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# *A Look Ahead to 2022: A Year of Missions*

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# A SEASON OF PREPARATION

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Chuck Morrow, Director of Missions/Association Missional Strategist

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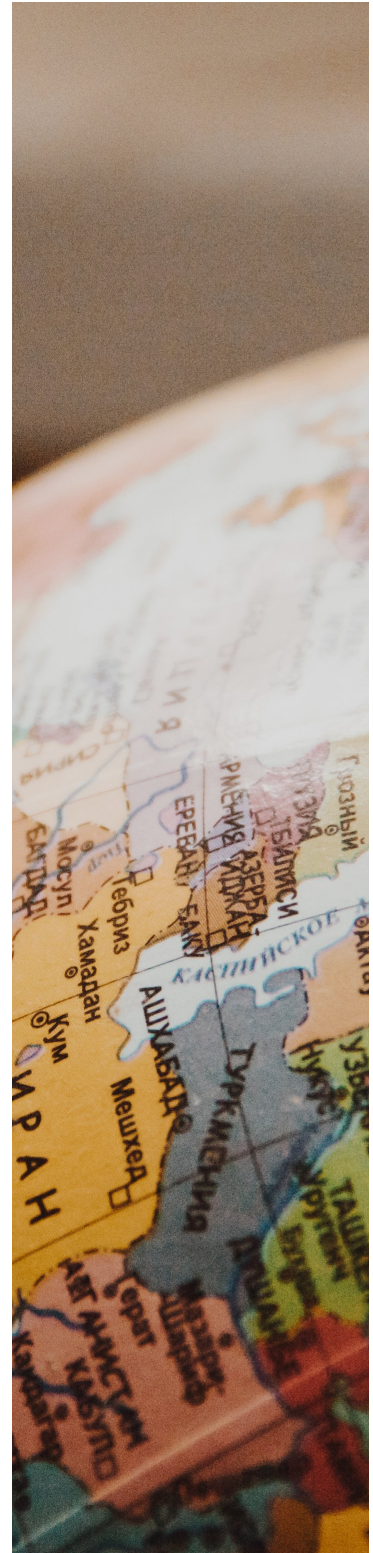
## We are only just beginning, don't give up.

**"AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY WHILE DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP IF WE DO NOT LOSE HEART." GALATIANS 6:9**

There's no greater time than now to be on mission as we seek to come together as an association of churches seeking to accomplish the will that God has for us. I know it's hard sometimes with all of the different sicknesses that are rising up around us, all of the various trials that we face along with the work of ministry. But we're reminded by our scripture to not grow weary while doing good. The route of good is God. And so, while doing work for God, the good work, we shouldn't grow weary. Doing good is hard work, especially if someone begins to doubt whether it matters. Here Paul is urging the Galatians to keep living in a way that is consistent with what they believe. To trust what the Lord has done and is doing through them.

In the Great Commission Jesus reminds us that He will never leave us or forsake us (Mat 28:19-20). Ultimately as we have been instructed to make disciples and to take the gospel to the nations we must stay focused on how Jesus is working in our lives to accomplish this task. But sometimes we allow the enemy to steal from us that joy that we should have, the joy that comes from our salvation.

Remember, that as we wait upon the Lord He will renew us and give us the strength we need to accomplish His will. Don't lose heart, we are only just beginning and don't give up. This is a season of preparation, where we are being equipped for a greater service. Therefore Go!



## Prepare For Deployment

When I was in the Army I served with a unique team that was prepared at a moments notice to pack up and set up within a 48 hour period at an Army Reserve unit anywhere in the country. It was usually myself and 3 others from my unit that served as the first wave of the their deployment. We were called a "Readiness Team", which means my team and I were sent to prepare the unit for the deployment process. We had a purpose and process for everything we did. You see the soldiers at that unit were aware that they were going to be deployed, but they couldn't do it on their own. Help and guidance was needed to navigate the potential obstacles that lie ahead.

I believe that we are in a season of preparation as an association. Just like the Army we are preparing ourselves for deployment. Our deployment may look a little different, but it's a deployment nonetheless. This is something that I think of when I see the scripture "Let us not grow weary while doing good." With 22 churches across 10 counties and 3 states we cover a regional area locally that satan wants to take for his own. So how do we combat this? By deploying the local church into their communities to take back what belongs to the Lord. To do this we must be prepared.

Unlike conventional warfare we want the enemy to see us. We want him to know that we will not stand idle as our communities drift further from the Lord. And to be deployed we must be prepared, equipped to face the battle head on. Your association stands ready to help do just that, provide tools, training, and resources to come alongside the local church as we stand to face this battle together.

