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# LOOKING

CONCERT OF PRAYER



## EMPOWERING THE CHURCH

# ORDINATION

@ Marland Heights Community Church

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## UOVBA Calendar

### September 2017

- 7 Looking Up Concert of Prayer
- 8-9 Faith Community Church Building Project, Gutting/Demo
- 9 WVCSB Executive Board
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Ola Cox State Missions Offering
- 15 ACP Reports Are Due
- 16-17 Men and Boys Retreat
- 21 WVCSB Nominating Committee  
WVCSB Committee on Committees
- 30 WMU Officers Council

### October 2017

- 1 Sunday School High Attendance Day  
Great Day In The Mountains
- 5 State Evangelism Conference with  
Johnny Hunt in Clarksburgh, WV
- 6 New Ministers' Orientation
- 7 Disaster Relief Training, Indian Creek  
9AM - 2PM
- 8 World Hunger Day
- 13 CPN Fall North
- 20 CPN Fall South
- 21 UOVBA Annual Meeting - FBC



**REMEMBER**

*September*

**7TH**

**Temple Baptist Church**

**LOOKING**  
CONCERT OF PRAYER 

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 6:00PM**  
**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNDSVILLE, WV**  
**WORSHIP - PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS FOR REVIVAL**  
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# DOM CORNER



By ED GOODMAN  
UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

## A CALL TO COME TOGETHER

For we are God's fellow workers..." 1 Corinthians 3:9

In October 1969, the Beatles released a song entitled, "Come Together," the opening track of their famous Abbey Road album. Though the song was initially intended to serve as the theme for Timothy Leary's gubernatorial run in California, that plan was scrapped when Leary dropped out of the race. Instead, John Lennon drafted lyrics he referred to as "gobbledygook," and "Come Together" became the Beatles' 18th number one hit on the Billboard Hot 100 charts, surpassing Elvis Presley's previous record of 17. Despite the song's unconventional creation and abstract composition, fans all over the world misinterpreted its chorus (which says, "Come together, right now, over me") as a call for unity - a perception that continues even today.



Though John Lennon was not trying to bring people together through that song, I most certainly am through this ministry. Reaching our potential as an association of churches is contingent upon our willingness to work cooperatively. Individually, each church in the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association (UOVBA) is an important part of God's Kingdom and, to be sure, will have an impact on eternity. However, our 22 churches can do far more by working together. How? Let me share a few opportunities that highlight the potential of cooperative ministry.

# DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster relief efforts are currently underway in the southeastern portion of our association. The towns of McMechen, Hundred, and Mannington have all been hit very hard by recent flooding. Cameron Baptist Church and Temple Baptist Church have opened their doors to disaster relief teams representing the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists (WVCSB), while Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church has been busy mobilizing disaster relief volunteers. Together, Southern Baptists are providing meals, supplies, cleanup efforts, and Gospel ministry to the victims of this disaster. Many churches are collectively doing what no single church could accomplish on its own! If you can join us in helping our neighbors, contact Bobby Thomas at (304) 238-8169. General disaster relief training will be held at Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church on Saturday, October 7 from 9am-2pm. You can register by contacting WVCSB Disaster Relief representative Jim Messenger via email—[jim@wvcsb.org](mailto:jim@wvcsb.org).



### **Faith Community Church**

Faith Community Church in North Wheeling will be gutting a building on September 8-9. Pastor Pete Carney and deacon Ray Carney have a God-given vision to reach their North Wheeling neighborhood with the Gospel. The building, which is owned by the church, will serve as their future sanctuary, and successfully gutting the building on these days will allow them to begin interior sanctuary construction in 2018. Together, we can help this church move closer to the launch of a new location. Will you invest in this Gospel vision for North Wheeling? If you want to join the efforts, contact Pete Carney at (304) 280-6917 or Ray Carney at (304) 281-8353.

