

“Bound by the Word and to Each Other
... For the Sake of the Gospel”



Pastor Odle and Brad Bristow, Bank Executive

**“To God be the Glory,
Great things He has Done
...and will Do!”**

On May 20, 2001, First Baptist Church of Elyria, under the leadership of Pastor Brad Quick, broke ground to start construction on a \$3.5 million addition to the church building. Seventeen years later - to the day – Sunday, May 20, 2018, the church, now under the leadership of Pastor Patrick Odle, celebrated the retirement of that mortgage, paying off the remaining balance of \$757,475.00.

The addition, which included an office complex, nursery, classrooms, and a 1,100-seat auditorium, was dedicated in November 2002, making it possible for the entire congregation to worship together after eleven years of split services due to outgrowing the former sanctuary. A capital campaign had enabled the church to pay \$1 million of the cost, mortgaging the rest. A second campaign, undertaken by the church in December 2016, resulted in God supplying not only enough to pay the remainder of the mortgage, but also to bless Bibles International with a \$100,000 gift to help fund an Old Testament translation for the Day people in Chad, Africa. But that’s not all! The church has also raised 12% of Phase III of the campaign to completely renovate the gymnasium, the first building constructed on the site back in 1979, modernizing it into a Ministry Activities Center more suited to the goal of reaching the community. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019.



Gary Walton, Pastor Pat Odle, Joshua Hedges

The church celebration included presentations of ceremonial checks to both the lending institution and Bibles International, heartfelt and uplifting worship music, a catered meal, some words from key people in the building program as well as from special guest, Kim Quick Kerr, daughter of former pastor, Pastor Brad Quick. Kim shared how excited her father would be to know that his last prayers for the church before going to heaven were being answered—prayers that First Baptist would be a healthy church, doctrinally grounded, financially stable, and spiritually progressing. Pastor Odle’s message re-emphasized that it is profitable to pause and celebrate God’s miraculous work, and that it should grow excitement for what He will do in the future. So, in conclusion, when Pastor Odle asked his congregation, “Are we done yet?” the question was answered with a resounding “No!”

First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, gives God the glory for the great things He has done and will do!

—Bonnie Parker, FBC, Elyria

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A Word from the Rep



It is a privilege to be serving the OARBC. Linda and I certainly enjoy meeting many of you in your churches as we have the opportunity to share the Word and present the ministry of the OARBC.

This issue we are highlighting some missionary-supported servants of the Lord, doing God's work right here in our great state. Take time to consider and pray for their ministries, and if God should lead you, become part of their financial support team.

Recently we had the opportunity to be at Scioto Hills camp and enjoy the beauty of that area. We enjoyed spending some time with Scott Bruns and his staff. We also had the opportunity to visit some of our churches and spend time with pastors Brad Brandt and John Gowdy over lunch.

We were in Bellville at the Der Dutchman recently and met with 80 OARBC seniors for lunch and fellowship. It was great to get to know many and spend time with them. We shared some OARBC trivia and Dave and Darlene Murdoch shared in special music. What a blessing to hear the group sing together "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

It was good to spend time recently with the Council of 12, to pray and share together and to work on the business of the association. I appreciate these men very much. They are committed to serving and advancing the fellowship.

We are planning an OARBC pizza gathering at the GARBC Conference in Fishers, Indiana, June 26-29. It will be held on Thursday at 5:00 pm at the host church. All OARBC pastors and church family are invited. There will be a minimal cost. You'll want to attend the conference this year as we affirm the new National Representative, Mike Hess, and also hear Cedarville University's president, Dr. Thomas White. Go to GARBC.org for details.

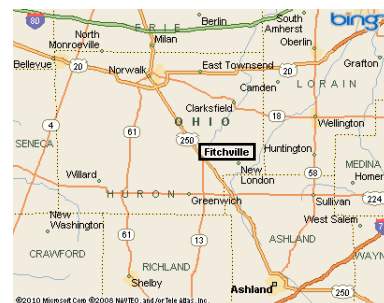
I look forward to being with you at our annual meeting in October. The dates are October 22-24 at First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio. We have a full slate of speakers planned from our own state. The theme is "It's all about the Gospel." Plan to be in attendance at this year's fall OARBC conference.