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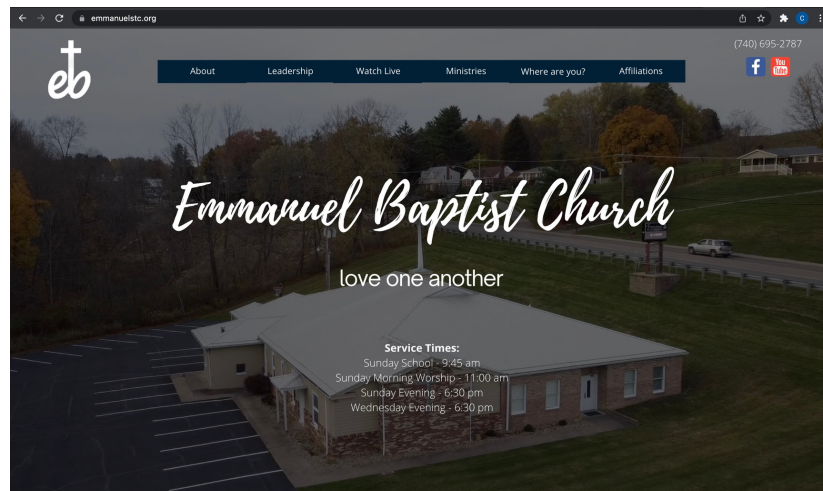
## Readiness Process

If we want the enemy to know we are there we must be visible. Your association wants to help with that. at least 14 out of 22 churches in our association don't have a webpage. Your association staff is currently developing a simple webpage for those churches.

Some may be wondering how will this cost the church? The answer is simple, nothing, \$0. As an association we have the ability to use funds through Church Support.

The webpages are going to be simple they will have the following layout:

- About, Leadership, Media, Ministries, Plan of Salvation, & Affiliations.



As I said the cost will be free to the local church and the only cost to the association will be \$22 per, church per year, which will come from our church support line item. We will develop the webpages and be available to update them once a week if needed or we can train somebody from your church to manage the site.

A recent study done in 2020 said that 97% of consumers and those looking for a church, looked for a webpage online. The webpage is a front door to your church for today's generation.

## Assessment

The readiness process also involves helping individuals realize their strongholds and overcoming them to be better for the church and service to the Lord. If we are going to shout to the enemy "Here We Are!", then we must not be letting anything hold us back. We must be able to assess where we are spiritually in our walk. To do that I believe that discipleship is non negotiable. To help with this we have two workshops coming up to do just that.

**HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONS**  
A WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022  
9:00 AM - 11:00 PM  
at the UOVBA Office

Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

*In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.*  
Psalms 5:3

UOVBA Discipleship MINISTRY

**AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY**

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022  
at the UOVBA Office  
9:00AM - 11:00AM

UOVBA Discipleship MINISTRY

*But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. - Psalm 1:2*

## Training & Strategy

Training & strategy is essential to ministry. Prayer is the first and foremost item on that list. I personally believe that prayer preceeds everything. We must be in prayer daily and encourage others to be praying.

Your association has dedicated leaders that are devoted to equipping and training you and the members of your church to be on mission. We are also working with several mission sending organizations to come alongside the local church and train for missions. In addition we have training opportunities available to your local church in Discipleship, Disaster Relief, Evangelism, and Teacher Training for Adult - Youth Sunday School(Coming July 30th 2022 more to come in our next Valley Voice).

Even better we have in person & online workshops to help equip the church. All it takes is reaching out to your association staff. We are 100% willing to help meet any training need.

## Full Deployment

Once we train our churches we must be ready to deploy. To put in action what we are equipped to do. This is a daunting task for the average church member. They may know what to do and be trained, but are they willing to do it? Lets encourage one another as we set out on this mission, "for in we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

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**GALATIANS 6:9**



*Charles L. Morrow II*

**Charles L. "Chuck" Morrow II**  
**UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**  
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# The Baptist College of Florida

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## BCF Partners With West Virginia Southern Baptists

On April 10, 2021 during their Executive Board Meeting, a formal signing took place for the new partnership (tuition scholarship) between The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) in Graceville and the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists (WVCSB). Signees included BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen and Eric W. Ramsey, WVCSB Executive Director-Treasurer. Kinchen, who also served as West Virginia's third executive director from 1986 to 1990, told WVCSB Executive Board members, "I don't know what your questions might be, but the answer is yes; whatever we can do, however we can do, whenever we can do, please know that West Virginia is in my heart." He drew laughs from the board while sharing, "I was sitting here remembering the last time I attended a meeting in this room was the celebration they threw when I left." Kinchen has served faithfully as The Baptist College of Florida's President since accepting the position in 1990.

Ramsey explained both he and Kinchen "believe the future of churches in North America will largely be led by bio-vocational pastors - those who do not receive a full-time salary from the church but hold additional jobs to support their families." The free-tuition partnership allows for the pursuit of any degree program; however, students will be encouraged to pursue a theological education whether it be a major, double major, minor, or graduate degree. "On behalf of West Virginia Southern Baptists," stated Ramsey, "the generosity that The Baptist College of Florida is extending to us is very kind and an incredible demonstration of Dr. Kinchen's love and kingdom mindedness, and we are grateful to him and the BCF Board of Trustees for loving West Virginia."

The goal is to equip pastors and missionaries from West Virginia for a life of gospel multiplication in and through West Virginia. In order to apply for the program, students must be a member in good standing at a cooperating West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists church, be affirmed in a call to ministry by their church, and meet the requirements for admission to The Baptist College of Florida. "I'm honored and privileged to get to come back," Dr. Kinchen concluded. "Many places you leave and you don't know if you can go back or not. But I feel like I can come back to West Virginia, and I am so grateful for that."

