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UOVBA Calendar

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
- 26 Association Prayer Breakfast at Temple
Baptist Church (9-11am)

November 2017

- 2-3 WVCSB Annual Meeting
- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
(turn Clocks Back 1 Hour)
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 23-24 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

DOM CORNER



By ED GOODMAN
UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

EXCITING TIMES!

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

It seems like everywhere I have turned recently, bad news has reared its ugly head. Summer began with the news of fierce wildfires fuming across Montana, scorching an amount of land the size of Maryland. Soon after that, devastating floods swept through the West Virginia towns of Fairmont, Hundred, Mannington, and McMechen. Next, the violent winds and vicious waters from Hurricane Harvey rocked the Texas coast, causing nearly \$200 billion worth of damage. The relentless ferocity of Hurricane Irma then battered several Caribbean islands before tearing through South Florida at up to 130 mph. Even as I write these words, the island nation of Dominica has just been demolished by the deathly deluge of Hurricane Maria.

Let me make one thing clear: I sympathize with all souls who have been severely shaken and shattered by these situations. I'm heartbroken for the hordes of human beings hurt by these hardships. I'm deeply disturbed by the devastation done as a result of these disasters. Indeed, I "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15b) because so many lives were lost and countless others will never be the same.

And although my heart is sensitive to the suffering seen all around me, I must admit that I also possess a strange sense of satisfaction at the same time. This delight, however, has nothing to do with the tragedies mentioned here; my joy is reinforced by the great things happening throughout the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association. Let me share with you a few ministry highlights so you can understand why I also "rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15a).

Chuck Morrow

On August 29, the UOVBA executive board voted unanimously to extend a call to Chuck Morrow as our associational administrator. Since then, Chuck has been on fire! He started by revamping our monthly newsletter, the Valley Voice, giving it a more contemporary and magazine-like layout. He then turned his attention to learning the administrative processes of the UOVBA office and preparing for our annual meeting in October. In addition to all of that, he has been compiling special testimonies for a video we will be showing to our messengers at the annual meeting. Deposits, mail, social media, email, messenger cards, newsletters, etc. - what other jobs can we give to this man of God who has earned the nickname "Slash"?

As if that is not enough, Chuck also enjoys being a husband, a father, the associate pastor at Temple Baptist Church, an employee for Meade Financial Group, and a graduate student at Liberty University. I believe that the Lord Jesus has increased Chuck's ministry responsibilities because of his faithfulness, and he has already proven to be a phenomenal asset to our association!

Fairpoint Community Church

On September 3, Emmanuel Baptist Church in St. Clairsville celebrated the launch of Fairpoint Community Church! Over 25 people attended this service, which featured exceptional worship from the Emmanuel praise team. Pastor Gary Eller preached a heartfelt message entitled, "Seven Reasons God Loves Fairpoint," and folks responded to the Holy Spirit by praying at the altar. Though officially pastoring two churches now, Pastor Gary is not overwhelmed - he is confident of the Lord's call and excited at this new adventure of faith.

The Lord is honoring Gary's 13 years of faithfulness at Emmanuel by enlarging his territory and giving him the privilege of serving as a vessel for Kingdom growth.



Prayer Concert

The prayer concert on September 7 at Temple Baptist Church was Spirit-filled and richly substantive! Dan Biser led the event, which focused heavily on exhortation and participatory corporate praying. Session 1 focused on worship by praying the names of God and praising His nature and characteristics. Session 2 involved confession of sin – individual, corporate, and national. Session 3 culminated with pleas for revival. Most of the individuals in attendance participated in praying out loud, and even without a specific agenda to guide our congregational prayer, this time together was “done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40).

Pastor Bobby Thomas of Indian Creek said he enjoyed “learning how to ease our people into praying out loud.” Pastor Gary Eller was encouraged “to hear the heart cry from fellow brothers and sisters.” I thank God for the positive responses we have received from churches throughout our association about these prayer efforts. The UOVBA has entered into a season of prayer that continued on September 28 at an associational prayer breakfast hosted by Temple Baptist Church. Everyone is invited – please join us!