Chuck Pausley
OARBC State Rep

"For the Sake of the Gospel" in Fitchville



**Bill and Stephanie Wilson, Luke and Leah
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Upon surveying this needy area, it was discovered there was no gospel ministry reaching Fitchville, Ohio. Evangelizing the area began by knocking on 175 doors. The response showed clearly that God had gone before; the people of Fitchville were interested as the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ was shared. Nearing the completion of the third year, the Wilsons are now holding regular Sunday services and Thursday Bible studies in the community hall.

In June, Fitchville Baptist Church Plant will become a fellowshipping church plant in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC), pending messenger approval. The Wilsons are operating at 75% of their needed support, and God has brought this ministry to the place of needing a permanent meeting location.

If you would like to partner with them, give them a call or view the website at FitchvilleBaptistChurchPlant.org. Bill is available for ministry presentations or pulpit supply on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

To God be the glory!

“For the Sake of the Gospel” in Cleveland

CITYVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Dockery/Taylor church planting team have been planting a church in downtown Cleveland, meeting in a downtown hotel space for Sunday morning services since 2010. The congregation is a mix of CSU students/young professionals; downtown residents who walk to church from section 8, low-income apartments; and several families who have become part of the congregation out of a desire to share the gospel in Cleveland with those who are both physically and spiritually poor. A focus of the ministry is on equipping Christians to evangelize and disciple those who have been overlooked by other churches, particularly in low-income neighborhoods. There have also been Bible studies held consistently in downtown high-rise apartments for many years as well. In addition to the downtown focus, there is a work with a number of city teens in the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. Another unique opportunity for ministry for the Dockerys' has come through opening their home to patients from out of town who come for treatment at the Cleveland Clinic.

Prayer Request: There is the possibility of a building available for a permanent meeting place for this ministry. It is in a great location and the owner is willing to work with them. Seeking God's will to be done!

FAITH BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH AND CENTER

John and Laura Niemeyer
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John and Laura were both privileged to be raised in Christian homes, were saved as children, and were called to full-time ministry in college and high school respectively. Following a seminary education for John, the Lord led them to serve Him as church-planters in Santiago, Chile for two terms.

God has since re-directed them to inner-city church planting in Cleveland, Ohio. They are serving alongside two other missionary families at Faith Baptist Community Church and Center. John shares the preaching and teaching responsibilities while also working to re-establish a youth group. Laura is leading the ladies' ministry and helping in the children's ministry.

They have four children, Morgan (23), Trey (20), Chase (17), and Mackenzie (16).

The Niemeyers have joined Mike and Sherri Vanek, Norma Nulph and Jackie Hopkins to serve together at the Faith Baptist Community Church and Center.

Jackie Hopkins
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As a young child I knew God was leading me to work with children but didn't know how or where. As a teenager I had the opportunity to work at Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio, for five summers. I worked in the horse barn most of the time but one week was asked to be a counselor. It was during that week I sensed God calling me into full-time ministry. I joined BMM in 1989 and spent 16 years as a missionary in Brazil until the Lord directed me back to the states.

I have been at Faith Baptist Church and Center since 2009. My main ministry is with the children. While working in the inner city has its challenges, my burden for the children is to see them come to know Christ as their Savior and have an impact on their family and friends for Christ.

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GATEKEEPERS MINISTRIES

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Gatekeepers Ministries seeks to *Influence Influencers*.

We work with college and professional athletes as well as holding weekly Bible studies with legislators at the Ohio Statehouse, giving them a high protein diet of the Word of God. It is our mission to help individuals discover Truth, purpose and fulfillment which can only be discovered in the Scriptures.

We work with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Central State U football team, Wilberforce basketball and the Ohio Statehouse.

Ministry never gets boring and the gospel wheel keeps turning as we continue to slide through doors the Lord continues to open.

TRACT RESOURCE FOR CHURCH AND PERSONAL USE



My name is Robert Aleshire and I am a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Smithville, Ohio. We have served as missionaries for over 10 years in the United Kingdom and in Canada. While on the mission field, I saw a need of using tracts to reach people for Christ. I saw a great opportunity to reach people by using the surroundings and settings in the community. The first tract "Still In Ruins" made an impact on the community in which we lived and opened many doors to share Christ.

