



Upper Ohio Valley  
Baptist Association

# VALLEY VOICE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

## REMEMBERING LARRY HOLTZ

## 58TH ANNUAL MESSENGERS MEETING

## PASTORS & LEADERS GIFT

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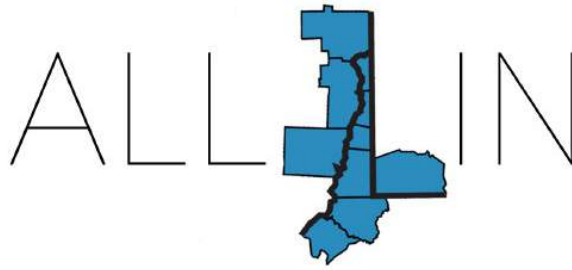
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**\*\*Mark Your Calendar\*\***

December 11th Christmas Banquet 6:00 PM Perkins Moundville



# 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.



# THANK BIG

**“IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.” – 1 THESS. 5:18**

## **ED GOODMAN - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

On Thursday, November 27, 2003 President George W. Bush made a surprise visit to Iraq so that he could thank U.S. troops for their service.

The President served Thanksgiving dinner to 600 battle-worn soldiers. Speaking about the soldiers being far away from home, he said, “It’s got to be lonely for them. I thought it was important to send the message that we care for them.”

I feel the same way about our pastors, churches, and associational leaders.

As we enter the holiday season, my heart is overflowing with thankfulness for a wide variety of blessings, answered prayers, and sacred relationships that enrich the life and ministry to which God has called me.

I’m thankful that the Lord saved me and called me to ministry. Every morning, His mercy and grace cover me anew, and it humbles me to be loved by Him.

I’m thankful for the extraordinary wife whose beautiful heart still melts mine.

I’m thankful for my pastor and his wife, whose lives reflect a divine grace that is as awe-inspiring as it is rare.

I’m thankful for my family, particularly the grandparents who invested their lives in Gospel ministry.

I’m thankful for a staff whose enthusiasm and faithfulness make me a better leader.

I’m thankful for the pastors in our association who preach, study,

prepare, read, shepherd, oversee, minister, manage, lead, serve, love, and persevere week in and week out.

Your reward, my dear brothers, will not be realized in this life. You are the unknown and unsung heroes of this region, but the Lord Jesus sees it all – and He is well-pleased with your faithfulness.

I’m thankful for the momentum in our association. Our annual meeting was a celebration that honored the Lord’s work through our churches, and I can’t emphasize how much I appreciate Chuck Morrow, Jonathan Matthews, Gary and Sandra Eller, the faithful folks at Emmanuel Baptist Church who served us well, and one of the best moderators in the state, Mike Kelley. I’m proud to serve an association that cares deeply about the pursuit of excellence, because each of you recognizes that Jesus Christ deserves the best we have to offer Him.

I’m thankful for our associational officers. Our moderator (Mike Kelley), treasurer (Larry Bayle), assistant treasurer (Ray Carney), evangelism team leader (Dr. Nate Freeman), trailer team leader (Danny O’Neil), disaster relief team leader (Roy Polmanteer), nomination committee chairman (Gary Eller), and mission development director (Dave Barrick) are each passionate about and faithful in their respective ministries. These men reinforce my conviction that we are indeed better together.

I’m thankful for the selfless sacrifices made by Temple Baptist Church

for the benefit of our cooperative associational ministry. Time and time again, they provide us immaculate facilities for executive board meetings and events. For decades, they have given us office space in Moundsville without asking for anything in return.

Pastor Jim Higginson and the fine folks at Temple Baptist Church have blessed us beyond measure, and it fills my heart with gratitude.

I'm thankful that Abundant Life Christian School and Indian Creek Christian School are providing quality Christian education to young people whose minds and souls are continually under assault by the darkness of a society sinking into moral decay.

Pastors Tom Rentfrow and Bobby Thomas exemplify a conviction and faith that makes me proud to call them brothers and thankful to serve alongside them for the sake of the Gospel.

I'm thankful that Emmanuel Baptist Church, under the loving leadership of Gary Eller, planted Fairpoint Community Church. By faith, they meet for worship on Sunday mornings and for Bible study on Thursday evenings. As they sow Gospel seed and water the spiritual soil in their community, may the Lord give them increase.