For more information on this program or other financial programs at The Baptist College of Florida, please call 800.328.2660 or visit the website at [www.baptistcollege.edu](http://www.baptistcollege.edu).





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# A Historic Look Back

John I. Snedden UOVBA Director of Missions 1960-1967

John I. Snedden was the founding Director of Missions for the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association. Serving as a missionary to southeastern Ohio and West Virginia, John was instrumental leading church plants & partnerships across the area in the mid to late 1950's through the 1970's. He was also a leader in the formation of additional associations across the state of West Virginia.

In 1970 the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptist constituted. John then served as the first State Executive Director of the newly formed WVCSB. His influence can still be seen today across the UOVBA and WVCSB.

## WEST VIRGINIA REPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS

September, 1961

John I. Snedden, Area Missionary

God has been good to Southern Baptists in West Virginia during the last year. Up to September 1, 1960, there were 45 Southern Baptist Churches and 10 missions in the State. These were affiliated with three State Conventions and nine associations. Today there are 49 churches and 20 missions affiliated with four State Conventions (Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and Maryland), and ten associations in West Virginia.

From September 1, 1960 to August 31, 1961, four new churches, four new permanent missions, and six new Institutional missions have been added to our work. One new association, Upper Ohio Valley, including churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania as well as West Virginia, has been organized, and on September 11, 1961, another new one, Greater Huntington, will be organized. In addition to three churches and four missions in Huntington, this new association will include one church and one mission in Ohio. Ten new pastors have come to serve in our churches and missions. One church has built and occupied a beautiful new building, four more are in construction projects, either on new first units or additions, and there are six, in addition to these, who are planning to begin building within the next year.







# Annual Meeting Recap/Minutes

Chuck Morrow: UOVBA Director of Missions  
Jonathan Matthews: Associational Administrator/Clerk

The 61st annual messengers meeting was held at Abundant Life Baptist Church. Larry Garrison opened the meeting. Jonathan Matthews presented the verification of messengers there were 57 people attending online and in person. Motion made by Danny O’Neil seconded by Roy Polmanteer and approved. Jonathan Matthews also presented the order of business for approval. Motion was made by Joseph Andrews and approved. Jonathan Matthews presented the minutes from the last executive board meeting and the special called business meeting. Motion was made by Roy Polmanteer and approved. Chuck Morrow celebrated the completion of the biblical teaching and preaching class and presented the students with certificates of completion. The students that completed the course were Roy Polmanteer, Murray Stafford, Allen Ferris and Shane Henderson. Aldo Pucci prayed for the students.

Ray Carney presented the finance report. For more information about the finances please contact the office at 304-845-3680. Motion was made by Tom Rentfrow and approved. Ray Carney presented a motion from the finance committee to transfer \$10,000 from savings to checking to purchase and outfit a new trailer for disaster relief to be used for Incident Command. Motion was made by Joseph Andrews seconded by Tom Rentfrow and approved.

Dave Barrick presented the mission's development report. Faith Community church is preparing to demolish the house in front of the new church in the coming months. The association has purchased liability insurance from State Farm to cover the people going out on missions for the UOVBA. The UOVBA will be partnering with Bearing Precious Seed in 2022 to produce Bibles to send out to missionaries. Moundsville Baptist Church in Moundsville WV will be partnering with the UOVBA to make these Bibles. The UOVBA will be paying around \$2,000 to make these Bibles.



Pictured above: Larry Garrison, Chuck Morrow, Allen Ferris, Murray Stafford, Roy Polmanteer  
To the Left is Open Door Baptist Church Worship Team, Won By One

Dave Barrick introduced Brian Zimmerman from the Transformation Center in Brooklyn Maryland. The UOVBA will be partnering with the Transformation Center to do a mission trip to Brooklyn Maryland in 2022.

Roy Polmanteer presented the Disaster Relief report. The UOVBA assisted the community of Salt Peter WV during the ice storm last winter. The UOVBA collected items and filled a 16 foot trailer to send down to that community. The UOVBA DR also assisted FBC Chester in cutting down some trees on their property. They also assisted Cameron Baptist Church and the community of Cameron WV during the flooding in June. During the 18 days that DR was deployed to Cameron over 4,000 hours were worked. The UOVBA DR will be purchasing a new trailer for incident command. UOVBA DR will be building out another trailer that is already owned by the UOVBA. The UOVBA also held a DR training at the UOVBA Office. There were over 20 people from the UOVBA and from outside the UOVBA. The UOVBA had a 3 person team deploy to York PA to assist the DR teams from Kentucky. Allen Ferris prayed for the team that deployed to PA.

Danny O'Neil presented the vehicle & trailer ministry report. The van that was donated to the UOVBA has had some repairs done.

Tim Turner presented the WVCSB report. Some highlights from the WVCSB from 2021 are: VBS training, YEC was a huge success. This year it was a pre-recorded 5 week Bible Study called Long Live the King, Summit Youth Camp was a huge success, Inspire evangelism conference was held in Bridgeport, WV. The 51st annual WVCSB annual meeting will be held at the Highlands Event Center in Triadelphia. If you would like more information from The WVCSB reports please feel free to reach out to us. Chuck Morrow prayed for the WVCSB staff.