### **Ola Cox State Missions Offering**

I also cordially invite you and your church to participate in this year's Ola Cox State Missions Offering (OCSMO). Throughout the month of September, you may designate gifts to the OCSMO through your local church. All proceeds will remain in the state of West Virginia for the purposes of Gospel ministry. Together, we will cooperatively fund ministries and missional efforts that no individual church could facilitate singlehandedly!


In chemistry, when some elements come together, they create a reaction that can't be reversed. Imagine what the Lord will do when - in His name, for His purposes, and through His power - we come together.



On September 7 at 6pm, the UOVBA will be hosting the Looking Up Prayer Concert at Temple Baptist Church in Moundsville. Chuck Morrow will open the event with a single worship song and Dan Biser will provide some short exhortations about prayer, the evening will predominantly consist of committed Christians crying out to the Lord in prayer. We will unite our hearts in worship of God for His glorious attributes and redemptive work; in confession to God for personal sin and sins of the church; and in petition to God for personal, corporate, and national revival. Together, we will seek the Lord in humility and passion. No reservations are needed - just show up ready to pray, intercede, and talk with the Lord.





A photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

take your faith  
deeper by trusting  
Jesus in all ways..

TRUST HIM





# ORDINATION

@ Marland Heights Community Church

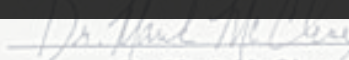
Marland Heights Community Church celebrated the graduation of Dr. Nate Freeman (Th.D) and Trey Freeman (Associate of Religious Studies) from New Vision Bible College and Seminary. The church also ordained Nate, Trey, and Dave Hindman. The Lord is still calling men to Gospel ministry!


Dr. Nate Freeman (Th.D) went on to write this post on Facebook: "I want to send a message of hope and encouragement to anyone who reads this post today. In this month when I was 2 years old my parents rushed me to the hospital because I was in the early stages of a diabetic coma. Since then by the grace of God, I have overcome diabetes, blindness and kidney failure."

"I was not born with the proverbial silver spoon in my mouth. As many of you know my parents have always been honest hardworking people. I spent most of my childhood growing up on N 5th St in Steubenville. I went to Garfield elementary and later Lincoln School. Statistically, the odds have been against me, but God had a different plan. Today I hold a Ph.D.! We don't fail when we get knocked down. We only fail when we stop getting back up. Reach your destiny, dream big, pray hard and trust God."

"I want to thank everyone for the congratulations. I especially want to thank my wife Kate Freeman, my children Brittany Thomas, Myles Anthony Freeman, and Trey Freeman. as well as my parents."

  
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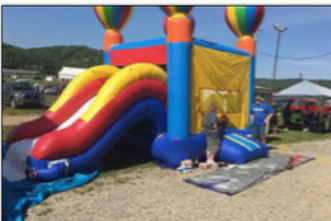
# EMPOWERING THE CHURCH

## HOW UOVBA.COM CAN BETTER SERVE YOUR MINISTRY NEEDS.

### Trailer Reservations

When reserving a trailer you will be reserving it per day, if you need the trailer for additional days please repeat the process below. Here are some simple instructions on how to reserve a trailer. Please take note that the Block Party Trailer requires a reservation fee of \$100 to be paid to the UOVBA prior to the event.

1. Select what trailer you want to reserve.
2. Click Reserve
3. A calendar will come up for the day you want to reserve the trailer, click the day you want the trailer. If the day is grayed out then that means it has already been reserved for that day.
4. Once you selected a day please click on the 10:00 Am time - You **will have the trailer for the whole day** by clicking this.
5. Click Next
6. Then fill out your church information. An email should be sent to you and the association about your reservation. This will also be automatically added to the Association calendar.
7. In your email you will have several links you must follow. One of the links will take you the pick-up and drop-off



#### Block Party Trailer

12 hr | Block Party

Reserve

[Learn More](#)

Over the last few months, our team at the association has been working hard to provide resources that can benefit the church to equip you in ministry. With many of us being online daily we thought that we should look to see how we could utilize our website to serve our local churches better. Praying about this we came up with some useful tools when it comes to our trailer ministry.

