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****Mark Your Calendar****

May - 9 - Engage Workshop with Ian Thornton- Temple Baptist Church - 6:00 PM
June - Executive Board Meeting has been cancelled.
July 11-13 - Kentucky Motor Speedway Mission Trip

VBS is coming soon in many of our churches, we want to encourage everyone to pray for these ministry efforts as it is a vital ministry to children across the UOVBA.

PASTOR CLUSTER

FOR PASTORS ONLY
CHOOSE FROM ONE OF
THE TWO SESSIONS

**3RD THURSDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**4TH TUESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**HOSTED AT TEMPLE
BAPTIST CHURCH**



WV BAPTISTS



Upper Ohio Valley
Baptist Association



THE PROCESS

Phase 1 Invite Your DOM to Preach

- Sunday Morning
- Target Time Frame: 1-3 months ahead of any church revitalization effort.

Phase 2 Private Pastoral Consultation

- Confidential
- BATCH & SWOT Analysis
- Determine where you want to go and how to get there.

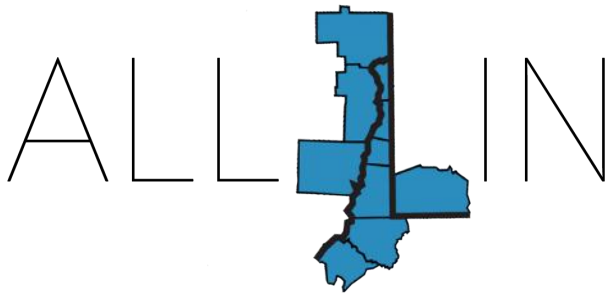
Phase 3 Strategic Planning with Key Leaders

- Address only one area at first.
- STEP Analysis & SWOT Analysis
- Determine key metrics.
- Develop effective strategies, systems, and structures for ministries.

Phase 4 Implementation & Evaluation

- Put people and procedures in place.
- Follow up with leaders and volunteers.
- SWOT Analysis & Key Metrics Review
- Make necessary adjustments.

To learn more about "ALL IN" contact the UOVBA office.



A DEEPER LOOK AT THE PROCESS

PHASE 3 STRATEGIC PLANNING WITH KEY LEADERS

Using the strategy developed through the CLEAR Process, Phase 3 will integrate key church leaders into the strategic planning process. Church leaders will collaborate together on strategies to enhance ministry effectiveness while also preparing to implement those plans. Leaders will also learn the value of a SWOT analysis and a STEP analysis in clarifying ministry vision and empowering people. Key metrics will be developed so leaders can gauge progress, promote accountability, and celebrate success.

Each church will begin by focusing on only one area at first (e.g., Sunday School, leadership development, or another ministry). This singular effort will increase the potential of success and allow the church to get a crucial “victory” under its belt. Achieving success in this one endeavor should build confidence around the prospect of refocusing other ministries.

- Phase 3 Purpose: Develop effective strategies, systems, and structures.
- Address only one area at first.
- STEP Analysis & SWOT Analysis
- Determine key metrics.

**Learn More By
Contacting the
UOVBA Staff**



**“...THE BODY IS NOT ONE MEMBER BUT MANY...”
1 CORINTHIANS 12:14**

ED GOODMAN - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I use my cell phone for lots of things: emails, phone calls, text messages, bank deposits, calendar events, Facebook, travel directions, photographs, and file storage. It's amazing what that little device can do! Needless to say, because my phone is used so frequently, I need to keep the battery charged. So whenever it's not being used, I connect it with a charger. By plugging it into a power source, my phone will be able to operate at its maximum potential.

Associations were created to give like-minded churches greater connection. Because we are better together, there is great power to be gained when churches get plugged in to their association. Your association provides fellowship opportunities, missional partnerships, ministry resources, and church consultation. Your cooperation and involvement help to serve, supply, and strengthen 20 churches across ten counties in three states.

Unfortunately, some of our churches remain unengaged in our cooperative efforts. Even though I battle at times with discouragement because these churches are missing out on the benefits of their affiliation, I remain steadfast in seeking to include all of our churches in the mission we have been given. Please hear my heart: if YOU are reading these words, I want YOU to find your place in the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association. Our association needs what YOU have to offer.