Ray Carney presented the 2022 spending plan. The Ola Cox and legacy offerings will only be used going forward on the ministries of the UOVBA. If you would like more information on the 2022 spending plan please contact the UOVBA office. Motion was made by Dave Barrick seconded by Roy Polmanteer and approved.

Aldo Pucci presented the nomination committee appointments. Allen Ferris will be the assistant clerk Wendy Kelley will be the VBS coordinator and Larry Garrison will be a trustee. Motion was approved.



Aldo Pucci



Allen Ferris, Chuck Morrow



Brian Zimmerman

Aldo Pucci presented the recommended changes to the constitution. The first change is under Section six associational year the proposed change, the associational year shall begin on October 1st and end on September the 30th. The second change is The nomination committee shall nominate for the following positions to be presented at the annual meeting for election assistant clerk historian, Treasurer, disaster relief team leader the proposal is to add /coordinator, removal of evangelism team leader and replace with evangelism and missions, eliminate development, trailer and add and Vehicle Team Leader and the addition is also proposed for discipleship team leader. If you would like to know more about the changes that were made to the constitution please contact Jonathan Matthews. Motion was approved. The assistant treasurer position has not been filled yet. Roy Polmanteer made the motion to allow the executive board to find and vote on a new treasurer seconded by Aldo Pucci and approved.

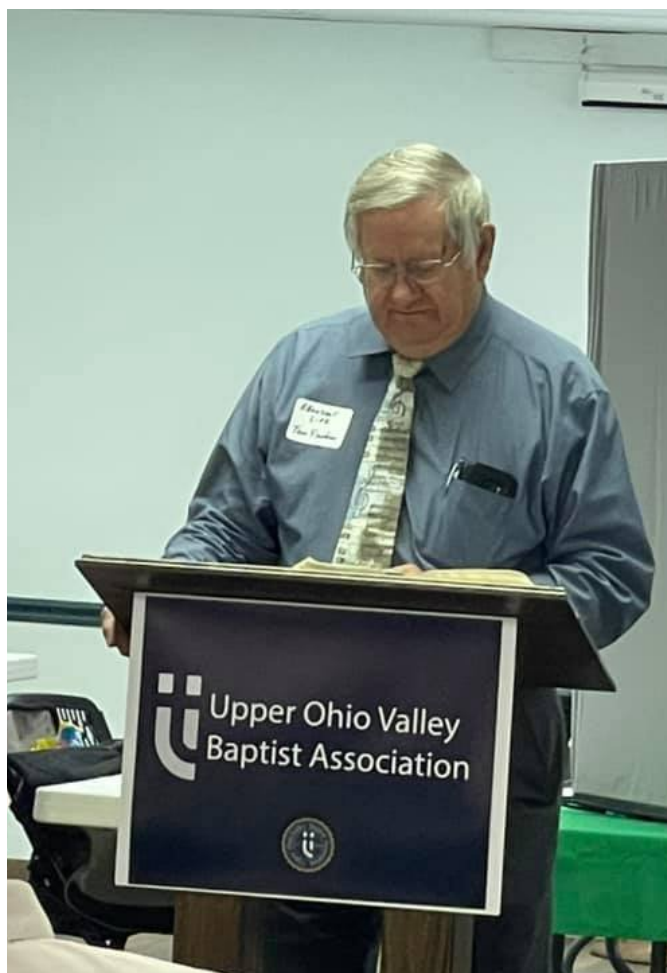
Chuck Morrow presented the credentials committee report. FBC Barnesville has voted to become a member of the UOVBA. Motion to bring them in under watch care was made by Aldo Pucci seconded by Chuck Matthews and approved.

Amy Morrow presented an update from Indian Creek Christian School. This is Indian Creeks 4th year as a school. The State of West Virginia implemented the Hope Scholarship this year. Anybody that has a child that is entering kindergarten, will be able to utilize this scholarship to attend a Christian or private school for free. Also, anybody that has a child who has been in the public school last year, full time, will be able to utilize that as well. This year Indian Creek has 14 students.

Brian Underwood from TIP International presented an update on the missionaries and how the UOVBA can partner with TIP International. Larry Garrison presented the moderator appointments.

The nomination committee will include Aldo Pucci, Roy Polmanteer, and Joseph Andrews. The time, place and preacher committee for the 63rd Annual Meeting will be Roy Polmanteer and Chuck Matthews.

Below: Tom Rentfrow



Chuck Morrow presented the DOM report. We had evangelism training this past year, we've had missions opportunities to be able to train and equip individuals and churches to be on mission. Currently, the UOVBA is developing discipleship training. The UOVBA is currently working on a missions pipeline conference It's going to include Jamie Work our IMB representative, Brian Underwood, Emily Thomas, and then also Danny Rumble with send West Virginia, our NAMB representative, these folks will be coming on March the 12th, and will share the need for missions.

Nominations for Moderator and Vice Moderator were presented. Roy Polmanteer nominated Aldo Pucci for Moderator. Nominations for Moderator were closed. Motion was made by Roy Polmanteer and seconded by Ray Carney and approved. Donna Garrison nominated Chuck Matthews for vice moderator. Nominations for vice moderator were closed. Motion was made by Sandy McCoy and seconded by Aldo Pucci and approved.

