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Looking Ahead

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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2019



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****Mark Your Calendar****


January 17th - ReClaimed Church Workshop with Dr. Bill Henard 6:00 PM Temple Baptist Church
February 2nd - Wheeling Nailers Faith and Family Night 6:00 PM WesBanco Arena
February 23rd - Blue Hat Training 8:00 AM Abundant Life Baptist Church

ReClaimed Church

Workshop

*How Churches Grow, Decline,
and Experience Revitalization*

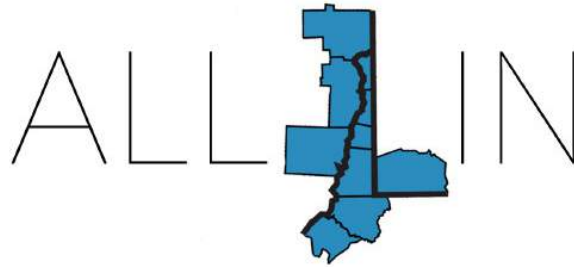
Thursday, January 17th
Temple Baptist Church
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
With Dr. Bill Henard

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THE PROCESS

Phase 1 Invite Your DOM to Preach

- Sunday Morning
- Target Time Frame: 1-3 months ahead of any church revitalization effort.

Phase 2 Private Pastoral Consultation

- Confidential
- BATCH & SWOT Analysis
- Determine where you want to go and how to get there.

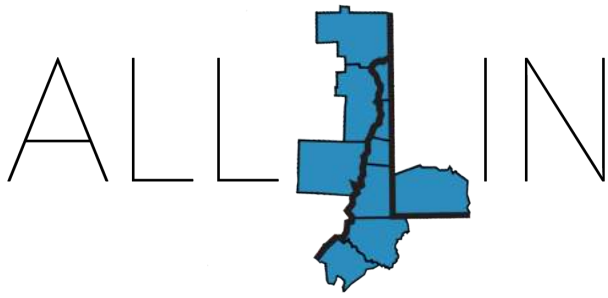
Phase 3 Strategic Planning with Key Leaders

- Address only one area at first.
- STEP Analysis & SWOT Analysis
- Determine key metrics.
- Develop effective strategies, systems, and structures for ministries.

Phase 4 Implementation & Evaluation

- Put people and procedures in place.
- Follow up with leaders and volunteers.
- SWOT Analysis & Key Metrics Review
- Make necessary adjustments.

To learn more about "ALL IN" contact the UOVBA office.



A DEEPER LOOK AT THE PROCESS



PHASE 1 INVITE YOUR DOM TO PREACH

The purpose of the All In Initiative is to help churches grow stronger through consultation and strategic planning. UOVBA churches thus need to know what this initiative is and how it can benefit their ministries. By inviting DOM Ed Goodman to preach the All In sermon on a Sunday morning, he will be able to share why the association exists, what the association does, and how the association can serve the local church through the All In Initiative. This will help your church members better understand the function of the association while also casting a vision for church and ministry strengthening.

Talk to your DOM about a Sunday that works best for your church.

**Learn More By
Contacting the
UOVBA Staff**

THE NEXT STEP IN 2019

**“WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO,
DO IT WITH YOUR MIGHT”
ECCLESIASTES 9:10**

ED GOODMAN - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I have always been afraid of heights. The first time I ever used a ladder as a young boy revealed this fear but also taught me a valuable lesson. After knocking a whiffle ball onto the roof of my house, I began a treacherous climb to retrieve it. After just a few steps up, I became skittish about falling. However, in order for the baseball game to continue, I needed to get the ball out of the gutter. So I made a defining decision to ignore the ground altogether and just focus on taking the next step up the ladder. It worked. In a matter of seconds, the ball was retrieved and the game continued. Not only did I conquer my fear (at least for the moment), but I also accomplished my mission – all by remaining focused on the next step.

As we enter a new year, our churches have an opportunity to take another step up the ladder of ministry effectiveness. After a banner year that included 54 baptisms, the launch of a Christian school, increased giving, and the hire of a new associational staff member, we certainly have a lot to celebrate going into 2019! In light of these ministry markers, it may be tempting to scratch our heads and wonder where we go from here. Let me offer a few suggestions for how each church in our association can take the next step in ministry this year.

Define Your Purpose

What is the mission of your church? Is your mission clearly communicated and understood by the people? Could your church benefit from some tools to help you better define your reason for existence?

In 2019, bring your church's purpose into laser-sharp focus. Ask your associational staff to partner with you in establishing this essential element of effective ministry. We are ready to serve YOU because YOU are the church and YOU are the reason we exist!

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Determine Your Priorities

Why is your church involved in certain ministries? What drives your engagement in ministry? Ministry is about knowing what to do as well as knowing what not to do. Discerning your church's values will provide the bridge that legitimately links your mission to your strategy.

After all, the why is one of the key driving factors of Gospel ministry. Effective church leaders recognize their responsibility to prioritize ministries that reflect biblical, mission-driven values. Your associational staff can provide tools and personal assistance as you seek to determine what motivates your people.