**THE LORD HAS BLESSED OUR CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATION WITH FINANCIAL BLESSING BEYOND ANYTHING WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO.**



I'm thankful that the Lord has blessed our churches and association with financial blessing beyond anything we could have imagined just a few short years ago.

I'm thankful that our relationship with the state convention is strong, fruitful, and blessed of God. Words can't adequately convey how deeply I admire and appreciate Dr. Bill Henard and the WVCSB staff.

I'm thankful that the Lord is reconciling relationships in our association.

I'm thankful that all indications point to the hope that our best years are ahead.

This is just the tip of the iceberg as I consider the goodness of the Lord in my life and yours. These reasons, along with a million others, compel me to thank big this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. But really, I could have said it all with just two simple words.

I'm thankful.

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# *A Time of Reflection & Celebration* 58th **UOVBA** Annual Messengers Meeting



## **A REVIEW OF CELEBRATION**

A reflection and celebration of our 58th annual messengers meeting of the upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association was held on October 21st at Emmanuel Baptist Church in St. Clairsville, Ohio. What a celebration it was! We had 43 messengers show up from our churches across the association in addition to several guests from the state office and others that came to speak.

The meeting opened up with a great prayer and time of reflection of "In the beginning God" with our scripture being Genesis 1:1 given by Pastor Bruce Taylor who encouraged everyone to be connected in prayer.



Early business included a financial report from treasurer Larry Bayle that highlighted annual receipts in excess of the association's \$100,000 spending plan. God's faithful provision prompted messengers to adopt another faith-based spending plan for 2019 of over \$131,000. To God be the glory!

We also had our missions development report from Dave Barrick. He shared highlights of the association's mission trip to Kentucky Motor Speedway in July, such as campground ministry, children's ministry and also how they escorted people back and forth from the racetrack. Dave also shared how they had the opportunity to pray with several individuals at the racetrack. In 2019 we will be going back to Kentucky Motor Speedway and continuing with celebrating and doing this mission trip. We want to encourage everyone to be on the lookout for the information as it gets closer to sign up for the mission trip to Kentucky Motor Speedway next July.

Dave then shared about mission opportunities locally. One mission opportunity is the Hillbilly 100 which is down in Tyler County, West Virginia during the Labor Day Weekend. One event that takes place is a kayak race that is roughly 6 miles long. Groups were able to handout tracks to the individuals who were racing and be there to help with loading the Kayaks into the water while getting the chance to know the individuals racing. This presented a great opportunity to share the gospel Jesus Christ with them.

After the kayak race, different groups went to the campgrounds around Tyler County Speedway doing Camper Ministry. They went camper to camper knocking on doors sharing with them information about the races that are coming up. In addition, they asked if there were any prayer needs that the campers had along with sharing a gospel track with them too.

On the evening of the Hillbilly 100, groups were stationed at the front gate of the racetrack and in the areas of the pit outside the grandstands to share tracks and race information. Those individuals had the opportunity to share the race history with people that were coming through and to share the gospel and pray with people. We had the opportunity to as see several individuals open up to have prayer. This was a great ministry to take part in and we want to encourage everyone to think about this for next year.



Dave then shared about a day of faith and encouraged individuals to consider taking a day to volunteer their time to work with Faith Community Church as they start their building project. Anyone who is interested in finding out more information on what they can do to help out Faith Community Church please contact Ray and Pete Carney to see about volunteering your time and or resources to help out. A list of items needed along with pricing for this project is listed on page 23.

A time then came for individuals who are missionaries going on mission trips throughout this next year to come up and share what mission opportunity they have and where they were going. We also had a special guest, an unnamed missionary, share with us about how God has guided his family to go and share the gospel with an unreached people group in a country that is closed. God was moving during this time and as we gathered to pray everyone was encouraged to lay hands on those individuals. The isles were flooded with everyone coming up for that special time of prayer.



After that time of prayer, Danny Rumble, from the West Virginia convention Southern Baptist, share with us some information about the upcoming annual meeting for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists which will be held in Parkersburg West Virginia. He also spoke about the importance of church planting and gave some updates from around the state.