Tom Rentfrow presented the annual message from Matthew 28. Tom also shared during his message his testimony which pointed to the reason why we need evangelism and to be sent out on mission. Tim Turner closed the meeting in prayer. Motion to adjourn was made by Sandy McCoy and seconded by Roy Polmanteer.

Respectfully Submitted by Jonathan Matthews

# MISSIONS PIPELINE CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 12th  
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.



Jamie Work  
imb Associational Missions  
Network Associate | Mobilization



Brian Underwood  
President TIP International



Emily Thomas  
World Team Missionary



Danny Rumble  
Send WV, NAMB

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## UOVBA Office in Moundsville, WV

*\*\*Please RSVP, Lunch will be provided.\*\**

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 Upper Ohio Valley  
Baptist Association

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# Send Missionaries: WHY?

By: Brian Underwood,  
TIP International, CEO/Co-Founder



To send or not send; to go or not to go; to support or not to support; to pray or not to pray; to read listen and obey His Word or just do your own thing. These are real thoughts from real preachers, pastors and pew-sitters alike.

Couldn't God just call someone else? Does He really need me? I'm too old. I don't have the money. I'm not well educated. I'm not super spiritual. I can't get the vacation time. What about my kids/grandkids? They have ball practices and games...you know my kid is a future professional athlete. Can't you see it? I sure can!

This may have brought a smile to your face, but the reality is...this is real! Being in the ministry for over thirty years, I have almost heard it all.

The real question is "What do we do about it?"

Each one of us plays a role in the sending or holding back of current or future missionaries. I guess I need to specify how I would define a missionary. A missionary is a sent one; sent by the Lord Jesus Christ for a specific purpose. Usually, the purpose or purposes involve being a witness of the goodness of God in your life through the gospel of Jesus Christ. With this definition, it means each one of us is called to be a missionary.

We need to be reminded that going overseas on a "mission trip" does not necessarily mean that we are a missionary. If each of us are in essence a missionary, what do we do? What is our function?

- Can you text a meaningful Bible verse(s) or a favorite quote to your friends, family, and other associates?
- Can you assist your neighbor with odd jobs?
- Can you be on a prayer team?
- Discipleship anybody?
- Block party in your neighborhood
- Food bank
- Disaster Relief
- Quilting/Sewing/Knitting something for someone
- Homeless shelter/Rescue mission
- Do you have musical talents? Use them for Jesus!
- Make a “Christian” Tik Tok reel.
- Who are you investing in for the kingdom of God? A friend, co-worker, a youth, your kid(s), your spouse, etc.

Sending missionaries is the most **practical thing** we can do within the local church. I truly believe it! The opportunities are endless. It is the most logical way to intentionally engage with our communities in the US and abroad. Did you catch that? **Intentional engagement**. Get your key people together and prayerfully brainstorm the possibilities to use your gifts, talents, treasures, and abilities for the Lord. I know you are going to be surprised by what you come up with. Prove me wrong!

If sending missionaries is the most practical thing we can do within the local church, it is also the most **biblical thing** we can do within the local church. I love the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association’s charge for its churches...  
THEREFORE GO.  
Ponder with me the biblical ramifications of THEREFORE GO:

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”  
Isaiah 6:8

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  
Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

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But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”  
Matthew 9:36-38

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?



BUT...we have lost people here, too. If I had a dollar for every time, I heard that from a well-meaning Christ-follower. Yes, is the short answer. There are lost people here in West Virginia and throughout the USA. Are you doing anything about it? I hope so. I know I strive to be a witness wherever I go. I am passionate about seeing lost people anywhere in the US or any foreign land saved by the blood of the Lamb.

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***There are lost people here in West Virginia and throughout the USA. Are you doing anything about it?***

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And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:14-15

There is a plethora of other supporting biblical instances of going and sending missionaries. Statistics reveal a glaring need overseas. There are approximately 3.2 BILLION people who have not heard the gospel. It is good news for a lost, dying soul. Do we really care? Will anyone go? Is anyone going? Will you go with me? I'll be glad to take you with me.

That is a staggering number of people. Considering the world population is over 7 BILLION people, over 40% of the world population has never heard the gospel. WOW!

Personally, I am a changed person through the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. At the age of 14, I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. He (the Lord) made it extremely obvious that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. He turned this sinner into a child of the King. My life has never been the same.





My pastor, Steve Powell, invested his time and talents with me. With each visit he made to my home, he left nuggets of the gospel with me. I enjoyed playing basketball and throwing the football around, but there was something different about him. I found out later that it was Jesus living in him. God used Pastor Steve to change my life from the inside out.

I wonder who will be forever impacted by the gospel because you were sent by the local church to be a missionary here or abroad?

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A couple years ago I had the opportunity to visit with Steve and his wife Marsha. I was able to say, "Thank you." I had the privilege to share what God had done in my life, as well as, the lives of my wife and kids. I dread to think what my life would be like without Christ. It took one person willing to sacrifice their personal interests to spend time with someone like me.



By: Brian Underwood,  
TIP International, CEO/Co-Founder





WVCSB pastors and leaders,

As many of you know, we recently announced a new West Virginia Southern Baptists partnership with the Baptist Theological Seminary of Trujillo, Peru. This partnership will engage West Virginia Southern Baptists in equipping Peruvian and other South American pastors and missionaries, assisting the Peruvian Seminary in increasing their equipping capacity, and deploying West Virginia Southern Baptists for short-term strategic projects in Peru.

