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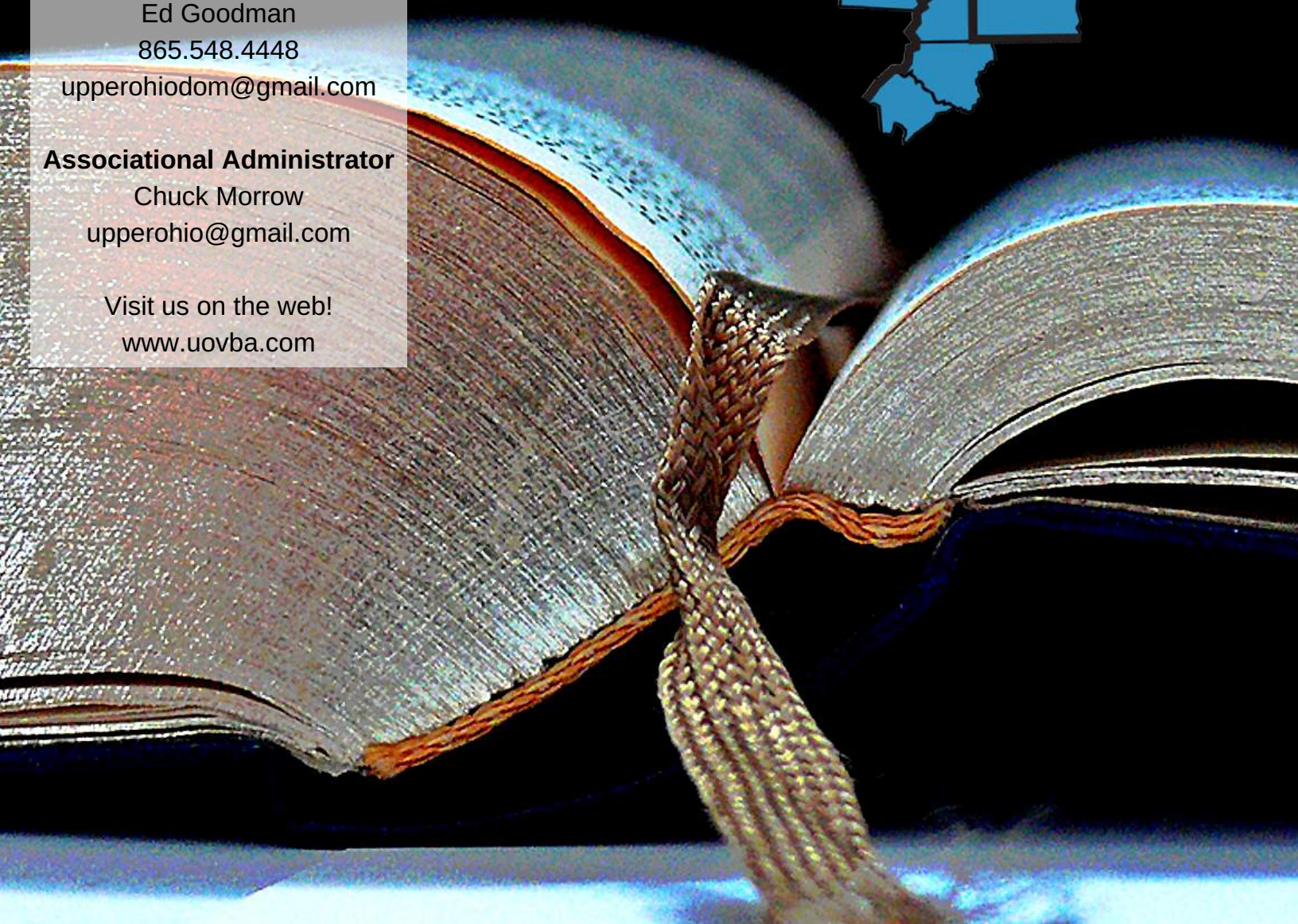
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****Important Dates Please Take Note****

Job Descriptions (Nominating Committee) Due January 11th
Executive Board Meeting February 20th
Responding to an Armed Threat March 1st 6 PM - 8:30 PM - Temple Baptist Church
Concert of Prayer March 11th, 5-7 PM - Open Door
Disaster Relief Training April 21st 8 AM - 1 PM New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist Church
Praise In The Park June 9th
ACP Training Workshop September 8th

These dates have already been set. Please add them to your personal calendar. If you have any questions please contact us at the association office.

LOOKING

CONCERT OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 5:00 PM
OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH
3432 ELDERSVILLE RD COLLIERS, WV 26035

AN EVENING TO SPAWN AND SPARK A SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING IN US AND OUR NEIGHBORS
WORSHIP - PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS FOR REVIVAL



Sponsored by the
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DOM CORNER

Introducing



By ED GOODMAN
UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

ALL IN



As we enter a new year, your associational staff is making good on our pledge to help strengthen churches. With that in mind, we are officially launching “All In,” an initiative designed to benefit every church in our association. We want to assist our congregations in evaluating their effectiveness, pinpointing their purpose, and focusing their faith. All churches should be - or at least they should want to be - fulfilling the Great Commission by showing Christ, seeking converts, serving communities, and sending Christians. “All In” can help your church do that.