Consider the various ways that YOU can get plugged in to the UOVBA.

1. Attend an executive board meeting. Our executive board, which consists of pastors and church representatives, conducts business on the third Tuesday of even months. Temple Baptist Church in Moundsville graciously allows us to host meetings in their facilities. I would love for YOU to be a guest at one of our upcoming meetings (April 16 or August 20 at 7:00 p.m.) and meet the members of your associational family!

2. Follow us on Facebook. This is the best way to keep up with the association in real time. We post several times each day, often highlighting the exciting things happening in our churches, our communities, and our state. We also use Facebook to celebrate birthdays, baptisms, and blessings throughout our association!

3. Take part in associational events. Your association regularly provides workshops and conferences. For instance, Engage (which will be held on May 9 at Temple Baptist Church) will provide creative scriptural ways to share the love of Christ with our communities in hopes of reaching the lost. The Media & Technology Workshop in November will provide pointers on email communications, social media, worship software (like MediaShout), church newsletters, graphic design, and video editing. Make yourself at home when we have these events - we are providing them for YOU!

4. Become involved in associational ministry. Can you haul trailers? Are you more interested in getting your hands dirty with tools than in doing a Bible study? Do you sense God's call to start a church in a specific community? Whatever the Lord is leading you to do, your associational family can help you get involved and become trained for the tasks of ministry. What kinds of ministry, you ask? The possibilities are endless: block parties, church planting, construction, disaster relief, discipleship, evangelism, finance ministry, mission trips, trailer ministry, Vacation Bible School (VBS), worship, and youth ministry - just to name a few.

5. Contribute financially. The UOVBA demonstrates the genius of biblical cooperation: we can do more together than we can do independently. The churches that contribute to the association work together to fuel a ministry that otherwise could not be undertaken by any individual body of believers. By allocating a certain percentage of your church's undesignated receipts to the association (most of our churches give between 3% and 12%), you help continue our cooperative mission of strengthening churches to reach our region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

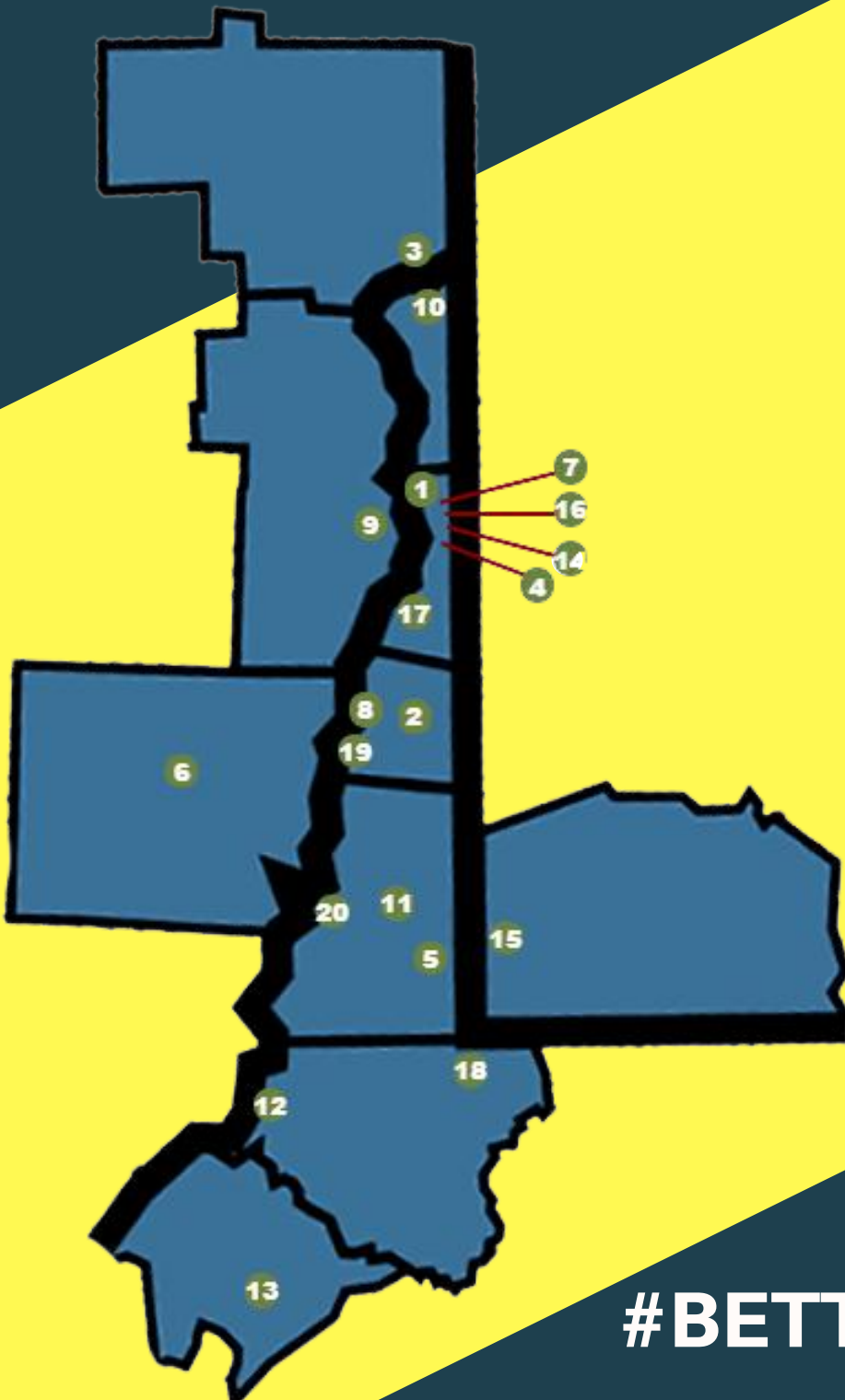
6. Take advantage of the All In Initiative. If your church is looking to begin a new ministry or strengthen existing ones, your associational staff can help. We often have resources and tools at our disposal that your church can utilize to make progress and experience growth. The associational staff is YOUR staff - give them a call today!