Each year especially during the summer months our trailers at the association are being reserved for various activities around the valley. Previously, each time a trailer needed to be reserved you had to call or email the office at the association to see if the trailer you needed was available and to reserve your dates. In some cases, this may have taken a couple of days to confirm because of office hours and time to reply to email.

We have now found a way to empower the local church by moving our reservation process completely online. By clicking on "Association Trailers" in the top section of UOVBA.com you will be directed to the trailer reservation process. When there you will be able to see the trailer dates available and start the reservation process.

In addition to reserving a trailer, we have also provided an online training process for our block party inflatables. When you select the "Bounce House Training" you will be able to go through some basic training. Safety forms, manuals & training videos are available for you to complete your block party training. Once you have reviewed the safety forms and videos you can complete the certification by filling out an online form directly from that page. Please remember that anyone who operates a bounce house needs to be certified.

Please let us know if you would like to see any additional resources added the site. We are always open to ways to serve your church better. Email us at [upperohio@gmail.com](mailto:upperohio@gmail.com)

### Accessories & Safety Forms

[Bounce House Daily Check List](#)

[UOVBA Block Party Trailer Guidelines](#)

[UOVBA Bounce House Information](#)

[Blower Operating Instructions](#)

[Bounce House Safety Instructions](#)

### Operating Manuals

[Combo Jump Operating Manual](#)

[Magic Castle Operating Manual](#)

[27-Foot Lava Twist Manual](#)

[18-Foot Slide Operating Manual](#)

[All-In-One User Manual](#)

Bounce House Training

Phantom Shadow 1 of 3 Moonbounce Safety and Setup Video



# Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

## 2017 Financial Report

Church	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Abundant	48.85	57.55	62.41	68.74	63.97	72.50		66.45
Avondale	20.50		92.45	45.78	39.38	69.68	39.61	49.40
Calvary								
Cameron	304.00	688.00	300.00		428.00	390.00	325.00	418.00
Emmanuel	199.05	126.51	199.25	153.72	132.18		172.23	164.96
								256.76
Evangel	26.50	150.00	44.12	45.36	47.68	47.60	43.48	52.88
Faith		34.80	156.60	48.50	98.70	111.10	111.00	113.50
FBC Chester		290.27	198.00	263.47		121.56	70.28	118.43
FBC Steuben		231.38	181.79		414.05			
Friendly	320.00	205.00	210.00	410.00	275.00	470.00		410.00
								253.00
Grace	73.00		95.00	146.71	195.00		242.00	185.00
Immanuel	620.00	1,485.00	665.00	560.00	765.00	33,110.00		1,260.00
								610.00
Indian Creek	0.00	1,289.00	943.35	2,374.20		2,094.32		1,193.60
Lighthouse								
Marland Heights	150.00	100.00			900.00	1,430.00	985.00	
Ministry of Salvation								
ODBC	1,503.00	1,774.00	1,641.00	974.41	2,093.00	1,514.00	1,443.00	1,844.00
								1,506.16
Riverview								
NB @ Ryerson	309.35	428.30	403.91	963.93	694.02	541.68	494.38	580.88
Solid Rock	32.91	57.82	38.19	47.49		42.69	37.53	56.13
S Wheeling	4.20	5.32	1.86	16.16	21.68	32.05		1.96
Temple	103.67	364.01	431.61	130.33	198.19	129.48		247.50

This financial report is a current reflection through August 2017. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.



A Word From the WVCSB

# Discipleship Stories

" Through conversations with me and his mom, he has done a great job in explaining why he believes what he believes. He has also asked us to ask some of our older people, who he knows will pray, to pray for her in the coming days. She is close to accepting and is seeking, so our prayer is that she will come to know the Lord soon"

ARTICLE FROM THE WVCSB

Thirteen year old Bianca sang a solo during morning worship, although she was quite nervous knowing her lost mother came to hear her.