Since 2009, after returning from the mission field, the Lord laid on my heart to begin writing tracts in earnest. Each of the tracts has been born out of my own personal Bible study and seek to inform the reader of specific needs always pointing them to Christ. I also have sought to

present the tracts in an attractive format and with a biblical approach to the many problems we face in our society. My burden is that people can see that tracts are not an end to the means but a door for a personal relationship that they might share Christ.

The purpose of Magic City Tract Resources is to provide resources to help churches and believers reach people for Christ and seeking to meet the spiritual needs of everyone. All to the Glory of Jesus Christ.

The Howard Print Shop, 2111 W. Alto Road, Kokomo, IN 46902, has been printing tracts for me since 2009 and tracts can be ordered from them or through Magic City Tract Resources, 520 Yale Ave, Barberton, OH 44203.



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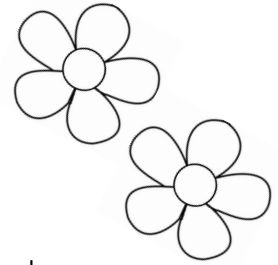
Our Mission is to help churches and believer's reach people for Christ.

Ohio Women for Missions (OWM)

Dear Ladies of Ohio,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring flowers, sunny days and the warmth of the sun. Spring is a favorite time of year. "All things become new again."

We want to bring you the latest on our State Project for the Rayitos Feeding Center. Our total giving is **\$12,879.71**. My heart sings, "**How Great is Our God!**" We still have until June 1, 2018 to give. If you have any donations to the project, please send them to our treasurer, Karen Blasdel. Please note: make checks out to OHIO WOMEN FOR MISSIONS. Thank you, ladies, for your sacrificial giving.



Our **2018-19 project** is for Jeff and Debbie Davis, serving with Christar, to the Muslim Community in Dearborn, MI. Debbie was with us at our Spring Meeting and shared their ministry. I would recommend her to come and share at your area meetings. You will be greatly blessed and informed of their ministry to the Muslim people. Their need is for a large electronic sign on which they could put scripture and engaging spiritual questions on a daily and weekly basis. This would help to create interest in the community. Funds for childcare is also a great need for them as they teach English classes. Our goal is \$10,000.00 for their ministry. Please pray for them and ask the Lord to provide for this need.

Ladies, mark your calendars to attend the **Fall Meeting, October 23, 2018**, in conjunction with the OARBC Annual Conference in Elyria, Ohio. We would like to have about six churches volunteer to participate in our meeting. Each church would provide an international dish for the ladies to taste. If your church would like to provide a dish from a different country, please contact me at 330-603-6048 or email cmvictorde@sbcglobal.net. We will give you more details. Plan to come and "Taste and See."

The Ladies' Fall Retreat is scheduled for November 8 and 9, 2018 at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Our speaker will be Jill Nihiser, Pastor's wife from Lancaster Baptist Church. We are looking for ladies to model for us at the retreat. Are you interested??? Contact me for details. Watch for complete information coming in August.

Ladies, please continue to pray for the OWM as we serve our missionaries and reach out to others with the Gospel of Christ.

Yours by redeeming grace,
Donna Victor, OWM President



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“SEWING BLESSINGS”...Literally!

In 2016, Richard and Marilyn Fuge acted upon the call God placed in their hearts for the people of Peru. Several ladies of Sharon Baptist Church, Hermitage, PA (who fellowship with the OARBC Bethany region), began sewing clothes and shopping bags for the women and children of Peru and the ministry of “Sewing Blessings” began.

One of the ladies found six sewing machines at a flea market, others brought material, sewing supplies and patterns. A room at the church was set up with tables and the sewing machines and women began sewing eight hours a day, two or three days a week, bringing their own sack lunches and sewing skills.

The first year shopping bags and other simple items were made and by 2017 the “Sewing Blessings” had grown to making 300 bows for girls and neckties for boys, 119 dresses, skirts and shorts, 75 koozie cup holders and 50 shopping bags! Donations from church members began coming in not only for sewing supplies, but also for underwear, socks and t-shirts to be matched up with the skirts and shorts to complete a child’s outfit.