Take some time in the near future and get plugged in to the association. You may be shocked by the power of the connection.

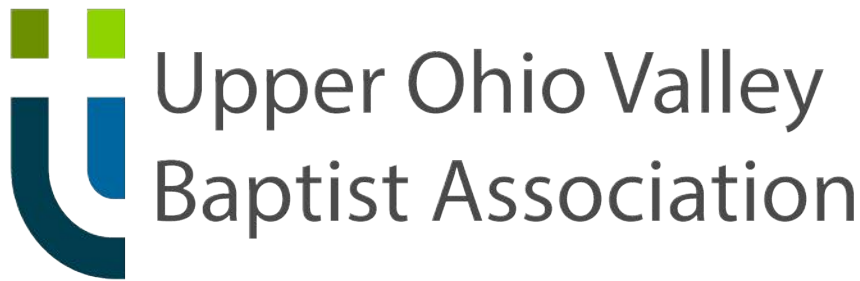




Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association



1. Abundant Grace Bible Church
2. Abundant Life Baptist Church
3. Avondale Baptist Church
4. Calvary Baptist Church
5. Cameron Baptist Church
6. Emmanuel Baptist Church
7. Evangel Baptist Church
8. Faith Community Church
9. First Baptist Church Steubenville
10. First Baptist Chester
11. Grace Church at Pleasant Valley
12. Immanuel Baptist Church
13. Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church
14. Lighthouse Baptist Church
15. New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist
16. Open Door Baptist Church
17. Riverview Baptist Chapel
18. Solid Rock Baptist Church
19. South Wheeling Baptist Church
20. Temple Baptist Church



2019 Financial Report

Church	March	April
Abundant	173.24	145.62
Avondale	42.56	
Calvary		
Cameron	420.00	428.00
Emmanuel	262.67	311.60
Evangel	75.00	100.00
Faith	189.53	174.90
FBC Chester	82.16	118.56
FBC Steuben		195.75
Grace	62.00	134.12
Immanuel	13,087.00	1,395.00
Indian Creek	701.54	1,213.00
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights		
ODBC	1,896.00	2,231.00
Riverview		
NB @ Ryerson	260.77	325.60
Solid Rock	82.38	88.02
S Wheeling	2.18	2.61
Temple	127.98	119.39
Month Total:	17,465.01	6,983.17
Year To Date:		\$38,132.16
Spending Plan Goal:		\$131,000.00
Estimated Projection:		\$114,396.48

heroes

On the Mission Field

PRAY FOR ME

AS I SERVE RESETTLED
REFUGEES IN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

EMILY
THOMAS



Ways to support and pray:

Pray that God will bring glory to His name through my obedience and efforts.