Faith Community Church

Several special people in our association gathered on September 8-9 at the site of Faith’s future sanctuary on Kettie St. in North Wheeling. Together, they knocked down walls and stripped the inside of the building in preparation for its reconstruction into a house of worship. By donating a few hours of their time, this team of hard-working saints made an irrevocable investment in eternity that will pay spiritual dividends until the Lord returns. I love what happens when the body of Christ unites around a divine vision given from the heart of God Himself!

The Beauty of Balance

While I recognize the misery of recent catastrophes, I also rejoice in the ministry of remarkable churches. I refuse to focus exclusively on disaster when my life is filled with encouragement from 22 churches in 10 counties across 3 states. Thanks to each of you for giving the hope of the Gospel to a world starving for good news.

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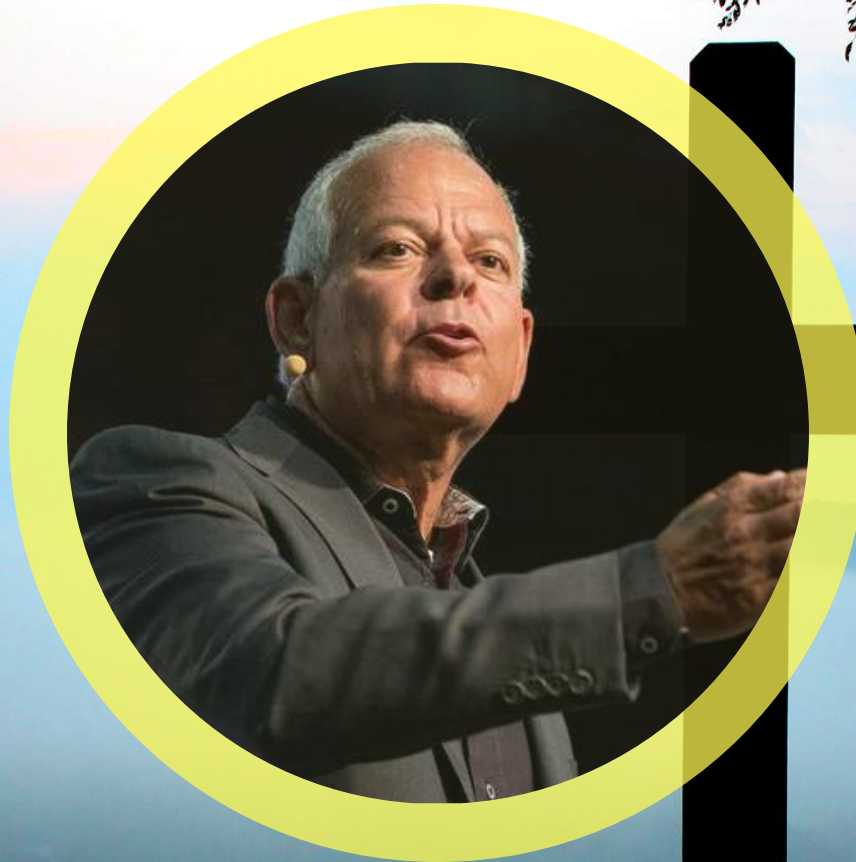


MOVING BEYOND

A ONE DAY LEADERSHIP EVENT

October

5th



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





Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

2017 Financial Report

Church	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
Abundant	48.85	57.55	62.41	68.74	63.97	72.50		66.45	51.19
Avondale	20.50		92.45	45.78	39.38	69.68	39.61	49.40	45.89
Calvary									
Cameron	304.00	688.00	300.00		428.00	390.00	325.00	418.00	442.00
Emmanuel	199.05	126.51	199.25	153.72	132.18		172.23	421.72	198.21
Evangel	26.50	150.00	44.12	45.36	47.68	47.60	43.48	52.88	39.68
Faith		34.80	156.60	48.50	98.70	111.10	111.00	113.50	96.80
FBC Chester		290.27	198.00	263.47		121.56	70.28	118.43	85.20
FBC Steuben		231.38	181.79		414.05				
Friendly	320.00	205.00	210.00	410.00	275.00	470.00		663.00	
Grace	73.00		95.00	146.71	195.00		242.00	185.00	188.00
Immanuel	620.00	1,485.00	665.00	560.00	765.00	33,110.00		1,870.00	
Indian Creek	0.00	1,289.00	943.35	2,374.20		2,094.32		1,193.60	947.47
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	3,350.16	
Riverview									416.44
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	50.91
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	180.42

