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REVIVAL & THANKS

Review of 57th
Annual Meeting

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UOVBA Calendar

November 2017

- 2-3 WVCSB Annual Meeting
- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
(turn Clocks Back 1 Hour)
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 20-26 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 30 UOVBA Prayer Breakfast @ Temple

December 2017

- 12/3-12/10 Week of Prayer for International
Week of Prayer for International Missions &
Lottie Moon Offering
- 12th Pastor & Wives Christmas Banquet 6:00
PM @ Grand Vue Park Banquet Hall
Moundsville, WV - Please RSVP by Phone or
Email by December 2nd.
- 12/19/17 - 1/1/18 Office Closed for Christmas
and New Years



A SEASON OF REVIVAL

Chuck Morrow
Associational Administrator

This has truly been a season of revival across the UOVBA. Over the month of October, we had revival services at Riverview, Grace Church, Emmanuel, and Cameron. Evangelist and speakers included: Dr. Bill Henard, Pastor Gary Eller, Pastor Jim Higginson, Tim Turner & our DOM Ed Goodman.

In addition, we were blessed to see the worship team from New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist Church go on the road and provide uplifting music that prepared the hearts to receive the message from Dr. Bill Henard at Emmanuel Baptist Church in St. Clairsville.

We are encouraged to see how God continues to work in our association through the lives of the people who serve the churches. It is our prayer that revival pours out across the upper Ohio Valley and to see lives changed for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the question that remains is this, what are you doing to continue the work of revival today? One thing that you can do is this: be in continued prayer.



"19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3:19

DOM CORNER



By ED GOODMAN

UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE HOLIDAYS

""...reaching forward to those things which are ahead..." - Philippians 3:13

With the enthusiasm from our annual meeting still encouraging my heart, a wonderful sense of anticipation is brewing as I think about Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. I hope you can make plans to participate with your associational family in some of this season's festivities.

November Prayer Breakfast

Our concert of prayer on September 7 spurred a greater desire for corporate prayer in the hearts of several people. The prayer breakfasts that followed on September 28 and October 26 brought sweet confirmation to my heart about not only our need for prayer, but also the joy that comes through prayer. It's like my heart meshes together with my brothers and sisters as we cry out to our Father in great sincerity and humility. I love the food and fellowship of these times, but hearing the heart cries of my spiritual family is by far the best part. I relish times like this.

Though each participant is allowed to share about personal and church matters, we are also seeking God for specific blessings across our entire association. We have begun praying together for evangelistic opportunities and effectiveness, pastors and their families, and church strengthening. There is no way we can reach the 390,000 lost souls of our region and make disciples of Jesus Christ apart from the supernatural anointing that comes through prayer. We will continue to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our sins when gather together at Temple Baptist Church on November 30 at 9:00 a.m. Will you join the movement?

UOVBA Christmas Banquet

Pastors and wives are invited to the Grand Vue Park Banquet Hall on December 12 at 6:00 p.m. for the annual UOVBA Christmas Banquet. This year's event will include dinner and a special gift from the hearts of your associational staff and their families. RSVP is required and can be made by contacting the associational office by phone or email. We hope every pastor can join us for this special time of celebration!

Social Media

The UOVBA Facebook group will be posting Thanksgiving- and Christmas-related items throughout November and December. Beginning November 1 at noon and continuing each day through Thanksgiving, we are posting reasons for gratitude and thankfulness. Each Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. from November 26 through Christmas Eve, we will post an Advent devotional for worship and spiritual encouragement. On weekday evenings between November 27 and December 6 at 7:00 p.m., we will post articles about key spiritual disciplines for the purposes of personal evaluation and reflection as we near the year's end. Also, each day at noon between December 1 and Christmas Day, we will post a video of a biblical Christmas song for your listening enjoyment. Finally, there will be interesting and thought-provoking articles related to Thanksgiving and Christmas scattered throughout both months. We trust you are blessed as we strive to minister to you on social media.