WVCSB pastors and church leaders (or missions representatives) are invited to attend an informational summit for this new partnership and learn how your church can be involved.

The Peru Partnership Summit is on Saturday, February 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport, WV.

- Catch the vision.
- Hear from leaders in Peru.
- Eat Peruvian cuisine.
- Learn about a spring Peru vision trip.

RSVP for the Peru Partnership Summit

\*Registration is required and will close on January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Here is the executive summary for the WVCSB and Baptist Theological Seminary of Peru Partnership:

[wvcsb.org/peru-summary](http://wvcsb.org/peru-summary)

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Prioritizing the Gospel "of first importance ..."

Eric W. Ramsey  
Executive Director-Treasurer, WVCSB





# Communications from the Command Center



## A Report & Celebration on UOVBA Disaster Relief

Roy D. Polmanteer UOVBA Disaster Relief Team Leader / Coordinator

Hello UOVBA members and friends!

Well, take a minute and take a deep breath. We just came out of a busy Christmas season. Thank our Lord and Savior that we are able to be busy with all of the things that we have going on and then thank Him for sending His Son Jesus Christ to this world to be born of a virgin, live a sinless life and die on Calvary's Cross for our sins. This is the True Reason for the Season!

With everything going on, there are also several exciting things happening on the Disaster Relief front at the Associational level, as well as the State level!



Starting on the state level, a new WVCSB Disaster Relief Coordinator has been named. Ted Duty was selected and named as the State D.R. Coordinator, we congratulate him on his selection and look forward to building a relationship with him.

Ted is a member of Winfield Baptist Church, and has been active in Disaster Relief with the team there. He brings a background in project management and volunteer team building. He has a heart and passion to rebuild D.R. here in West Virginia, and we look forward as an Association in working with him. Both Chuck and I have already had several telephone calls with him, and both of us (at different times) have met with him as well.



Ted Duty, WVCSB DR Coordinator

Another change at the state level, which is more personal to me, Ted has asked that I serve as the WVCSB D.R. Assistant Coordinator, and I have accepted. Don't Worry, at this point in time this will not affect my serving in the Upper Ohio Valley, I will continue to serve as your D.R. Team Leader / Coordinator and we will continue to lead from the top!!!

What this does mean though, is that I will be working closely with Ted at the state level and I will be over all of the training for the northern five associations in the state and all of the non-association churches in that area as well. I will also be the Director of Communications – This goes hand in hand with our soon to be operational Command / Communications Unit.

This means the opportunity for more training and more networking both within West Virginia and with our bordering states as well. We have discussed and are in the preliminary stages of planning a multiday training that will offer multiple courses in the same weekend. There will be more information regarding that coming in the future.

Things are just as busy and exciting at the Associational Level as we are making some major strides forward in regards to our Disaster Relief plan for 2022!

First, I am thankful for the Association Executive Board and Messengers approval of the funds that they did for Disaster Relief. With those funds, we just purchased a new 7'x16' trailer that will be built out as our Command / Communications Trailer.

Remember that I said that we are leading from the top? This will be the First Command / Communications unit in the state of West Virginia, and will be staffed by the only Incident Management Team in the state!

Additionally, UOVBA DR has been blessed with several donations directly to Disaster Relief and the Command / Communications unit. These donations will allow the designated funds go farther. Knowing that those who made the donations to UOVBA DR did not do so for



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**Below: Our New Command & Communications Trailer with a mock up design of what the graphics will look like when we have them made and installed this spring.**





## CHAPLAIN TRAINING

**This training will be at the Associational Office on Friday evening from about 5:00 PM to 9:00PM and then on Saturday from 8:00AM to about 3:00PM.**

personal glory, I would still like to thank Cameron Baptist Church for the donation of the laptop computer, Pastor Mike Kelley for the donation of printer, Chuck Morrow for the donation of the laptop computer and First Baptist Moundville for the significant financial donation.

These donations will allow the funds that have been designated to Disaster Relief and the build out of the new Command / Communications trailer to be used in the most effective manner, and allow for some things to be done that we were considering putting off.

We are also in the process of building out the current 16' trailer in to a better organized Recovery Unit (AKA - Mud Out / Chainsaw trailer).

By moving the mud out and chainsaw equipment and supplies in to the larger trailer we will have improved organization which will allow us to better maintain and keep an accurate inventory of the equipment and supplies. There will also be room to transport a good share of the responding team's personal items allowing for a more comfortable ride to and from the deployment site.

Sometime the little things make a difference.

With all of that going on we are still in getting ready to host a Chaplain Training on February 25 and 26. This training will be at the Associational Office on Friday evening from about 5:00 PM to 9:00PM and then on Saturday from 8:00AM to about 3:00PM.



We are also still planning a Shower Unit Training in the spring; however, a firm date has not yet been selected. We will make sure that you receive plenty of notice so you can get registered for it as well.

God is doing great things in and through the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association, things that will have an eternal impact on Kingdom growth, and I can't wait to see how He continues to work through UOVBA Disaster Relief!