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

10 Unfair Expectations of

PASTORS' WIVES

An Article written by Thom Rainer

The pastor's wife in many churches carries heavy burdens. Sometimes they are impossible expectations. To be fair, this post could refer to any church staff person, male or female, so it could be called ministers' spouses. For simplicity, and because I primarily hear from this group of people, I refer to them as pastors' wives.

So what are some of these unfair expectations? Here are the top ten expectations imposed upon these ladies.

- 1. "I am expected to attend every function at the church."** One wife told us that church members resent it when she is seen doing anything outside the church.
- 2. "Many church members expect me to know everything that is happening in the church."** In other words, they should know everything their pastor/husband knows.
- 3. "We have several church members who feel free to complain to me about my husband."** So her church has several members who are lacking in emotional intelligence.
- 4. "Church members utilize me as a de facto assistant to my husband, giving me messages for him."** One wife shared with us that she received eleven messages to give to her husband after a specific worship service.

5. "I am still amazed how many church members expect me to function as an employee of the church." Some are expected to lead music or play piano. Others are expected to act in a specific ministry employee role such as student or children's director.

6. "Some of the members expect our children to be perfect and act perfect." One wife explained that she and her husband were new to a church when a church member confronted them about their misbehaving children. Their outlandish son was running in the church after a worship service.

7. "I am always supposed to be perfectly made up and dressed when I leave the house." A church member expressed her dismay to a pastor's wife who ran into a grocery store without makeup. You can't make this stuff up.

8. "I have no freedom at our church to be anything but perfectly emotionally composed." This story really got to me. A deacon chastised a pastor's wife for shedding tears at church four days after her dad died.

9. "I think some of our church members expect my family to take a vow of poverty." She was specifically referring to the criticism she received for purchasing a six-year-old minivan after her third child was born.

10. "So many church members expect me to be their best friend." And obviously a pastor's wife can't be the best friend to everyone, so she disappoints or angers others.

These are some of the comments we have received on this blog over the years from pastors' wives.

But more than other staff positions, the pastor is naturally the focus of attention and, often, criticism.

And the pastor's family, by extension, becomes the focus of unfair and unreasonable expectations.

This is why we need to be in prayer every day not only for our pastors but also their wives showing encouragement and appreciation.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

REMEMBERING

Pastor Ron McCoy

A LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE LORD
UOVBA 57TH ANNUAL MEETING 10/21/2017
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

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It's been a vision that started many years ago with one knock on the door and a bag of cookies as former DOM Mike Watson knocked on a door sharing the gospel and a vision for North Wheeling. Over the years God has been working to grow Faith Community Church and now they are running with the vision that God has by reaching out to the North Wheeling community and building a church.



This has been a work in progress for Faith Community Church with almost 10 years in their current location. God has opened the door for them to grow more. Looking at this need they were short manpower to demo the new church site. Early September that changed when roughly 15 volunteers from around the association took some time to serve the Lord by picking up a hammer. Within the UOVBA this is one of our top cooperative opportunities. Faith Church was thankful for the turnout and a lot of work was completed to make way for the first phase of the project.

Besides manpower, they need somebody to help out with materials and architectural design requesting assistance 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. At this point, they don't have an estimated materials cost.

If any construction teams are available this spring, please reach out to Faith Community Church they will welcome any and all volunteers. The following is a list of projects still needed to be done:

- 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. Cost for this is approx. \$30,000



Here are some of the current plans and ideas for the new church. The main floor will consist of the entrance gathering area, sanctuary, baptismal, offices, dining fellowship room & kitchen. In the downstairs office it has a fireplace that has the words written "Do Something" under a pic of Jesus that was already sitting in that room. It was as if God was speaking to them directly as they started to move forward.