Danny also prayed over Bobby Thomas and Gary Eller as these two pastors have been in prayer about church planting. Gary Eller recently panted Fairpoint Community Church and Bobby Thomas is considering a viable church plant in the future. This is something that we all need to be involved with. Pray that God opens the opportunity throughout our association for our churches to plant healthy churches in local communities so they can be reached for the gospel of Jesus Christ.



# Remembering Larry Holtz

A Special moment came during the 58th Annual Messengers Meeting, when a video tribute remember Larry Holtz was shown. After the video Director of Missions Ed Goodman presented Doris Holts with a special award celebrating the faithful years of service Larry had over the years across the association. The following words are from Doris Holtz as she shared with us that morning.

"I just want to say thank you, Larry would have been very please this. It is hard to lose a husband. But I know that he is with Jesus and that the life Larry lived before he come to know the Lord, he wouldn't have been with Jesus. So what God did was a miracle when he saved Larry."

"And I knew very shortly after he was saved that Larry would be called into the ministry. And he died wanting to still serve God."

"His greatest pleasure in life was to preach. The weeks he had to spend with Chester was his last week and he was very sad to have to call and say that he wouldn't be able to come up there because he was sick."

"In the first week he spent in Cleveland, in the ICU unit, he was so highly upset that he saw people lose family members across the hall and he couldn't go and have prayer with them. So I draw comfort when I think about how lonely I am or how I would like to have my handyman back, I think about how upset he would be If he had not have gotten well enough to minister again."

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"And when they told us they didn't know if he should pull through this what his life would be like, he probably would be back on oxygen. The possibilities would have been that maybe he would not have been able to go back and preach and that would have been harder for him than anything. "

" I can't feel sorry for myself when I think that he is so much better off than he would be if he was still living today. So I thank God for the years that I got with Larry. Thank You, All of you."

- Doris Holtz

# That One Special Church

- Pete Carney, Pastor of Faith Community Church

First off, I'd really really praise the Lord. I'm so grateful that I'm here with you all today. I want to share something with you all, before we get into the process of the progress of our church. The lord has laid on my heart I'd like to share for my own personal experience one of the reasons why I believe the importance of a Community Church. As I was a little boy growing up in North Wheeling, well before I had to come to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it was a beacon of light on 5th Street. I was such a little fella, it powered in the night sky. It was in the bell tower of the local church. It was a huge stained glass portrait Jesus Christ from heaven in the clouds and there was an Illuminating light that shone through that portrait. It made an impression of strength and power on me and in me as a as a young child. Eventually by the grace of God into those doors where the loving and the God-fearing people inside that began to show me and to teach me what it meant to be a Christian.



Now as I look back on my childhood, I realize that Community Church or that local church played an important and vital role in my spiritual development. Today that church is long since been gone out of North Wheeling but it remains a part of who I am but it's not just me. I'm sure if we all took a second and we thought back we can recall where our spiritual life in Christ began. Again there is a memory, in that memory is a special church that you can identify with. God has kept that memory alive in you kind of like kind of like a first love memory. The special memory of that church where you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior. The special memory where you received your first communion. A special memory of that church where you were baptized in the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit or that special church where you knelt down at the altar to pray.

Today understand that it's not about a building but in fact, we are the church, but I'm not talking about us. I'm talking about that little boy or that little girl or that lost soul that walk the streets of my neighborhood. Our memories of that church and what we do for God is both to honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all of our neighborhoods. Faith Community Baptist Church will always be about saving all people through the cleansing blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's word tells us that Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. Well me and my two deacons here today are here to tell you that Satan has stolen from our community and by the grace of God today is the day, the time is now that we take back what Satan has stolen.

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Our Lord has called all of us to have a sustaining impact in the ministry and that impact should always be increasing to our working knowledge of faith of the almighty. God does not hold our federal or state or local government responsible for what goes on in our communities, he holds the spiritual leaders of that community responsible. Simply put if the church is weak the devil is going to run the community. I like to share something that God laid on my heart to tell you it's in 2nd Corinthians chapter 4 verses 1 through 5 and this is it this is Who We Are,

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"Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled [a]to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this [b]world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving [c]so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants [d]for Jesus' sake."