Marilyn Fuge and child of Peru wearing gifts from “Sewing Blessings”



One of the goals of 2018 is to sew small shopping bags to be filled with toiletries and other small items for the Peruvian people. Over 50 bags have been made to date, thanks to the generosity of Knott’s Interiors of Hermitage who donated material samples that were just the appropriate size for the shopping bags. In addition to the bags, 35 dresses, shorts, tops and skirts have been made this year and the sewing continues. The Fuges will return to Peru in January of 2019 with boxes of items born out of acting upon the call of God in their lives.

The account of Dorcas (Acts 9) sewing clothing for the widows and children of Joppa is an inspiration to the ladies of SEWING BLESSINGS as well as Proverbs 31 as they “work willingly with their hands...and reach out their hands to the needy.”

—Sewing Blessings, Sharon Baptist Church

Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo, *Radical* Missions Month

Those who had received clandestine invitations to a secret service poured into the bus barn behind the Emmanuel high school on one Sunday evening of March. Trying to replicate the feel of a house church in a closed country, many gathered to join in the experience. Seniors, teens, and toddlers sat on blankets spread on the cement floor. By the end of the service, it was standing room only. Pastor Duke Crawford read Scripture by the dim light of a dangling light bulb. Guests from China described what God was doing in their house church. They rejoiced that their church had been closed this past fall by the government, because now more than a dozen smaller house churches were birthed. Communion was so special as the pastors served a hushed and worshipful group.



Yes, it was Missions Emphasis Month at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. God gathered together an impactful group of servants. Together, the congregation was encouraged to read and adopt the lessons taught in David Platt's book *Radical*. Each service emphasized one of the nine chapters. The new president of ABWE, Paul Davis, was the keynote guest speaker in the first service. Dr. Thomas White, president of Cedarville University, spoke on chapter 7, "Why Going is Urgent, not Optional."

In addition, God brought missionaries to the Chinese, new missionaries appointed to theological education, a veteran missionary to The Gambia, and new missionaries to France. The video witness of recently widowed Jennifer DeKryger fit beautifully into the chapter, "Living When Dying is Gain." A ladies' tea was a blessing to the full house who gathered to enjoy the fine china of each table hostess and the challenges from a missionary in transition. The men also were encouraged in the Radical Experiment at a breakfast where medical missionary to Togo, Dr. John Briggs, shared his heart. Other events included hearing from international students who have come to faith while studying in Toledo. What a thrill to hear a phone conversation from a Chinese student who was baptized at Emmanuel and who now is a witness in her home country.

Prayerfully, the *Radical* impact will bear global and eternal fruit for years to come as we pray for our world, read His word, and sacrifice time and money to see Christ multiplied to our neighbors and to the nations.

—Jennifer Christiaanse, member of Emmanuel Baptist Church/Missions Committee

What's for Supper?

For some 25 years the answer to the question, "What's for supper?" is "Chicken 'n Noodles." Yes, for 25 years the ladies of Grace Baptist Church of Troy, Ohio, have been preparing chicken 'n noodles for the Faith Baptist Community Center in Cleveland. It all began one night, years ago, in a missions group meeting. Those in attendance were burdened to do something tangible and practical for "Miss Norma" Nulph, one of the missionaries supported by the church. Inquiries were made and the "missions trip" became a reality and then an annual ministry.

The Faith Baptist Church Community Center in inner-city Cleveland serves a free community meal every Wednesday. Ideally, enough food is prepared to be able to also serve the ladies on Thursday and the children on Saturday. The food is generally obtained from a local food bank and cooked by volunteers. Meat is generally a special treat.

After 25 years, the Grace Baptist group pretty much has it down. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and homemade cookies, which is all donated by the church family. The food is taken in coolers and the meal put together in the Community Center kitchen. The ladies make the four-hour trip to Cleveland from Troy on Tuesday, take Miss Norma out for supper (or take her supper) and then stay overnight in a local motel. Preparation for the meal takes place on Wednesday, but there is usually some down time for work on other projects the missionaries might suggest. After serving the meal, it is clean-up and head back to Troy.

The benefits of the trip exceed far more than just feeding the needy. Seeing the ministry firsthand raises awareness that can only be experienced by being there. It changes how one prays and how one gives. Over the years, many different ladies have had opportunity to be involved. Serving together takes "fellowship" to a whole greater level. The team usually consists of eight to twelve ladies, three or four of whom have participated nearly every year, and one lady, Sammie Martin, has yet to miss. In April of this year, 72 meals were served and 50 hygiene bags distributed. (The ministry has expanded over the years to the church family also bringing in donations of toiletries and personal items which are put in zip lock bags for those in need).

