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**DON'T
FORGET
THE WHY**

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****Mark Your Calendar****

With VBS happening this summer in our churches, we want to encourage everyone to pray for these ministry efforts as it is a vital outreach to our communities across the UOVBA.

July 10-14 Kentucky Motor Speedway Mission Trip

August 20 Finance Committee Meeting @3:00 P.M.

Nomination Committee Meeting @5:30 P.M.

Executive Board Meeting @7:00 P.M.

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**

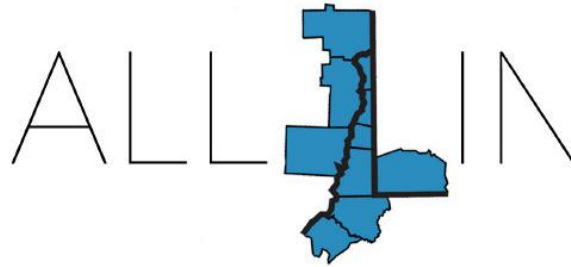
**HOSTED AT TEMPLE
BAPTIST CHURCH**



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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.

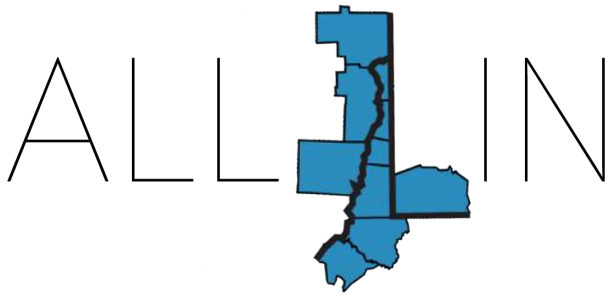
Phase 3 Strategic Planning with Key Leaders

- 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 4 IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION

Phase 4 moves the church to action.

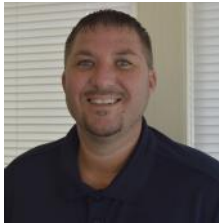
People will be empowered to do ministry with ongoing evaluation (using the metrics established in phase 3) and adjustment. Evaluation will be collaborative as leaders seek input from those involved in ministry and, together, they analyze key metrics, ministry strengths, and growth opportunities.

Adjustments will be implemented on the basis of feedback and the analysis of key metrics. The cycle of empowerment, evaluation, and adjustment will continue in perpetuity as churches seek to serve with excellence.

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**Learn More By
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Don't Forget The Why

**“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty...” -
Proverbs 21:5a**

ED GOODMAN - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

A man was once driving past a building owned by his friends, Doug and Cathy Brady. Knowing they had plans to put a restaurant there, he was surprised instead to see a sign with another name: “BRAD ‘S.” *Who is Brad?* he wondered to himself. Curious, he pulled into the parking lot for a closer look. Upon discovering that one of the letters on the sign lacked power, it dawned on him that the restaurant was actually named “BRADY’S.” Doug and Cathy were indeed going into the restaurant business - he had mistakenly overlooked the “Y”!

The *Why* is a Matter of Focus

The busyness of summer often tempts us to overlook the *why* in what we do. Churches often jam-pack their mid-year calendars with several worthwhile and fruitful ministries: Vacation Bible School (VBS), mission trips, church picnics, and back-to-school festivities, just to name a few. However, the enormous energy and effort required for these ministries can overwhelm even the most dedicated leaders and workers. When that happens, we are prone to forget the reasons we serve in the first place. Rather than enjoying our summer opportunities, we become enslaved by our summer obligations and we need to shift our focus back to *why* these ministries exist. In his book *Start With Why*, Simon Sinek explains that the best leaders, products, and companies start with *why*. He repeatedly reinforces an axiom worth remembering: “People don’t buy *what* you do; they buy *why* you do it.” Granted, the church is tasked with discipling Christians instead of developing consumers, but Sinek still insightfully diagnoses the reason many churches lack passion and lose people. So often, it’s because we lose sight of the *why*. With that in mind, let’s consider the *why* of our two biggest summer ministries.