Take Time to Enjoy the Season

Although the holidays can be busy, especially for churches, make sure you take time to recognize the reason for the season. Nobody should reasonably expect you to attend every function or be in two places at once. Some people rush through the holidays like it's a race to see which gives out first - their money or their feet! In reality, Thanksgiving and Christmas are only as meaningful as we make them. So slow down when possible, live in the moment, and have a little fun. Reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ as the greatest treasure of all. And remember: the way you spend the holidays is far more important than how much.





Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

2017 Financial Report

Church	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct
Abundant	48.85	57.55	62.41	68.74	63.97	72.50		66.45	51.19	167.32
Avondale	20.50		92.45	45.78	39.38	69.68	39.61	49.40	45.89	36.72
Calvary										
Cameron	304.00	688.00	300.00		428.00	390.00	325.00	418.00	442.00	291.00
Emmanuel	199.05	126.51	199.25	153.72	132.18		172.23	421.72	198.21	157.02
Evangel	26.50	150.00	44.12	45.36	47.68	47.60	43.48	52.88	39.68	63.68
Faith		34.80	156.60	48.50	98.70	111.10	111.00	113.50	96.80	131.30
FBC Chester		290.27	198.00	263.47		121.56	70.28	118.43	85.20	95.64
FBC Steuben		231.38	181.79		414.05					210.20
Friendly	320.00	205.00	210.00	410.00	275.00	470.00		663.00		170.00
Grace	73.00		95.00	146.71	195.00		242.00	185.00	188.00	114.00
Immanuel	620.00	1,485.00	665.00	560.00	765.00	33,110.00		1,870.00		580.00
Indian Creek	0.00	1,289.00	943.35	2,374.20		2,094.32		1,193.60	947.47	823.85
Lighthouse										
Marland Heights	150.00	100.00			900.00	1,430.00	985.00			1,200.00
Ministry of Salvation										
ODBC	1,503.00	1,774.00	1,641.00	974.41	2,093.00	1,514.00	1,443.00	3,350.16		1,302.00
Riverview									416.44	
NB @ Ryerson	309.35	428.30	403.91	963.93	694.02	541.68	494.38	580.88		452.55
Solid Rock	32.91	57.82	38.19	47.49		42.69	37.53	56.13	50.91	44.52
S Wheeling	4.20	5.32	1.86	16.16	21.68	32.05		1.96		1.53
Temple	103.67	364.01	431.61	130.33	198.19	129.48		247.50	180.42	154.10

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

MISSION TO A CLOSED COUNTRY

FOR THEIR SAFETY & SECURITY, THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS BEING LEFT OUT. EVERY LITTLE BIT CAN HELP SUPPORT THIS TRIP, WILL YOU PRAY AND CONSIDER THIS....

To the churches:

First, I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to write this letter to you. Your willingness to do whatever you can to aide is uplifting and encouraging to me in preparation for the next few months of this journey!

I am writing to explain a little bit of the nature of my trip and how the Spirit of the Lord has led me to where I am today. I will be going to a country in December whose borders are not open to missions teams and whose government does not want outside influence, especially Christian influence, to come inside. Therefore, this trip will revolve around volunteering and observing physical therapy work.

This process began almost a year ago in July 2016. I attended a medical missions conference through the IMB and I left there stirred. The Spirit was moving and working in my heart. I saw the need for medical professionals to be leveraged in hard places for the kingdom work of King Jesus and had a desire begin to form inside my heart.

I WILL BE GOING TO A COUNTRY IN DECEMBER WHOSE BORDERS ARE NOT OPEN TO MISSIONS TEAMS AND WHOSE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT OUTSIDE INFLUENCE,

I became involved in local mission work, where I currently attend physical therapy school, and God continued to break my heart for the lost. Moving forward to December 2016, I attended Cross Conference in Indianapolis and through the preaching of the Word, the Spirit exploded that initial desire tenfold. Thabiti Anyabwile spoke from Matthew 24:36-51 and summed it up in these words: Hell is real, Time is short, Jesus says go. He gave a statistic that has stuck with me ever since; in the course of 1 minute, only 60 seconds, 105 people die. That stat alone broke my heart for those who, are dying as I am sitting here and don't know Jesus Christ as their all.