Does your church need a renewed focus on evangelism? “All In” can help. Does your Sunday School ministry need a tune up? “All In” can help. Do your financial policies and procedures need to be updated? “All In” can help. “All In” can address anything from conflict resolution to community revitalization; from member assimilation to ministry analysis; from the development of leaders to the discipleship of laypersons. “All In” is a way for your church to reap the benefits of cooperative ministry and grow stronger in the process.

In order to help everyone better understand this initiative, we are providing some questions and answers on the following page for you to share with your church leaders and members.

This new year presents the daunting task of reaching 390,000+ lost souls in our ten-county region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet this proverbial “elephant” must be eaten one bite at a time. We will begin this long process by helping our churches grow stronger, become more passionate about their mission, and prepare to welcome and assimilate the hurting people who will be darkening our doors to receive the Light of the World. I can’t think of a greater honor than investing in churches to impact eternity.

I’m all in.

Question: What is "All In"?

Answer: It is an initiative with a two-fold purpose: 1) to educate our churches about the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association – our history, our purpose, and our ministry; and 2) to facilitate greater cooperation. The ultimate goal is simple: to help strengthen our churches so that we can better fulfill the Great Commission.



Question: Why is the association launching this "All In" initiative?

Answer: In short, because we are stronger together and we need each other. Admittedly, the association will benefit from stronger churches, but the fundamental intention of this initiative is to strengthen the local church. Since our collective mission is the same – to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commission – then the association and the local church must be on the same page in terms of our ministry expectations and execution. We need to clarify and communicate our collective vision to each church. Our churches and the association are already doing a good work; but by working together more intentionally, we can be better.

Question: How does "All In" work?

Answer: Each local church sets aside a specific Sunday to focus on associational ministry. Our director of missions (DOM), Ed Goodman, will come to the church and share a sermon on that Sunday morning. The sermon will focus on the need and nature of associational ministry as well as the details of the "All In" initiative. In essence, our DOM will have the opportunity to cast a vision for church strengthening and communicate the benefits of cooperation.

Question: How can my church benefit from this initiative?

Answer: Your church can use this initiative to address any ministry needs or desires that exist. "All In" will utilize ministry tools to help churches evaluate and strengthen existing ministries, diagnose the need for new ministries, and strategize the launch of new ministries. No ministry dynamic will be off limits. Your associational staff stands ready to address ministry matters such as assimilation, building programs, children's ministry, discipleship, disaster relief, evangelism, finances, leadership training, marriage, mission trips, ordination, prayer, seniors ministry, small groups, Sunday School, technology, Vacation Bible School, and youth.

You may invite your DOM to share about "All In" between February 1st and September 30th.

*Submit your
ALL IN invitation by
January 15th 2018.*



On Wednesday, January 3, 2018, @ 10 AM Pastor Dr. Nate Freeman launched the God Speak Network! The God Speak Network is comprised of God Speak Radio and God Speak TV. Starting on January 3rd we will launch God Speak Radio. Here are some of the features:

1. A 1 hour daily Live call-in Show Hosted by Dr. Nate Freeman and Youth Pastor/ Worship Leader Trey Freeman
2. A 30 min broadcast by DOM Ed Goodman
3. Ask a Youth Pastor, which is a 30 minute show hosted by Ohio Valley Youth Network President Bobbyjon Bauman.
4. Man Up God's Way - 30 min Roundtable featuring High School Students and God's Response to the issues facing our young men.
5. Make a Joyful Noise – Gospel Saturday hosted by Michael Jett.
6. And YOU!!! – That's correct. We would like to extend an invitation to all of the Churches in the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association the opportunity to broadcast 30 minutes of your church's Sunday Message on God Speak Radio for FREE!

a. How Do I get involved?

- i. Contact Pastor Nate Freeman (304)748-4897 OR NATE@NATEFREEMAN.NET

b. Where Can I direct listeners to hear God Speak Radio?

- i. God Speak Facebook Page
- ii. God Speak YouTube Channel
- iii. God Speak TV website
- iv. iTunes Podcast
- v. Blog Talk Radio
- vi. Natefreeman.net website
- vii. And other media outlets that are available.



c. Why would my church want to participate?

- i. Outreach potential for your church – God Speak Radio is internet based. Anyone with internet connection through a phone, tablet, computer, television set or other device can hear your sermon. Great way for us to reach the 390,000 individuals in our area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ii. Great retention tool. Individuals who are unable to attend services can hear your latest sermon.
- iii. Great invitation tool. Members of your congregation can invite their friends and neighbors the chance to hear you before they step into your church.
- iv. Great way to promote upcoming events and special services.

d. What if my church doesn't currently record services?

- i. That's ok! We would still love to have you on our live broadcast as a guest and would also promote your upcoming events. Just Contact Pastor Nate Freeman.
- ii. We also can help to set up your church to record if you would like. We have trained professionals who can teach you what needs to be done. It is easier than you may think.