I am humbled to be able to serve with each of you, and as I have said in the past, the more we do, the more we are going to be called upon, so stay prepared, and stay ready.

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Roy D. Polmanteer  
UOVBA Disaster Relief Team  
Leader / Coordinator

**Greg Knight serving during the Cameron, WV  
Disaster Relief Deployment.**



# CHAPLAIN TRAINING

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 25TH & 26TH**

**1121 Tenth St. Moundsville, WV 26041  
Online Registration via [UOVBA.org](http://UOVBA.org)  
Class Begins Friday Evening at 6:00PM**

*Serving Christ By Serving Others*

# Why we need to plant churches in *West Virginia*



Danny Rumble



Pastor Ryan Navy - River Valley Church, WV Church Plant

God's missionary character shapes the direction and focus of the church. From the beginning, God calls his people to be a blessing to those both near and far away (Genesis 12:1-3). This calling and blessing are seen throughout the Old Testament and amplified in the New Testament. Jesus embodies the mission of God through his incarnation, life, death, burial, and resurrection. The Bible clearly tells us that God sent his only Son into the world so that those who believe in him will be saved (John 3:16). God's sending action shows his missionary nature. Jesus declares to his disciples, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (John 20:21). The missionary sending nature of God is seen in the church. Barnabas and Saul receive a call from God, through the church, to be sent out on mission (Acts 13:3). This same work of sending church involvement in mission continues throughout the pages of the New Testament. Churches send people out and new churches are started. This is the biblical pattern for mission. This missional pattern was true for the first century church and it should be just as true for the church today. This brief article will discuss three reasons why we need to start new churches in West Virginia. It is my prayer that our missionary God will continue to raise up missionary people who are sent out from their local church to be on mission in this great state.



Pastor Darrin Cherry



Pastor Paul Boekell - Mercy Village Church, WV Church Plant



**Pastor Henry Garcia - Hispanic WV Church Plant**

### **1. The biblical mandate to make disciples involves church planting.**

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands his disciples to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:18-20). The plan for kingdom growth in the New Testament is disciples who make more disciples. In the Book of Acts we see this missionary activity resulting in churches being planted “in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). The apostle Paul was arguably the best disciple making church planter in the first century (quite possibly in the history of the whole church). Paul was sent from a local church to go and start new churches (Acts 13:1-5). He was obedient to the Great Commission: he went, he taught, he baptized, he made disciples, and he planted churches. The Book of Acts teaches

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us that obedience to the Great Commission results in church planting. Another way to think about this concept is that healthy evangelism results in committed disciples who then gather together to form the local church. This is the biblical model, and it is the mandate we’ve been given by our Lord.

### **2. The best way to engage lost communities is through intentional evangelism and church planting.**

Evangelism and discipleship that results in church planting transforms communities. I would have loved to see the change in Philippi as the gospel took root in that city (Acts 16). A wealthy lady and her household believed in Jesus and were saved. A demon possessed girl was delivered and changed by the power of Jesus. Finally, the jailer of the town is so shaken by the power of God that he proclaims to Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30).

Whole families were changed by the power of the gospel in this town. The same could be said for Ephesus, Corinth, Colossae, and Thessalonica. This is also true in West Virginia. Church planting energizes the mission of the church and impacts communities with the gospel. For example, baptisms among church plants are proportionately higher than baptisms among established churches. God is at work through our missional efforts and church planting is at the heart of that work.



**3. The local church is energized and revitalized when it discovers, develops and deploys missionary church planters from within.**

As stated above, evangelism and discipleship that results in new churches being planted energizes the established church. People often ask, "Where do church planters come from?" They come from the local church. They are church members who have a call to go and make disciples. They are not that different from you and me. The Bible tells us that the pastor of the church has the privilege and responsibility to equip the saints for the work on ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). We are called to equip and send. Another way to say that is, we are called to discover, develop, and deploy missionaries from within. This mindset forces the church to focus more in sending capacity than seating capacity. The local church that emphasizes equipping and sending will lead the way in expanding the kingdom of God.

In conclusion, church planting is biblical. Church planting is the result of intentional evangelism and discipleship. God has called us to participate in his mission of taking the gospel both far away and near, and church planting is the best way to do that. Jesus said in Luke 10 that "the harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." I pray that the Lord of the harvest will send many workers out of our churches into the harvest fields all around us.



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Danny Rumble  
NAMB SEND WV

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Pastor Will Basham - New Heights Church, WV Church Plant



# WINTER EVENTS 2022

## Discipleship Workshops

**How to get the most out of your Daily Devotions**  
Jan 22nd 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
UOVBA Office

**An Introduction to Personal Bible Study**  
April 2nd 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
UOVBA Office

**Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM**  
Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association Office  
1121 10th Street Moundsville, WV 26041

**February 15th**

## February 25th-26th

### Disaster Relief Chaplain Training

Please join us for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chaplain Training at the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association office February 25th and 26th. Training starts at 6:00 P.M. Friday the 25th.