Along with the mission aspects of this trip, it will also be a vision trip. I have been praying that through this trip, God will show me part of his heart for the future of my life. I feel the draw to full-time, foreign missions work, using my future degree and medical skills to be able to get behind closed doors and be a light in those dark places. I am excited to see if that is the direction God is indeed moving me!

The financial need is there with this trip. The flight will be the lion's share and the total need is around \$3,000.

However, before anything else, I mostly desire your prayers. Not just now, but leading up to the trip and while I am there. I can provide specifics if asked and more details as well. I thank you for reading this and presenting it amongst the church bodies. I draw so much strength from the Word but a few verses that are really on my heart right now are these: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42:6-7

"Do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10
-Anonymous

If you would like to support this mission trip financially, please send your gift to the association office, in the memo put "Mission Trip"

Brief Review of the 57th Annual Meeting

The UOVBA held its 57th Annual Meeting this past October 21st at First Baptist Church in Steubenville, Ohio. We had messengers from 11 out of 22 churches, 38 messengers and 10 guests with us in attendance including a visit from Tim Turner with the WVCSB.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a special video presentation made remembering Pastor Ron McCoy. This included interviews from Mike Kelley, Gary Eller, Danny O'Neil, Pete Carney, Phil Campbell and Larry Holts. Each of them shared great memories of Ron, how he impacted their ministry along with a message for Sandy and the family. That moment was followed by honoring Sandy McCoy thanking her and Ron for the years of service to the UOVBA and the churches they served.

We also had a missions presentation by Jimmy Higginson explaining his upcoming missions trip. The free will offering taken up was \$637, this was given as a gift to Jimmy to help support his trip.

Later in business, Mike Kelley was elected Moderator and Rick Glover Vice Moderator for 2018. The 58th Annual Meeting will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in St. Clairsville, Ohio on October 20th, 2018. Dr. Rev. Nate Freeman will give the annual message.

DOM Ed Goodman spoke on strengthening our churches through relationship and communication. Then Rick Glover gave the annual message on "7 Benefits of Prayer" (1) Prayer Keeps You Close (2) Prayer Keeps You Focused (3) Prayer Keeps You Free (4) Prayer Keeps You Happy (5) Prayer Keeps You Strong (6) Prayer Keeps You Faithful (7) Prayer Makes You Bold. In addition to the message we also had special music from Rick's wife Melanie.

We want to say thank you to everyone who came out to the 57th Annual Meeting. Thank you to the FBC Steubenville for the music provided by your worship team and for the wonderful meal after the meeting. We look forward to another year of serving the Lord through the churches in the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association.





MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association



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

Faith Community Church is seeking somebody to help out with building materials and architectural design. If anyone from anyone within our association who knows a trusted contractor who can help them out with a materials estimate for the work that needs to be done. Construction teams are also welcome this for spring for the following projects:

Drywall, Electrical Work, Plumbing, Opening up the from entrance area, Adding on an additional 25'x30' room to build the sanctuary area and downstairs fellowship hall. Churches and mission teams interested in participating in this wonderful project can contact Pastor Pete Carney at (304) 280-6917 or Pastor Ray Carney at (304) 281-8353.





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PASTORS & WIVES

Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 12th @ 6:00 PM

Grand Vue Park Banquet Hall

Moundsville, WV 26041

RSVP will be taken by Phone or Email thru December 2nd

free gift
Thank You
Pastors

Dear Pastors,

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Merry Christmas



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Anniversaries

November

December

23 Gary & Sandra Eller

Birthdays

November

2 Robert Colvin

December

17 Terry Weyand

23 Larry Garrison

24 LeAnn King

26 Paul Cook (Dan Cook's son)

Publishing Information Disclosure

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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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