To get set up and answers to additional questions about God Speak TV contact Pastor Nate Freeman (304)748-4897 OR NATE@NATEFREEMAN.NET



www.youtube.com/user/NateFreeman1970



www.facebook.com/GodSpeakthruN8



www.natefreeman.net



www.blogtalkradio.com/godspeak



www.godspeaktv.com





TRAINING



NEW
BEGINNINGS

@Ryerson Baptist Church

397 West Roy Furman Highway, Wind Ridge, PA 15380

Saturday, April 21st 2018
8:00AM to 1:00PM





Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

2017 Financial Report

Church	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Abundant	48.85	57.55	62.41	68.74	63.97	72.50		66.45	51.19	167.32	81.55	137.92
Avondale	20.50		92.45	45.78	39.38	69.68	39.61	49.40	45.89	36.72	50.33	35.34
Calvary												
Cameron	304.00	688.00	300.00		428.00	390.00	325.00	418.00	442.00	291.00	573.00	370.00
Emmanuel	199.05	126.51	199.25	153.72	132.18		172.23	421.72	198.21	157.02	286.41	174.90
Evangel	26.50	150.00	44.12	45.36	47.68	47.60	43.48	52.88	39.68	63.68		100.00
Faith		34.80	156.60	48.50	98.70	111.10	111.00	113.50	96.80	131.30	111.40	70.60
FBC Chester		290.27	198.00	263.47		121.56	70.28	118.43	85.20	95.64	145.84	100.00
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	175.00	
Grace	73.00		95.00	146.71	195.00		242.00	185.00	188.00	114.00	170.00	150.00
Immanuel	620.00	1,485.00	665.00	560.00	765.00	33,110.00		1,870.00		580.00	1,640.00	
Indian Creek	0.00	1,289.00	943.35	2,374.20		2,094.32		1,193.60	947.47	823.85	830.35	705.77
Lighthouse												
Marland Heights	150.00	100.00			900.00	1,430.00	985.00			1,200.00	1,600.00	500.00
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	1,870.00	1,519.00
Riverview									416.44			
NB @ Ryerson	309.35	428.30	403.91	963.93	694.02	541.68	494.38	580.88		452.55	980.66	
Solid Rock	32.91	57.82	38.19	47.49		42.69	37.53	56.13	50.91	44.52	53.01	59.82
S Wheeling	4.20	5.32	1.86	16.16	21.68	32.05		1.96		1.53		4.77
Temple	103.67	364.01	431.61	130.33	198.19	129.48		247.50	180.42	154.10	144.06	139.92

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



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 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.



Need Special Music?

Lexie VanDyne is the 14 year old daughter of Luke and Angie VanDyne of Wind Ridge, Pennsylvania. She is a freshman at West Greene High School. Lexie enjoys many things but what she loves most of all is sharing her gift of voice through ministry.

At the age of 9, Lexie began attending Camp Carmel, a Christian Youth Camp in Dunbar, PA. Since that first summer she has continued to attend faithfully as a camper. In the summer of 2016 she was asked to become a Junior counselor. So she began to share her love for the Lord through counseling youth at Camp Carmel. She was asked back this year to be a junior counselor as well and spent three weeks of her summer sharing her journey with other youth. Lexie is also an active member of Young Life.

Lexie has taken voice lessons since the age of 8 and loves to perform for others. She has sang the National Anthem in Morgantown, WV for the Black Bears (Pirates minor league team) as well as at the WPIAL State Championship Softball game this past June as her alma mater won the Pennsylvania State Championship.

Lexie enjoys singing during church services, as well as revivals and special events. As a 14 year old, her faith and desire to minister to others through her music is remarkable and continues to engage everyone around her when she sings.

If your church would like to host Lexie, you may contact her mother, Angie.

Angie VanDyne
Director of Curriculum & Education
Morgantown Early Learning Facility
(304)291-5845





RESPONDING TO AN ARMED THREAT

WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR. BRADY STEPHENS

**Thursday March 1, 2018 6:00 PM @ Temple Baptist Church
2300 Second Street Moundsville, WV 26041**

TOPICS COVERED

- It can happen here (case studies of previous attacks)
- How to prepare for the unthinkable
- How to respond when it happens
- What to do when it's over

Dr. Brady Stephens served as a full time law enforcement officer for 13 years, first as a deputy sheriff, and later as a city policeman. He worked for the Division of Corrections as a hearing officer for 4 years, and served for 3 years as a court officer for the Sheriff's Department.

Dr. Stephens has a Ph.D. in Religion, is President of Centurion Bible College, formerly an adjunct professor at Ohio Valley University's criminal justice program, and an Ethics instructor at the West Virginia Corrections Academy. He is an ordained minister with more than twenty-five years pastoral experience.

Anniversaries

January/February

None Currently Reported

Birthdays

January

Lorene Grant 1/8

Belinda Jeffries 1/11

Mike Jeffries 1/28

February

Ed Goodman 2/8

Gary Grant 2/25

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.