### Missions Pipeline Conference

Jamie Work from the IMB, Brian Underwood Tip International, Emily Thomas World Team and Danny Rumble NAMB Send Network WV will be joining us for our first Missions Pipeline Conference being held at the UOVBA office. This will be from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**March 12th**

## March 25th-26th

### Disaster Relief Training

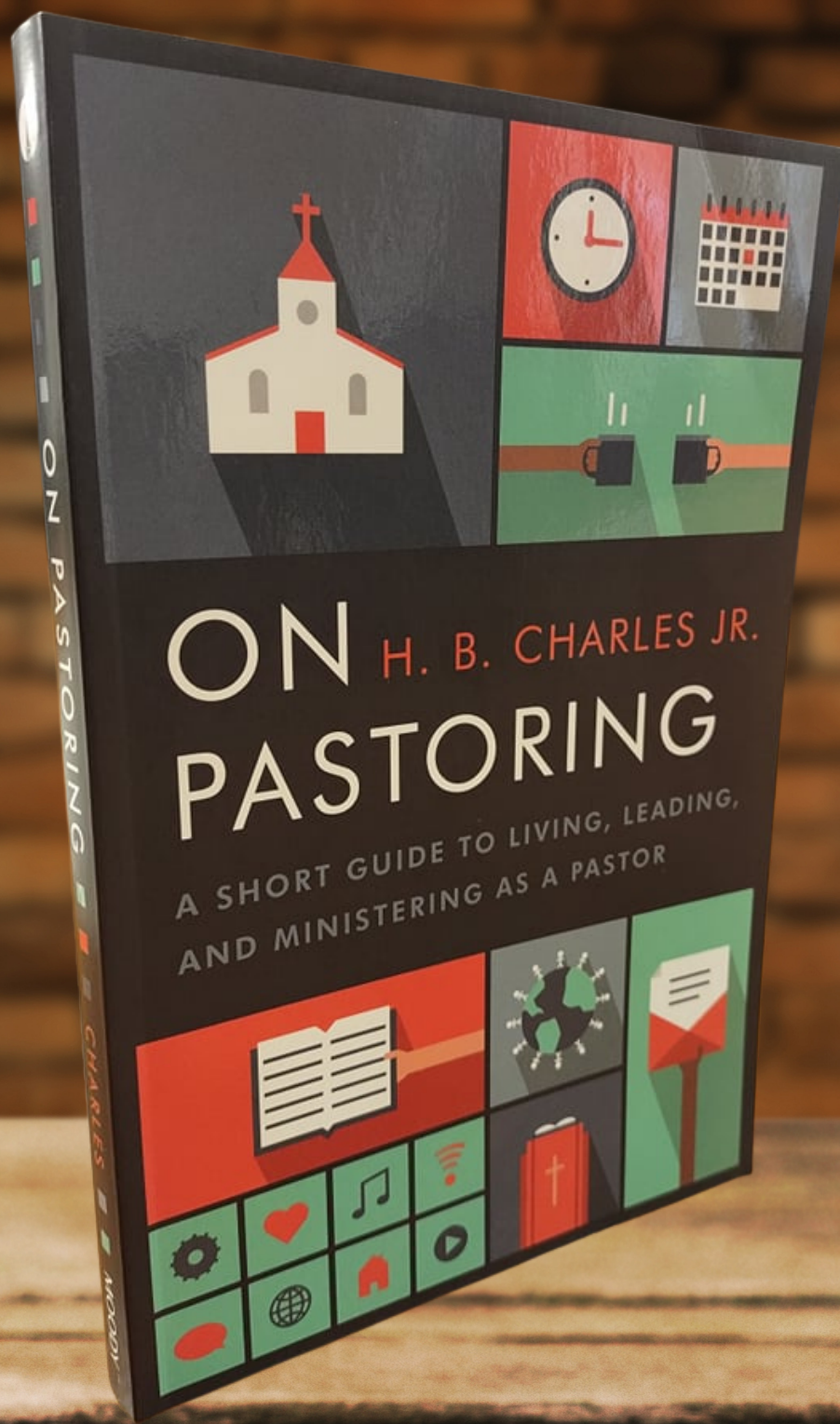
Please join us for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Training at the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association office. Training starts at 6:00 P.M. Friday the 25th. Training will include Assessment, Introduction to Chaplaincy, Mudout, & Chainsaw

### LIFT Prayer Team

Every Thursday the LIFT Prayer team meets to pray at one of our churches in the association.

**EVERY THURSDAY**

# ***Suggested book!***



*If you did not receive your copy at the WVCSB State Convention then reach out to your association staff for your free copy. We will use this for Pastor Clusters starting in April. More info to come in February about our Pastor Clusters.*

# UOVBA Churches & Pastors



## **Abundant Grace**

**Pastor:** Aldo Pucci  
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## **Abundant Life**

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## **Avondale**

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## **Calvary**

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## **Cameron**

**Pastor:** Mike Kelley  
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## **Emmanuel Baptist Church**

**Pastor:** Gary Eller  
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## **Faith Community Church**

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## **FBC Steubenville**

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## **Grace**

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## **Immanuel Baptist Church**

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**Indian Creek SBC**

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**Lighthouse Baptist Church**

**Pastor:** Shane Henderson  
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**New Beginnings**

**Interim**  
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**Open Door Baptist Church**

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**Riverview Baptist Chapel**

**Pastor:** Charles Matlock  
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**Solid Rock Baptist Church**

**Interim**  
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**South Wheeling**

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**Temple Baptist Church**

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