Jackie Hopkins, missionary serving at Faith Baptist Church Community Center, comments:

"The Troy group are always such a big help. They have always had a special connection with Norma...They have giving and caring hearts, not only for Norma, but also for those to whom we minister. This ministry means a lot, not only to us, but to all those who enjoy the meal. It helps us out by supplying us with food to serve...and it also allows some of our weekly volunteers to take a day off from time to time, knowing that the meal will be taken care of...this is a ministry that other churches could be challenged to do. We serve our big meal each week on Wednesday...we also serve some special meals to the children at Christmas time and the end of the Bible Seekers Club year."

Perhaps the question could be asked of your church, "What's for supper?"



Calvary Baptist, Xenia, Reaches Out to Community

Calvary Baptist Church, Xenia, has been busy reaching out to the community. On Friday, May 4, Calvary's Coffee Corner and Photo Booth was set up at Xenia's downtown "First Friday" event from 5-9 pm. Two hundred cups of coffee, lemonade, and homemade cookies, were given away. Many folks stopped by and a good number of contacts were made.

On Sunday evening, May 6, the church family gathered on the church property and enjoyed Calvary's "First Sunday" Community Picnic. There were 140 in attendance, and more than half of that number were visitors.

The third outreach in May was held on Mother's Day, May 13. It was a Prayer Drive-Through and Gifts for Moms event. The community was invited to drive through the church parking lot and remain in their cars where they were met by some church family who offered to pray with them. The mothers were given a carnation and small bag of candy for a Mother's Day gift including information about the church. It was very well received. Praise the Lord!



—Diana Conrad, Pastor's wife, Calvary Baptist

Berea Welcomes Youth Pastor



Pastor Ben and April Hobbes are both graduates of Northland International University with Bachelor's Degrees. They were married in 2011, and have a 1-year old son, Corbin. For seven years they have been in Christian service and pastoring for three years. Pastor Hobbes began his Masters of Ministry at Cedarville University in 2017, and more recently

took the role of Youth Pastor at Berea Baptist Church in Berea, serving with Pastor Ken and Debbie Spink.

The Rev. Dr. Myrle Weems Retires

It was a very special evening, May 4, 2018, as family, church family, community leaders, and area pastors gathered to celebrate God's faithfulness to the Rev. Dr. Myrle Weems and the West Bethel Baptist Church of Cleveland upon his retirement from pastoring the church for twenty-one years. The gala was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Cleveland. The full-course delicious dinner was followed by a program of tributes from family, church and community leaders. There was also special music, memories and a challenge from Dr. David Warren, special friend and former OARBC State Representative. Dr. Warren spoke from I Peter 5:1-4 describing the ideal pastor, using it both to encourage Pastor Weems and to challenge other men to follow in his footsteps.



Dr. Myrle Weems



Dr. David Warren

Pastor Steve and Mary Jane Olsen honored for 40 years of Ministry

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church celebrated the past 40 years of ministry that God has allowed their pastor and wife, Steve and Mary Jane Olsen, to serve together with them. Surprise guests, a family luncheon, video remembrances, an all-church family reception, a former staff member, Brian Hanson, speaking in the evening service made for a wonderful celebration of God's grace and faithfulness.



Across the State...



The **NEO fellowship combined Good Friday service** was held at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland Heights on March 30, 2018. It was a moving service with the coming together of pastors and congregations for worship. There were several hundred in attendance.

May 6 was the **Annual Hebron Gathering** at the First Baptist Church of Elyria. The combined 80+ voice choir of the churches was a highlight, as well as Talents for Christ winners performing and State Representative Chuck Pausley sharing from the Word.

The first **OARBC Seniors Luncheon**

hosted by State Representative Chuck and Linda Pausley was held on May 18 at the Der Dutchman in Bellville. It was well-attended by several churches and individuals. New friends were made and old friends re-connected. Dave and Darlene Murdoch's music ministry was enjoyed by all.



Reimers and Zimmermans

Brandon Byler, Associate Pastor, was examined and **ordained to the gospel ministry** by the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Smithville, February 18, 2018. Pastor Brandon has since accepted the position of a senior pastorate in northeast Ohio.