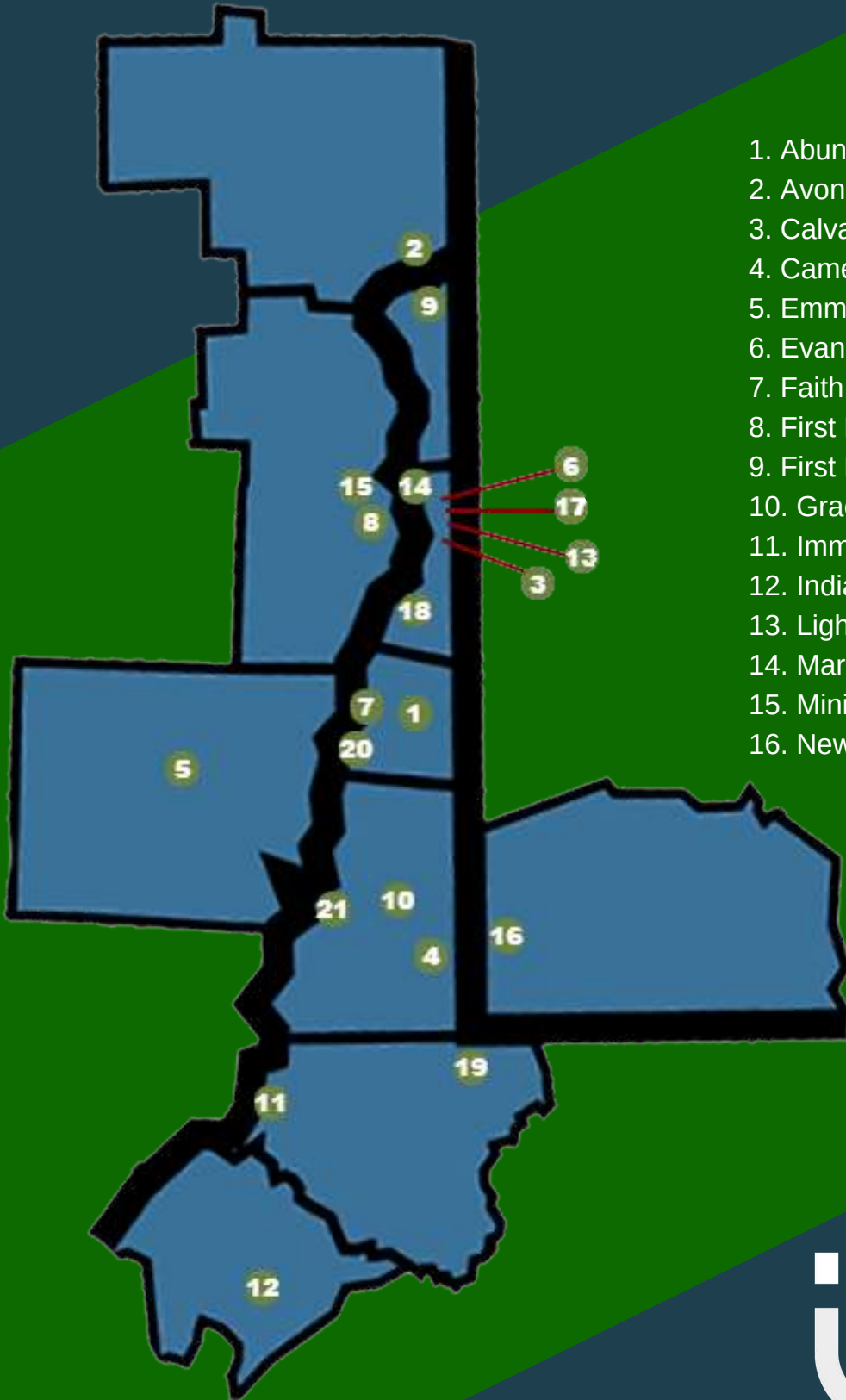


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1 Corinth 4:5**

**You can catch every moment from the UOVBA 58th Annual Messengers Meeting by watching the archived video on Emmanuel Baptist Church Facebook page.**

**[www.facebook.com/emmanuelbaptistchurchstc/videos/2270772823199272/](http://www.facebook.com/emmanuelbaptistchurchstc/videos/2270772823199272/)**

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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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# UOVBA 2018 Church Recognition Awards

Faith Community Church  
Pastor Pete Carney

Faith contributed 52.01% of their undesignated receipts to the UOVBA this year.