Develop Your Plan

How will your church accomplish its mission? Are your church's systems, structure, and staff aligned with its purpose? A church without a strategy is like a rifle without a scope – you're very unlikely to hit your target. The good news is that your associational staff is equipped and eager to help you polish the plans that will engage your community and enrich your church. Don't start the year without a ministry strategy in place – let your associational staff lend a hand.

Discover Your Partners

In addition to a staff that stands ready to serve your church, the association has an abundance of resources and tools available for your church. The UOVBA can connect your church to potential funding for church revitalization efforts or to mission teams seeking to serve local congregations. Your associational staff possesses a passion for the local church, and you are welcome to utilize our gifts as you seek to grow stronger. Will you let us partner with you this year?

A banner year awaits your church in 2019. Take the next step.

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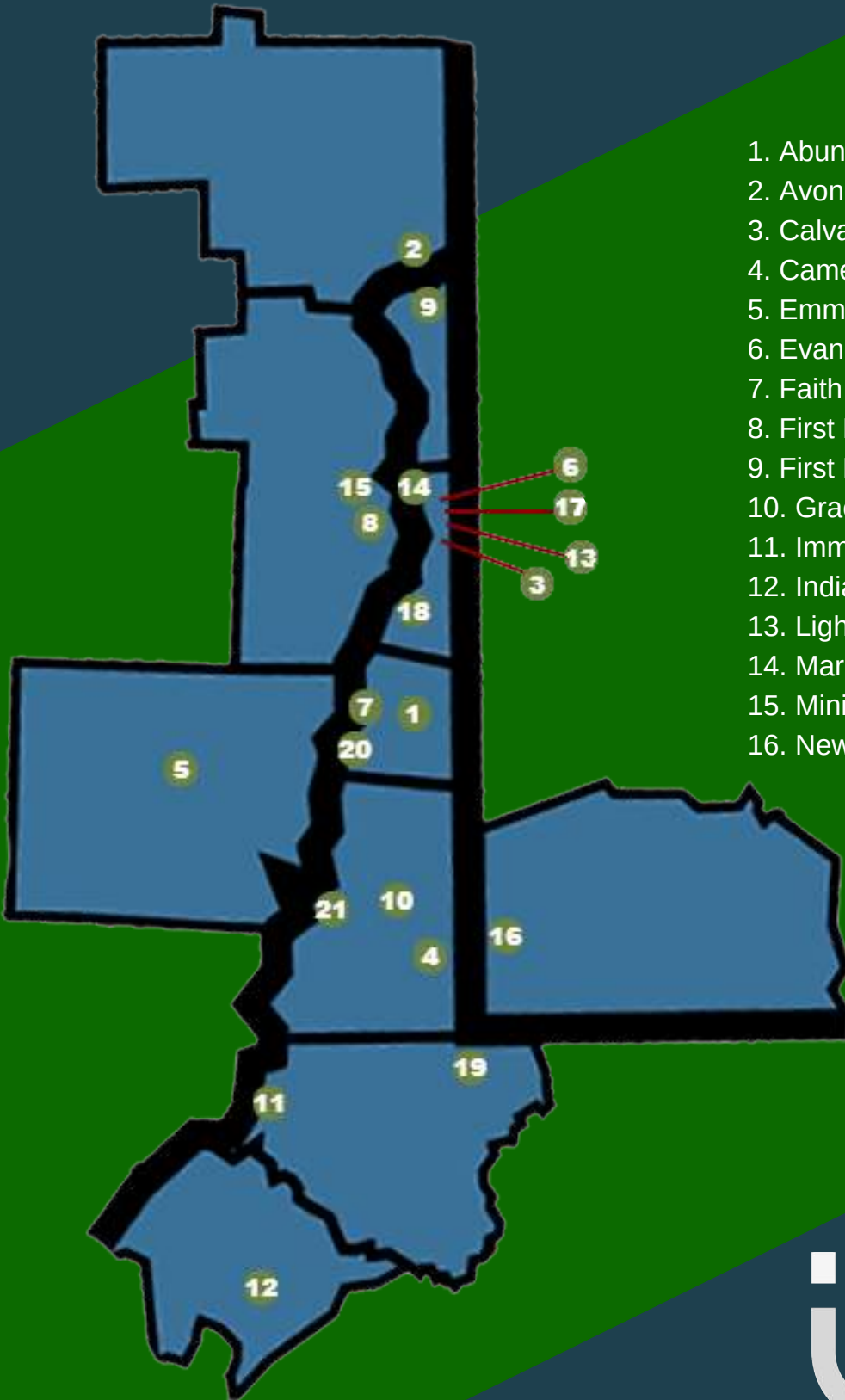


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1. Abundant Life Baptist Church
2. Avondale Baptist Church
3. Calvary Baptist Church
4. Cameron Baptist Church
5. Emmanuel Baptist Church
6. Evangel Baptist Church
7. Faith Community Church
8. First Baptist Church Steubenville
9. First Baptist Chester
10. Grace Church at Pleasant Valley
11. Immanuel Baptist Church
12. Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church
13. Lighthouse Baptist Church
14. Marland Heights Community Church
15. Ministry of Salvation
16. New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist
17. Open Door Baptist Church
18. Riverview Baptist Chapel
19. Solid Rock Baptist Church
20. South Wheeling Baptist Chapel
21. Temple Baptist Church



