out to a lost and hurting world. Just watching the news reveals the depth of the mess our world has become spiritually. There seems to be no moral compass, so our generation is making up their own moral standards by their own personal feelings. What is the answer? We who know the truth, we who know the Lord's standards, we who have experienced His transforming work in our lives must go to those lacking a personal relationship with Jesus and give them His truth. We need to care enough to love them so much in Jesus' name that we cannot hold back from sharing Jesus with them. Jesus has always been, and will always be, the answer to this world's lostness and confusion. Pray about how you can be a vessel of spiritual truth and God's love to a lost and broken generation.

### OnMission Celebration

We have four churches participating in the On Mission Celebration September 16-19, 2018! We are excited about their participation, and we hope some of those churches that are not

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## "My Blessed Binge"



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"Binging" has been defined as "a period, usually brief, of excessive indulgence, as in eating, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.; a spree." It has become popular today for television watchers to go on weekend "binges" as they tune in to the right channel and watch episode after episode, after episode .... of their favorite show ... ad nauseam.

I recently went on a binge, not of television viewing but of internet ministry listening. I tuned in on my smartphone and listened to a series of

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## Walk Thru the Bible

For all who attended the Walk Thru the NT seminar at Rising Star the day was a great success. The instructor Mark Stradiot did the same excellent job he did at the OT seminar. We had nearly 70 in attendance. Praise the Lord!



## Annual Meeting

Saturday, Oct 13 at the First Baptist Church of Newton Falls, beginning at 9:00 AM. The business will take place the first half and worship will follow. Our guest speaker will be Claude King, the co-author of the best selling book, *Experiencing God*. He will arrive the day before to lead a prayer Boot Camp.

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teachings by Dr. David Jeremiah (whom I consider to be one of the most gifted and accurate Bible teachers of our day). Dr. Jeremiah had embarked on a study of the Book of Revelation from his pulpit at Shadow Mountain Community Church in San Diego, California. Now my original intent was to listen in on just one message, however, once I tasted I was addicted and proceeded to “binge my way” through his Revelation series archives.

My purpose in sharing this is not to re-preach or highlight any particular sermon that Dr. Jeremiah powerfully presented. The reason I share this is because this fresh look at the final book of the Bible served to refocus me upon the SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, THE MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. I needed a refocus because nowadays it often seems as if evil is winning, as if right-

eousness is waning and as if the church is wanting. Revelation reminds me that it only “seems” that way. God has everything under total control and Christ and His Bride win in the end.

Perhaps you’ve been binging on your distorted version of a “Life Reality Show” resulting in fear, faithlessness and failure. Let me encourage you to partake of a Blessed Binge through the Book of Revelation. Just read it!!! Don’t worry about understanding it all, simply allow this wonderful Unveiling of Jesus Christ to course through your mind and soul. You will be reminded that pain is temporary, evil will be judged, God is Holy, righteousness will be rewarded, victory is guaranteed and heaven is forever. You will be re-ignited to proclaim to the world that “Jesus Christ Is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Remember that John wrote in Revelation 1:3, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

## Marriage Workshop

The Rising Star Baptist Church Marriage Ministry presents “Marriage Works,” 2018 Marriage Ministry Workshops. Oct. 26-28. Fri 6-9 pm, Sat, 9 am to 3 pm, Sun: Service and vow renewal

\$50 per couple covers registration, pizza and chips on Friday, and a boxed lunch on Saturday. Open to public, but only for married couples. Registration deadline is Oct 14th. Seating is limited.

Facilitators Dexter and Kim Hardy, pastor and first lady of Lifepoint Church, in Marietta, Georgia.



## Churches & 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  
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

## Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-13

Be in prayer for the SBC in Dallas. Current challenges are opportunities for the Lord to show Himself strong. This will take place when we humble ourselves and pray. May God’s will be done throughout our convention.



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able to participate will visit the services of those who are hosting a missionary. We hope to have the final names of the missionaries, their missions fields, and the churches they are assigned to in next month's newsletter.



## The Block Party Trailer

The block party trailer is fully stocked and ready for use. At this time we have only four reservations for the trailer for the rest of the year. We are hoping to receive some calls soon from our association churches to reserve the trailer for community outreach events and Vacation Bible School events. Every church ought to be planning some sort of outreach for this summer to connect with their church's neighborhood. If you need help or guidance in planning an event please feel free to call me at (330) 507-0117. I'll be waiting for your call.

Warriors Inc. used the block party trailer this past Saturday, June 2nd for a big community event called Unity in the Community. There were many different churches and religious and community organizations involved. There was even a parade at the beginning and fireworks at the end of the day! God bless Joe McGeorge and Wendy Robinson for their faithful service to this ministry.

## Community Partnership

We are increasing our efforts to partner with other efforts and ministries for God’s kingdom work. NOW Youngstown and the Jericho Project will have community events and ministries this Summer with our assistance.

## This Summer

This summer will be busy as usual, but it will also bring about many blessings as usual. Please keep us all in your prayers. God bless you all.

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## New Location

Struthers Bible Baptist Church has a new location: 33 Sexton St., Struthers.