*You can give online at www.worldteam.org/give (account# 014108) or mail checks
(please include account #014108 on the check) to:*

World Team, 1431 Stuckert Road, Warrington, PA 18976.



ENGAGE

Connecting with Your Community

Featuring Ian Thornton



Thursday May 9, 2019
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Temple Baptist Church



Communications From The Command Center

Updates on the UOVBA Disaster Relief Ministry

Roy Polmanteer- UOVBA DR Team Leader

What do the following articles have in common?

Drenching Downpour Brings Flash Floods to Ohio Valley (The Intelligencer, February 16, 2018.)

Heavy Rains Cause Flash Flooding Across Western Pa. Region (KDKA Channel 2 CBS Pittsburgh, June 20, 2018)

National Weather Service Issues Flood Warning for Our Area Until 6 p.m. Today (The Intelligencer, September 9, 2019)

The Intelligencer published it's top 10 of 2018 and at #3 was – Heavy Rain Led to River Floods And Damage (The Intelligencer, December 28,2018)

These headlines highlight just a few of the weather incidents seen here in the Upper Ohio Valley over the last eighteen months. When factoring in all of the headlines from Tropical Storm Gordon (during the first week of September) and Hurricane Florence (which made landfall September 14 in Wrightsville, NC), it's easy to see that our region has its share of weather-related difficulties.

Why am I mentioning these events? Consider what Jesus tells us in Matthew 10:28: *“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”*

Every day, individuals and families are dealing with natural disasters - and members of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) ministry are there to serve them. In 2018 alone, SBDR volunteers worked over 860,000 hours and prepared over 2.2 million meals. So what does that have to do with us here in the Upper Ohio Valley? Our association currently has 50 people trained for disaster relief (DR) ministry, and we are seeking to serve more actively in disaster relief efforts. The 21 churches in the UOVBA have a lot to offer people who have been devastated by disaster.

Having set some goals for the 2019 calendar year, we are on the way to fulfilling them. A mobilization plan has been developed and approved by the UOVBA executive board. In March, we hosted a Blue Hat Training for the working leaders of DR. The trailer ministry is partnering with the DR ministry to reconfigure the old bounce house trailer for organizing and storing our tools and equipment. The shower trailer is being repaired and sanitized so it can be deployed. We are working on a maintenance schedule so we can properly steward our tools and equipment. We are also preparing to meet with churches and pastors for the purpose of developing and designating congregations with "Ready Church" status. Finally, we are scheduling informational meetings in UOVBA churches to educate and equip God's people in the DR ministry. By gauging the level of interest and commitment that exists, appropriate training and certification classes will be offered. Solid progress is already being made in DR!

While we celebrate the DR plans and goals, we also want our associational family to be aware of current DR capabilities and potential opportunities.

- **Most UOVBA Yellow Shirts are trained in mud out and chainsaw.** Because these are often the most-needed and most-requested units after a tornado or hurricane, we can deploy a crew upon request.
- **The shower trailer can serve both crews and victims.** While this is most often deployed so that DR ministry team members can shower, it may also be fielded as a ministry to disaster victims.
- **The West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists (WVCSB) is looking to expand training and DR capability.** Interest has been expressed in fielding a temporary emergency childcare unit, smaller feeding units, and a communications unit. Please notify me if you are interested in serving in these areas.
- **The Chaplaincy Program is expanding.** Certification will be offered soon.



Christians are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we want to be ready to answer that call.

The DR ministry is exactly that – a ministry, a mission field. If you talk to those that have been deployed to a disaster, they will often tell you how they were blessed while serving others. Their testimonies often make grown men and women cry.