## \$5K Club

New Beginnings at Ryerson  
Baptist Church  
Pastor: Phil Campbell

Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church  
Pastor: Bobby Thomas

Indian Creek also received an award being the 3rd Highest in Baptisms this year with 10.  
(Dave Barrick Receiving the Award)



## \$10K Club

Marland Heights Community Church  
Pastor: Nate Freeman

Marland Heights also received an award being the Highest in Baptisms this year with 24.



Immanuel Baptist Church  
Pastor: Bruce Taylor

Immanuel is also #1 in  
Per Capita Giving



## \$15K Club

Cameron Baptist Church  
Pastor: Mike Kelley

Cameron is #2 in Per Capita Giving



## \$20K Club

Open Door Baptist Church  
Pastor: Larry Garrison

ODBC is also #3 in Per Capita Giving



## Baptism Awards

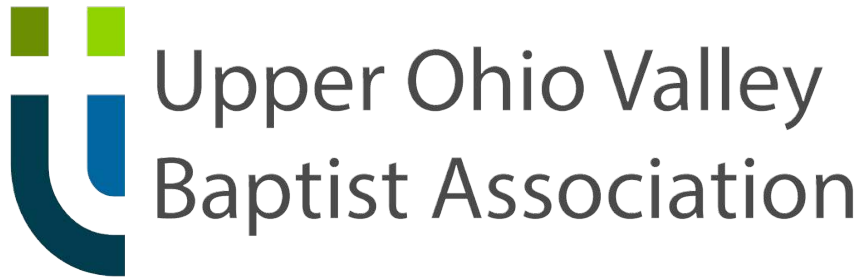
Marland Heights Community Church  
Pastor: Nate Freeman, 24

Abundant Life  
Pastor: Tom Rentfrow, 13

Indian Creek  
Pastor: Bobby Thomas, 10



# Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association



# 2018 Financial Report

Church	Sept	Oct
Abundant	90.51	147.18
Avondale	45.86	55.76
Calvary		
Cameron	606.00	
Emmanuel		218.09
Evangel		51.12
Faith	236.80	147.27
FBC Chester	105.54	87.68
FBC Steuben		
Grace	61.00	187.99
Immanuel	1,160.00	3,325.00
Indian Creek	473.00	573.60
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights		2,560.00
Ministry of Salvation		
ODBC	1,466.00	1,785.00
Riverview		
NB @ Ryerson	236.45	563.33
Solid Rock	41.85	
S Wheeling		
Temple	<u>138.66</u>	<u>144.03</u>
<b>Month Total:</b>	<b>4,661.67</b>	<b>9,846.05</b>
<b>Year To Date:</b>		<b>87,710.39</b>

This financial report is a current reflection through October 2018. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.





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**WHEELING NAILERS  
FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT  
FEB. 2nd 2019**



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**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS SPECIAL EVENT  
COMING JANUARY 2019!**