This month I have been working with a young man that I will call "T". When I first met T, he was hit or miss when coming to church, though he had a giving heart. After spending some time with him, showing him that I cared, and that the church cared for him, I am happy to say that he is at the church every time the door is open. Recently, he has been dealing with the emotional scars of losing his girlfriend of 6 years. So, we have been focusing on forgiveness and grace. It's a slow road, but he is starting to be able to deal with his hurt in a healthier manner and lean upon Christ.

Our middle son, Josh, has been witnessing to his girlfriend, who is unsaved and unchurched.

She has asked him how he knows that God is real. Through conversations with me and his mom, he has done a great job in explaining why he believes what he believes. He has also asked us to ask some of our older people, who he knows will pray, to pray for her in the coming days. She is close to accepting, and is seeking, so our prayer is that she will come to know the Lord soon

Chris recently stepped into a leadership role and started leading one of our small groups. Chris is a classic redneck and the state archery champion. He's a recovering racist and passionate about the gospel. He's eager to use his background to reach others in Appalachian culture, and I can't wait to see how God uses him as he leads a small group.

Many of our folks passed out flyers and personal invitations in

neighborhoods, at Walmart, and other spots. Many have stepped up their game and made VBS the best ever, in spite of the rain. PTL.

This story is actually about what God is doing in the medical students at the Osteopathic school here in Lewisburg. We have been so blessed by their faithfulness. They have a crazy schedule as med. Students, but we see them faithful to the Sunday Gathering, and also faithful to serve. We had some of them give up their afternoon to reach out to the new crop of students that came in this year, volunteer to serve during Scatter to Serve Sunday, become faithful partners financially even on tight med. school budgets, get plugged in and remain faithful to small groups, and continue to be a light for the gospel on a campus that has many, many, many different belief systems represented. We continue to be encouraged by them and always look forward to meeting and ministering to new o-students.



# D I S C I P L E S H I P

We had three new believers get baptized this month. The visiting student, who I picked up and asked prayer for, has believed Jesus and gotten baptized this time. Praise the Lord! He came to the US the first time and came to church the first time. He only stayed here for two months, and has to go back to China on August 4th. Thank God that he has been saved!

One guy from our church has been praying for a while about feeling called to vocational ministry. He has recently accepted that call. He desires to be an intern at our church in order to gain some experience. I am praying God will use him in a powerful way.

Tammy is expressing her continued desire to grow stronger in the Lord. One of the children broke out singing "Jesus Loves Me" at the top of his lungs after our praise and worship time. Two children are beginning to pray in front of the church and in public.

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# MOVINGBYOND

A ONE DAY LEADERSHIP EVENT



We are excited to have Dr. Johnny Hunt with us this year for our 2017 state evangelism conference! His critical topics include: "Moving Beyond the Wall" (breaking through the barriers to healthy church growth and moving beyond "the plateau") and "Leadership That Lasts" (developing leadership characteristics that have a lasting impact).

Thu, October 5, 2017  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM EDT  
Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg  
606 Emily Drive  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Note: The conference is designed for pastors, staff, and lay leaders.  
If you need to reserve a hotel room, call 304.326.9200 (\$89 plus taxes).  
Scholarships are available.

*-With-*

# Johnny Hunt



## *Anniversaries*

3 Ron & Sandy McCoy - Let's remember Sandy on her first anniversary without Ron.

4 Larry & Donna Garrison

22 Kyle & Linda May

## *Birthdays*

20 Charlie Henderson Jr (Charlie's Son)

29 Carolyn Ryan

30 Chuck Morrow

### **Publishing Information Disclosure**

The Valley Voice will typically be published on the last Thursday of each month, although unforeseen circumstances may result in a delay or temporary suspension of the publication. For information to be published, the UOVBA must receive it in writing by the 20th day of each month.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association is to motivate, stimulate, equip, and assist Southern Baptist churches to recognize and fulfill their Christ given mission.

### **Vision Statement**

The vision of the UOVBA is to equip churches through cooperation, training, planning, and fellowship to become instruments of Christ for the purpose of evangelism and missions.



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