Ladies of all ages of **Grace Baptist Church, Westlake**, enjoyed being treated as royalty at the "Daughters of the King" banquet recently. There was live music, the men served a delicious meal, and Linda Pausley, wife of the OARBC State Representative, shared a devotional. The new ladies' ministry committee is thanking God for His blessing on the event.



An open house was held at **Millersburg Baptist Church** on May 19, 2018 to honor **Violet "Ma" Wolff** in celebration of her 90th birthday. Vi served over 24 years at Skyview Ranch alongside her husband. They were affectionately known as "Pop and Ma Wolff" to thousands of staff and campers over their years of ministry.



Ohio Talents for Christ Winners 2018

First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio hosted the OARBC Talents for Christ State Competition April 21, 2018. The following participants placed as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH

Piano	First Place	Jonathan Carman (FBC, Elyria)
	Second Place	Kalyssa Joviak (FBC, Elyria)
Brass	First Place	Derek Burman (FBC, Niles)
Strings	First Place	Lilly Hettinga (FBC, Elyria)

OPEN

Piano	First Place	Moriah Wilson (Berean, Pickerington)
Male Vocal	First Place	Joseph Fuller (PHBC, Smithville)
	Second Place	Peter Quick (FBC, Elyria)
Brass	First Place	Daniel Deeds (NBC, Norton)
Woodwinds	First Place	Caleb Wilson (Berean, Pickerington)
Woodwinds	Second Place	Julia Collins (FBC, Elyria)

SCHOLARSHIP

Piano	First Place	Emily Krause (PHBC, Smithville)
Female Vocal	First Place	Bethanie Spickler (FBC, Elyria)
Preaching	First Place	Micah Flatt (FBC, Elyria)
Brass	First Place	David Burman III (FBC, Niles)
Strings	Second Place	Julia Hettinga (FBC, Elyria)

GROUPS

Drama	First Place	Pleasant Hill Baptist, Smithville
Instrumental	First Place	Pleasant Hill Baptist (Duet), Smithville
Large Vocal Ensembles	First Place	First Baptist of Elyria
	Second Place	Camden Baptist of Wellington
	Third Place	Pleasant Hill Baptist of Smithville



Jennay Moine
Ashley Armstrong
Pleasant Hill, Smithville



Daniel Deeds
Norton Baptist, Norton



Vocal Ensemble
First Baptist, Elyria



Derek Burman
First Baptist, Niles

Scholarship Amounts

First-Place State	\$1,000
Second-Place State	\$ 500
First-place National	\$ 5,000
Second-Place National	\$ 2,500

Participating colleges/universities:

Appalachian Bible College
Clarks Summit University
Piedmont Baptist College
Shasta Bible College
Bob Jones University
Maranatha Baptist University

All first and second place winners in the Scholarship Division are eligible to participate in the national competition at the GARBC National Conference in Fishers, Indiana, June 26-29.

2019 Talents for Christ Saturday, April 6 Pleasant Hill Baptist Smithville, Ohio

Pastors and churches, encourage your students to participate.
Begin preparing now!

Talents For Christ Ohio/facebook

*2019 Bible Quizzing passage
Acts 1-7*

Camps Who Serve the OARBC Churches Make them YOUR camps!



CAMP PATMOS *Our greatest blessings are prayers!*

Greetings from Camp Patmos and blessings to you! We are open after our annual winter close down and have already had our Ladies' Crafters Retreat, Marriage Retreat, summer leadership training, and two weeks of staff training. We are now putting the finishing touches on our intentional programming to prepare for camper arrivals. **We are blessed and thank God that we can report an increase in camper applications at this time!** With this increase, we are still seeking a few more boat drivers and male counselors for this summer. Anyone interested in serving the Lord at Camp Patmos this summer can call the office at (419) 746-2214.

This is our fourth year in a seven-year journey through the entire Bible; this summer's theme is **"Sanctus,"** living a holy life before God. We will be using imagery from the Tabernacle to demonstrate how God made a way to live among His people in the Old Testament, and teach how Jesus became the better Tabernacle, now living in the believer and making them holy.