***Why* are we having Vacation Bible School (VBS)?** VBS is designed to reach people and ultimately grow the church. By ministering to children, connecting with surrounding communities, and creating opportunities for evangelism, this exciting summer ministry affords churches many fun ways to engage people of all ages with the Gospel. A successful VBS can result in salvations, the discovery of church prospects, and potential workers for other ongoing children’s programs.

The key is to keep the purposes of connection and evangelism at the forefront of every part of VBS. The registration team should be welcoming, enthusiastic, and ready to get information. Teachers and workers should connect with participants, clearly communicate the Gospel, and look for ways to minister to guests. Perhaps most importantly, churches should appoint a follow-up team and equip them for effective post-VBS communication. Each facet of VBS should reinforce the purposes of reaching people and growing the church.

Why are we taking mission trips? Mission trips are designed to take the Gospel to people who are eternally condemned apart from Christ. God's people are called to live on mission and take the Good News to all people (cf. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). On July 10-14, the UOVBA is leading a mission trip to Kentucky Speedway for just \$30 per person (which includes travel, lodging, and meals). We hope your church will join us in sharing Jesus with NASCAR fans at the Quaker State 400. Our partnership with Kentucky Raceway Ministries (KRM) is fruitful and ripe with Gospel possibilities!

This annual mission trip accomplishes several purposes for our association.

1. It makes the biblical mandate of missions financially, geographically, and practically accessible to most of our association.

The \$30 cost is not overly burdensome, particularly in comparison to many international trips that cost thousands of dollars. The location of Kentucky Speedway - just a few hours away from most of our churches - allows people to go on a mission trip while remaining close to home in the event of an emergency or unexpected circumstances. In addition, the mission trip lasts just a few days, making it easier for working people to go without having to request off an entire week.

2. We get to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Kentucky Speedway hosts thousands of campers and tens of thousands of fans for the Quaker State 400, and we get the opportunity to serve them, share Jesus, and pray with many of them.

3. We can serve as witnesses in our "Judea." This annual NASCAR event allows us to travel to another state, serve the people, and then leave without seeking anything in return. Acts 1:8 instructs the early church to be Christ's witnesses "in Jerusalem...Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Kentucky is the modern equivalent of our Judea, and we selflessly serve there as the Lord's witnesses just for the joy of it!

4. We are able to make evangelism our top priority. Sometimes our busy lives push evangelism to the backburner on our list of priorities. At Kentucky Speedway, we have the time and tools to focus on sharing Jesus, loving people, and ultimately winning souls.



5. *We disciple believers in evangelism.* Christians who have never shared the Gospel with another person, or believers who rarely share their faith, are given access to a huge mission field where Gospel opportunities are always available. This mission trip can be a great training ground for developing the evangelistic skills of growing Christians. You and your church are invited to go on mission to Kentucky with your associational family. Contact Dave Barrick (304-771-8483) to reserve your spot today!

The *Why* is a Matter of Faithfulness

Several years ago, a preacher in Atlanta was searching the Yellow Pages for a good restaurant when he found an entry for a place called Church of God Grill. Intrigued by the peculiar name, he curiously dialed their number.

A man answered with a cheerful, "Hello! Church of God Grill!"

The preacher asked how the restaurant had been given such an unusual name, and the man said: "Well, we had a little mission down here, and we started selling chicken dinners after church on Sunday to help pay the bills. Well, people liked the chicken, and we did such a good business, that eventually we cut back on the church service. After a while, we just closed down the church altogether and kept on serving chicken dinners...[but] we kept the name we started with, and that's Church of God Grill."