Upstairs they want to create some emergency bedrooms for people who may need a place to stay overnight along with bathrooms. The other rooms upstairs they are going to make into Sunday school rooms.

Outside they have a large field that will be adapted to have an area for outside service, a corner area for 3 crosses to be placed up and they even have a spot that resembles a tomb where they plan on placing a track above the door and making a stone to go in front of it. As you look across the property you can see and feel the presence of God at work. This location is also right next to a community playground and basketball court so it opens the door for evangelism to take place.



YOU JUST CAN'T HELP BUT GET EXCITED! -PETE CARNEY

When it comes to parking they were wondering where they were going to have that. Ray owned a house at the bottom part of the property by the main street and about 6 months ago the house fell in. It was as if God was moving the obstacles out of their way to open the door for the vision to be fulfilled. The lot is partly graveled and is a prime place to have to park in the future.

God is truly at work in North Wheeling. We ask for the whole association to keep Faith Community Church in their prayers as they continue to work out their financial and construction needs. A lot of work is still yet to be done.

Please pray as a church to see if you are able to help with any of the future construction. 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.



GOSPEL WITNESS STORIES

SUBMITTED BY THE WVCSB



A new visiting couple has definitely been a witness to our church's love for people and willingness to get into the trenches with them and to give that helping hand. There are several who have come alongside of them, are praying for them, and sharing the truth of God's Word with them. They are hearing, so now we pray that they will act upon the Lord's calling them to Himself.

Emily has been attending our church for years with her husband, Joey. Two years ago, we baptized Joey in the bed of a pickup truck at our first "Tailgate Church" event. Next month, we will finally baptize his wife at the same event. We're thrilled to see Joey's faithful evangelistic efforts toward his wife, and the Lord's grace in Emily's heart.

We provided a catered lunch for all the secretaries and custodians at the local high school. This was a great opportunity for us to connect with the administration. Our team was able to invite them to church and also show appreciation to the custodians who work tirelessly for us week after week. We have invited them to church on September 10th for a special service. Hopefully, they will attend and hear the gospel. Because of one of our members dedicating themselves to streaming our services live online, we have had 350 join our online service and hear the gospel.

Our church and center distributed school supplies, tracts, and flyers, concerning the upcoming revival, during the Back-to-School Social. Some people asked us to pray for specific needs. Thousands of articles of clothing were distributed by the center and church in one day. Individuals and families were invited to attend the church's revival, as they were told of Christ's love for them.

Justin had befriended a man who was new to the community. They had exchanged texts a few times, but then Justin asked if they could meet in person to talk about faith. The man agreed to meet. Over their meeting, the man moved from being atheist to agnostic, to an "agnostic theist". He believed that there was a God, but not sure if we could really know who this God was. Justin told him that he believed Jesus was this God and that it would be good for this man to follow Jesus. The man agreed it would be good to follow Jesus, but still had some questions. Please pray for the salvation of Eric.

Several new students came to church, and we tried to share gospel with them. A student who came last year plainly expressed interest in Christianity. Sarah and I have been praying for our neighbors for some time now. They are not believers. We invited them to attend our marriage conference, and they agreed. Also, we started this past Saturday to study the Gospel (through the book of Mark) with the husband, Justin. He is eager to learn, and I expect him to believe. I personally shared the gospel with a lady who was cutting my hair. She shared with me that she was going to share it with her boyfriend.

One guy invited men over for a Mayweather fight. Thirteen men came, including three non-Christians that he had been praying for. One showed up at his community group the next week, and they are beginning to have gospel conversations.

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"

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



Friendly Baptist Church

Looking for a pastor/ replanter. Please contact Rev Larry Bayle for more information.

114 Glenview Dr New Martinsville WV 26155

304-455-2756

304-771-9923

jsmrbab@gmail.com

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 in the section below. 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 front 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.



John Marshall "See You at the Pole" UOVBA Prayer Breakfast @ Temple Baptist Church



Anniversaries

October 23rd Larry and Doris Holtz

Birthdays

- 2 Emily Thomas (Daughter of Bobby Thomas)
- 8 Shannon Thomas
- 18 Bethanne Garrison (Daughter of Larry Garrison)
- 31 Dick Ryan

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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