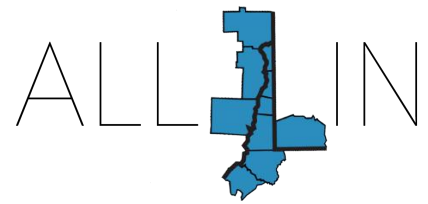
Are you interested in serving on a mission field where the fields are ripe for the harvest? Are you interested in serving in a ministry where you can have an eternal impact on somebody's life? In 2018, the North American Mission Board (NAMB, the parent organization of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief) reported over 81,000 spiritual conversations, over 7,300 homeowners assisted, over 4,100 Gospel presentations and over 560 professions of faith! God can turn catastrophes into conversions when people answer His call to serve.

We are looking for men and women interested in serving Christ by serving others through disaster relief. If you would like to receive more information or schedule an informational meeting, you may contact the UOVBA Disaster Relief Team Leader, Roy Polmanteer at Roy.Polmanteer@gmail.com or by cell phone at (520) 709-0713.



YOUR MISSION FIELD

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



Lighthouse Baptist Church

They have electrical and plumbing projects available for small groups and mission teams.

Faith Community Church

Mission teams are needed for their church building project. Please see pages 16 and 17 for more details.

Temple Baptist Church

They are seeking help with removal and replacement of cracked concrete and sidewalk around the church. If interested call the church office at: 304-845-8822.

If Your Church has a mission need please let us know and we will add it in the next issue of the Valley Voice.



PROJECT NEEDS

Sanctuary/Community Room Addition

Foundation	\$5,000.00
Block	\$6,000.00
Concrete Floor	\$3,000.00
Frame	\$8,500.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Walls/Flooring Finish	\$3,000.00
Roof	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Total	Phase 1 Total \$35,000.00

Existing Building Remodel

Roof	\$7,500.00
Plumbing	\$5,000.00
Electrical	\$7,500.00
HVAC	\$6,500.00
Room Remodeling Materials	\$25,000.00
Fixtures	\$5,000.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Finish	\$5,000.00
Total	Phase 1 Total \$66,500.00

Exterior

Siding	\$10,000.00
Paint	\$1,000.00
Gutters/Downspouts	\$4,000.00
Total	Phase 2 Total \$15,000.00

Purchase Next Door Building

Purchase	\$20,000.00
Demo	\$7,500.00
Total	Phase 2 Total \$27,500.00

Land/Lots

Paving/Sidewalks	\$22,000.00
Fencing	\$3,000.00
Total	Phase 3 Total 25,000.00

A DAY OF

Faith

Mission Opportunity to help with the building project for Faith Community Church.

We are looking for Mission Teams every Saturday from **NOW** to the end of summer. It doesn't matter what your skill set is, we can use you!

FAITH



COMMUNITY
CHURCH

To get involved,
contact Ray Carney at:
304-281-8353

Anniversaries

May

5/9 Chuck & Judy Matthews Cameron
5/10 Richie & Cynthia Davis Open Door
5/22 Mike & Wendy Kelley Cameron

June

6/15 Phil & Janice Campbell Ryerson
6/21 Bruce & Sharon Taylor Immanuel

Birthdays

May

5/8 Rick Glover FBC Steubenville
5/14 Helen Rentfrow Abundant Life
5/18 Sandra Eller Emmanuel

June

6/9 Janice Campbell Ryerson
6/9 John Westling Abundant Grace
6/12 Kelly Weyand Avondale
6/24 Sharon Taylor Immanuel
6/27 Wendy Kelley Cameron

Publishing Information Disclosure

The Valley Voice will typically be published on the last Thursday every 2 months, although unforeseen circumstances may result in a delay or temporary suspension of the publication. For information to be published, we must receive publication info on the 20th day of the publication month

Mission and Vision Statement

The Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association exists to serve, supply, and strengthen local churches in cooperative fulfillment of the Great Commission.



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***KENTUCKY MOTOR SPEEDWAY
MISSION TRIP
JULY 11TH-13TH 2019***

***LODGING WILL BE AT A NEARBY CHURCH
(CAMPING STYLE)***

***TRAVEL DATES JULY 10TH & 14TH
REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SHIRT & FOOD: \$20
EXTRA SHIRT COST AN ADDITIONAL \$10 EACH***

***FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DAVE BARRICK:
(C) 304-771-8483 OR (H) 304-758-4682***

**KENTUCKY
RACEWAY**



MINISTRIES



LINEN AND UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES





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