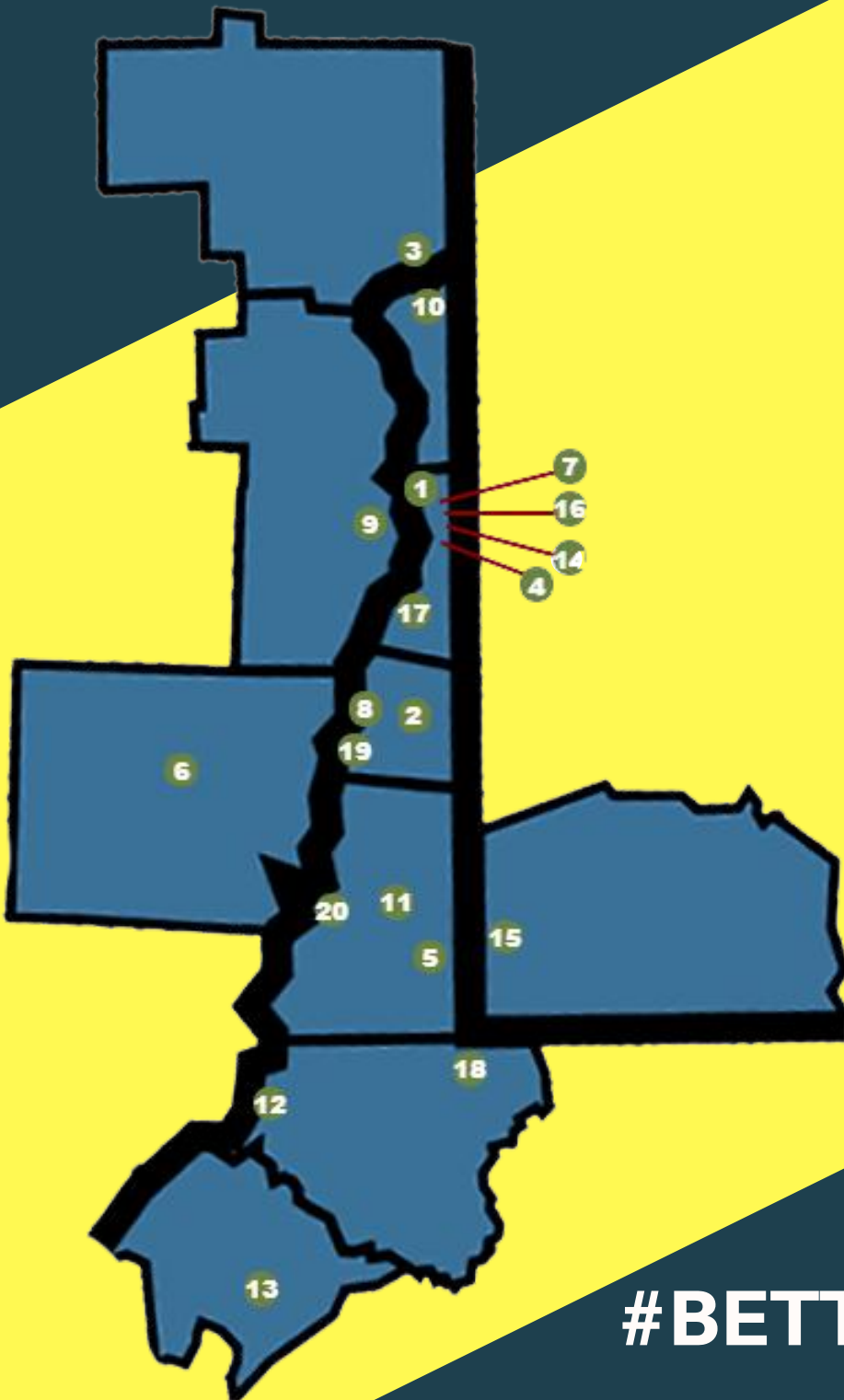
What started as a church ended up becoming a chicken shack - all because the people lost sight of the *why*. A loss of focus inevitably results in a lack of faithfulness.

If we forget the *why* this summer, we might as well just sell chicken.