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2018 Financial Report

Church	NOV	DEC
Abundant	109.88	143.90
Avondale	41.70	49.56
Calvary		
Cameron	750.00	628.00
Emmanuel	189.22	259.99
Evangel	46.00	
Faith	168.80	180.75
FBC Chester	120.60	92.16
FBC Steuben		
Grace	153.00	
Immanuel	1,025.00	
Indian Creek	623.36	677.39\
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights	880.00	711.00
Ministry of Salvation		
ODBC	1,696.00	3,490.00
Riverview		
NB @ Ryerson	262.28	42.15
Solid Rock	83.31	
S Wheeling		4.44
Temple	109.41	128.09
Month Total:	6,258.56	6,407.43
Year To Date:		100,376.38

This financial report is a current reflection January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.

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On the Mission Field



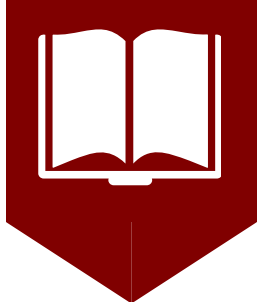
Chris, Anna, Titus & Noah

GARDUCE

working alongside the Antanosy People

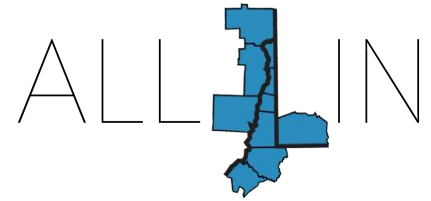
Serving in South Madagascar





YOUR MISSION FEILD

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



First Baptist Church Chester

First Baptist Church in Chester, WV is prayerfully considering prospects for their next pastor. Candidates may submit and upload their resume on our webpage @ www.uovba.com/church-openings. Be sure to fill out all of the information listed. The UOVBA will fwd this information off to the search committee at First Baptist Church Chester.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

They are in need of any help with electrical and plumbing work needed

Faith Community Church

Mission teams needed for their church building project. Please see page 13 for more details.

Temple Baptist Church

Looking for help with removal and replacement of old cracked concrete areas of sidewalk around the church. If interested call the church office at: 304-845-8822

WHEELING NAILERS FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF WORSHIP,
DEVOTION & NAILERS ACTION!

Feb. 2, 2019

*TICKETS
INCLUDE



5:30pm DOORS OPEN
6:00pm WORSHIP WITH FRANK MCGARY
FREE GIVEAWAYS
TICKETS START AT \$15
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
UOVBA.COM/NAILERS
OR BY CALLING 304-905-6338

*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH PROJECT NEEDS

Sanctuary/Community Room Addition	
Foundation	\$5,000.00
Block	\$6,000.00
Concrete Floor	\$3,000.00
Frame	\$8,500.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Walls/Flooring Finish	\$3,000.00
Roof	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Total	
Existing Building Remodel	
Roof	\$7,500.00
Plumbing	\$5,000.00
Electrical	\$7,500.00
HVAC	\$6,500.00
Room Remodeling Materials	\$25,000.00
Fixtures	\$5,000.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Finish	\$5,000.00
Total	
Exterior	
Siding	\$10,000.00
Paint	\$1,000.00
Gutters/Downspouts	\$4,000.00
Total	
Purchase Next Door Building	
Purchase	\$20,000.00
Demo	\$7,500.00
Total	
Land/Lots	
Paving/Sidewalks	\$22,000.00
Fencing	\$3,000.00
Total	

Phase 1 Total \$35,000.00

Phase 1 Total \$66,500.00

Phase 2 Total \$15,000.00

Phase 2 Total \$27,500.00

Phase 3 Total 25,000.00

BLUE HAT TRAINING



Abundant LIFE

Abundant Life Baptist Church
976 Chapel Hill Road,
Triadelphia, WV 26059

Saturday, February 23, 2019
Registration starting @8:00 AM

Blue Hats are Working Leaders in the Disaster Relief Field. If you are currently a Blue Hat or Wish to be a Blue Hat this training is Necessary!
Following the Training Session and Lunch, there will be a meeting that will outline the Vision and Goals for 2019.

For more information contact Roy Polmanteer at 520-709-0713.

*Online registration for this training can be found at www.uovba.com

Anniversaries

January

25 Tom & Helen Rentfrow

February

14 Terry & Kelly Weyand

18 Dick & Carolyne Ryan

Birthdays

January

8 Lorene Grant

10 Christina Lemons

10 Bobby Thomas

11 Belinda Jeffries

17 Becky Whitehill

28 Mike Jeffries

February

8 Ed Goodman

25 Gary Grant

Publishing Information Disclosure

The Valley Voice will typically be published on the last Thursday every 2 months, although unforeseen circumstances may result in a delay or temporary suspension of the publication. For information to be published, we must receive publication info on the 20th day of the publication month

Mission and Vision Statement

The Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association exists to serve, supply, and strengthen local churches in cooperative fulfillment of the Great Commission.



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