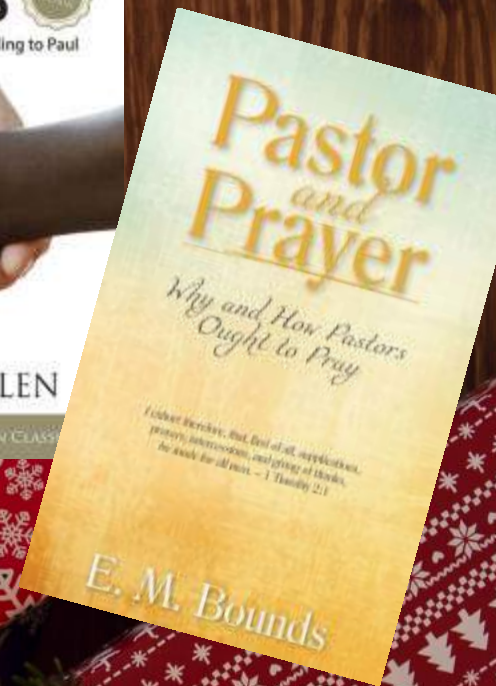
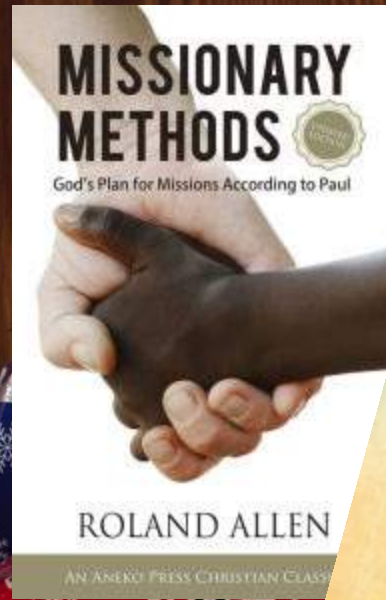
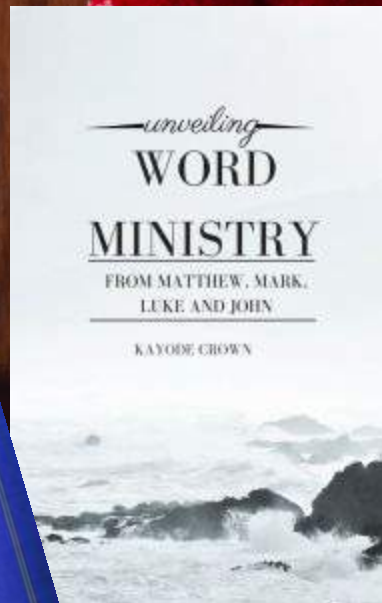
# CHRISTMAS BANQUET

FOR PASTORS, OFFICERS, AND SPOUSES

TIME 6:00 PM  
DECEMBER 11, 2018  
PERKINS RESTAURANT  
MOUNDSVILLE, WV 26041

\*TO RSVP GO TO [UOVBA.COM](http://UOVBA.COM)\*

# A Free Christmas Gift to our Pastors and Those Serving Alongside Them.



We know that you labor each day working to fulfill the great commission through reading, teaching and preaching God's word. As a small gift to you, we wanted to bless you with some free ebooks to help equip you along your way this coming year! To get your free ebooks, scan the QR code or click the link below.



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*Merry Christmas from your staff at the  
Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association.*



# Finding Your Contentment in Jesus This Coming Year

A Devotional from Dr. Adrian Rogers  
-[www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

“...and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, ‘I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.’ ” Hebrews 13:5

As you face the New Year, I want you to find your contentment in Jesus, your companionship in Jesus, and your confidence in Jesus. Then you’ll find your comfort and your courage in Jesus.

When you are contented in Jesus and He is closer to you than anyone on earth could possibly be, when you are confident that He will provide in the midst of trials and testing, then and only then will you know the courage that comes from His comforting presence.


Pray, “Lord, with all my heart, with all I am, I want to know you. I want our relationship to be close and my faith to grow. Cleanse me and make me new that I may be all that You want me to be this year.”

# 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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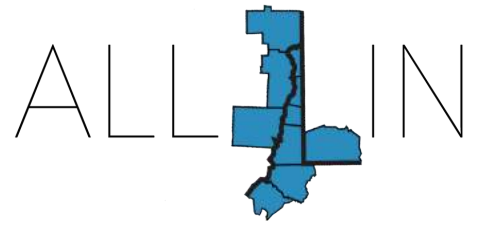
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# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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](http://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 23 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

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>Phase 1 Total \$35,000.00</b>

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>Phase 1 Total \$66,500.00</b>

## Exterior

Siding	\$10,000.00
Paint	\$1,000.00
Gutters/Downspouts	\$4,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Phase 2 Total \$15,000.00</b>

## Purchase Next Door Building

Purchase	\$20,000.00
Demo	\$7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Phase 2 Total \$27,500.00</b>

## Land/Lots

Paving/Sidewalks	\$22,000.00
Fencing	\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Phase 3 Total 25,000.00</b>

## *Anniversaries*

### **November**

### **December**

23 Gary & Sandra Eller

## *Birthdays*

### **November**

22 Melanie Glover

### **December**

17 Terry Weyand

### **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.



# "It's the Job of the Church



to reach  
the culture"

Dr. Nate Freeman  
Marland Heights Community Church



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