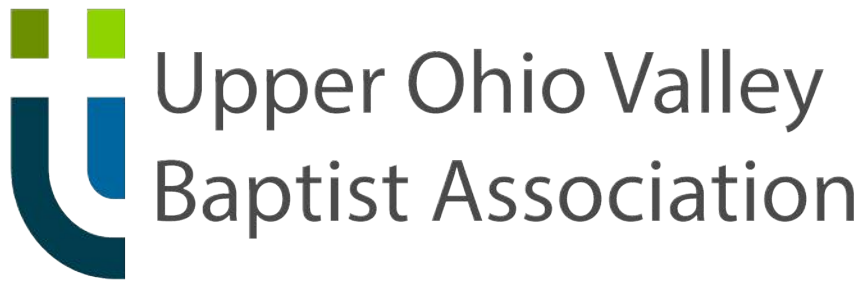




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1. Abundant Grace Bible Church
2. Abundant Life Baptist Church
3. Avondale Baptist Church
4. Calvary Baptist Church
5. Cameron Baptist Church
6. Emmanuel Baptist Church
7. Evangel Baptist Church
8. Faith Community Church
9. First Baptist Church Steubenville
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	May	June
Abundant	109.10	97.46
Avondale	115.39	29.23
Calvary		
Cameron	652.00	431.00
Emmanuel	242.21	254.31
Evangel		61.00
Faith	110.97	202.52
FBC Chester	92.84	109.48
FBC Steuben		
Grace	98.53	106.00
Immanuel	3,094.00	
Indian Creek	1,154.54	680.00
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights		
ODBC	1,565.00	1,555.00
Riverview	399.47	47.39
NB @ Ryerson	294.84	301.50
Solid Rock	71.67	57.96
S Wheeling	4.18	3.68
Temple	141.24	125.84
Month Total:	8,145.98	4,062.37
Year To Date:		\$48,677.85
Spending Plan Goal:		\$131,000.00
Estimated Projection:		\$97,355.70

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.



Communications From The Command Center

Updates on the UOVBA Disaster Relief Ministry

Roy Polmanteer- UOVBA DR Team Leader

A disaster has impacted the area, Families have both short- and long-term needs. Is Your Church Prepared???

A disaster is defined as anything that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the disaster survivors cannot alleviate themselves.

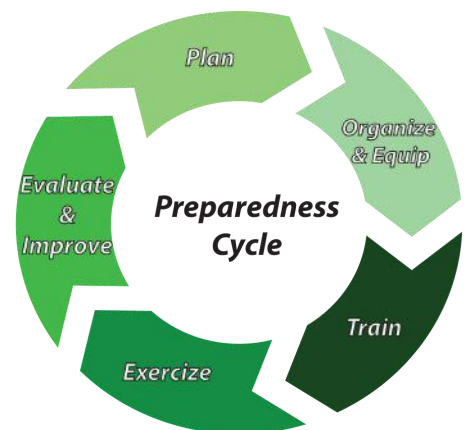
We as individual churches need to plan how we will respond to disasters, both large and small, within the church and in the community. Plans need to be developed and discussed by the church leadership and shared with its members.

Church members need to be able to and should participate in training so that they understand their role in the plan. A broader plan should also be discussed and developed with other churches in the community so together we can meet the needs of those impacted with Christian love and caring.

An unprepared church will miss a valuable opportunity to minister to those in need if plans are not developed, shared and coordinated.

This issue I would like to take a look at a brief overview of being a Ready Church.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) defines preparedness as “A continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during an incident response.”



Let's take a closer look at each of the steps in the Preparedness Cycle.

Planning: Each church should develop a plan of action outlining how they are going to respond to a disaster. This plan should identify what types of disasters the church is ready to assist in and the resources that are available. Remember that your biggest resource is your membership, but also includes things like vehicles, tools, supplies, and facilities.

Developing the plan should be done by a core team of members and discussed and tweaked with the church membership. Once the plan is ready to be finalized, share it with the congregation and see if there is something that was forgotten. Maybe one of the members has a piece of equipment that might be valuable in some of the disaster you may face. Or maybe a piece of equipment that you thought would be available is no longer usable.

Once the plan has been completed, organize those that are involved. If there are resources such as nonperishable items, consider stockpiling them in a safe, dry location at the church. This way they are centrally located and ready to be utilized. It is also during this time that you want to make sure that you

have the equipment that you will need in the proper location if possible. Can you have a potluck dinner if the forks and knives are at Miss Betty's house and the dinner is at the church???

The next step is possibly the most important. TRAIN!

This is a step that some organizations tend to skip over. You need to make sure that everyone is properly trained in the task at hand. This is one reason that the U.O.V.B.A. holds a yellow shirt training every year (don't worry we will be holding one this year – and soon!)

After everyone is trained, hold an exercise. While real life based scenarios and large scale events are best, table top exercises can also accomplish the designed task, and that is to make sure that the plan can be implemented, the equipment and resources are available on short notice (just like we might face in real life) and the training we had meets the needs.

After each exercise you should evaluate the exercise. This comes in several steps.

First is a hot wash – this is a short debriefing after the exercise where people can share good and bad about the exercise. Comments should be solicited from everyone there. The Exercise leader or Coordinator should lead this debriefing and take good notes.

It is generally during the hot wash that you will get some great feedback since everything is fresh in the minds of those that participated.

After the hot wash (which again is conducted right after the conclusion of the exercise) is the After-Action Review (A.A.R.). This is usually held 3 to 10 days after the exercise, dependent on the size and scope of the exercise. The A.A.R. is usually attended by those in leadership positions. The reason for holding it a few days after the exercise is to allow them time to meet with their respective teams and debrief in-depth with them. They then take the information gathered from their team and commit it to writing and have the team review it to make sure they have everything correct.

Then all of the team leaders get together and go around the table and review the good, bad and ugly of the exercise. It is important to remember to keep the focus on the tasks and not turn the A.A.R. in to a personal attack on someone. Praise in Public – Correct In Private.

After the Evaluation phase comes the hardest and often most forgotten step - IMPROVE !!

Don't be afraid to change the plan. Many times leaders do not want to admit that they could have done better and that the plan needs to be changed. Be Humble and willing to improve the plan as necessary. All Plans are Perfect – Until First Contact!

In 30+ years of Public Safety I have never seen a plan that could not have been made better.

Be willing to adapt and adjust the plan and remember that situations and conditions change and all plans should be somewhat flexible.

If you and your church want to be better prepared, you can go to www.readyrating.org. Ready Rating is a free service from the American Red Cross. From the website - "Ready Rating is a program that helps business, schools and organizations become prepared for disasters and other emergencies".

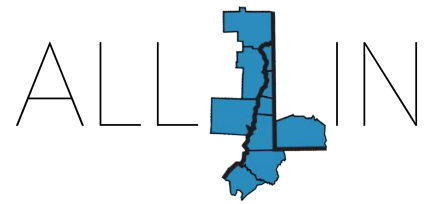
Until next time remember to Serve Christ by Serving Others

Roy.



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

July

7/10 Roy & Dawna Polmanteer	Chester
7/18 Mike & Shawna Miller	ICSBC
7/22 Rick & Melanie Glover	FBC Steubenville
7/31 Robert & Christina Lemons	Emmanuel

August

8/10 Ray & Dina Carney	Faith
8/12 Larry & Liz Bayle	Immanuel
8/14 Chuck & Amy Morrow	ICSBC
8/17 Bobby & Shannon Thomas	ICSBC
8/29 Rob & Louise Petrey	Emmanuel
8/31 Gary & Lorene Grant	Solid Rock

Birthdays

July

7/9 Becky O'Neil	Grace
7/12 Pete Carney	Faith
7/13 Patty Fish	Evangel
7/16 Jonathan Matthews	Cameron
7/18 Dina Carney	Faith
7/22 Chuck Matthews	Cameron

August

8/8 Donna Garrison	Open Door
8/21 Tom Rentfrow	Abundant Life
8/27 Larry Bayle	Immanuel
8/31 Danny O'Neil	Grace

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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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