Our biggest and greatest blessings are the prayers we receive from our extended family of believers. We are so fortunate to get to do that for you as well. As we seek to make God the center of our ministry, **we covet your prayers** this summer for **clear, biblical teaching, unity among staff, lives to be saved and success for the Kingdom of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.** We also desire to bring you into the current journey of our amazing Director and his wife, Dave and Kristi Sellers. **Kristi is currently undergoing treatment for recurring stage IV breast cancer that has metastasized to her liver.** Walking through this, they are completely dependent on God, knowing Jesus is ahead of them and that God's people are beside them in prayer. May His power bring healing, steadfastness, and strength for them both. Eph 3:20-21.

Our volunteers and supporters have helped us fund and **remodel our dish room that is ready for a lot of use.** Another well used space at camp is our **pool. It received significant repairs and a fresh coat of paint this past fall.** We are thankful for those who gave their time, talents and treasure to transform these areas.

We give God the glory each June as we watch Him provide for **camper scholarships** through our **Run for the Light 5K Fundraiser.** This event raises funds to help bridge the gap for families that cannot otherwise afford to send their campers to camp. We are consistently seeing a 50% increase each summer in the need to come alongside these camper families, and are thrilled to announce that we have a matching donor for this fund of up to \$10,000! Help us meet this challenge and donate toward our scholarship fund through this event on our website at <http://camppatmos.com/support-the-camp/donate-to-patmos>. Be sure to select RUN FOR THE LIGHT as the campaign so your gift will qualify to be matched. Your funds will change a camper's life for eternity.

The mission of Camp Patmos is to assist the church in impacting lives for Christ. One way we accomplish this goal is through financial partnership with area churches. These partnerships allow Camp Patmos to continue supporting the spiritual formation of local children and teens through programs grounded in the Word of God. This season, **we are seeking faithful, financial commitment from churches that are excited about and impacted by our ministry.** Please prayerfully consider how God may be leading, and contact the office for more information.

We are currently **raising funds to cover the expenses of re-roofing cabins and buildings, replacing the flooring in our beautiful dining hall, adding windows and doors to our chapel and asking for new or lightly used pool furniture.** We are so thankful for the money we have already raised towards these projects and are trusting God to provide the rest in His timing.

As God continues to provide for our needs at Camp Patmos, **we continue to be thankful for your generous support and humbly ask that you would remember us in your prayers.** Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Kari Nelson, Operations Director

SKYVIEW RANCH *Meet Gary Adams, Director*

Gary Adams is the NEW director for Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio. Gary, his wife Leesa of 36 years, and 2 daughters, Nicole and Kellie, moved to Ohio from Idaho, back in November. Their son, Ryan recently graduated from Bible college in Idaho and plans to work at SVR this summer. Gary comes to Skyview with 48 years of Christian camping experience (childhood-adult years), and was a full-time Children's/Youth pastor for 33 years. Three of the greatest decisions in Gary's life happened while at a Christian camp: 1. Accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior, 2. Met his wife, and 3. Was called into full-time ministry. Gary loves camp, and seeing what happens through using God's people as servants, the facilities, and the programming, all to accomplish the Lord's will in each person's life. Gary lacks no enthusiasm for camp ministry. He wants you to know:

- Skyview Ranch has lots of new additions this year.
- We have added a permanent trampoline and a climbing wall in our pond.
- We have added a NEW extended length counter-top with subway tile back splash for our new Coke machine.
- We have installed a TV in the dining hall for promotion, group menus, and lots more.
- Hiring of our 50+ summer staff is almost complete, and we start our 80 hours of training soon.
- We are in the process of adding new staff members as well.
- All of our staff are in the process of either moving into larger or better staff homes that will best serve their families for many years to come.
- The camp now owns 2 new Stihl weed-eaters and a power-washer.
- We are in the process of cleaning out and organizing every single closet, office, storage shed, the barn, work spaces, and staff garages in order to best serve all who come here on property with efficiency and a servant's heart, and plan to have it all completed by summers end.
- We recently planted 100 new pine trees on property, and will be beautifying much of the landscaping around the camp.
- We are raising funds to purchase some much needed items, along with facility upgrades, planning to have it all completed before summers end:

- ⇒ a used hay elevator,
- ⇒ lane Improvements with rock & gravel,
- ⇒ a new 4-wheel drive riding mower,
- ⇒ some kitchen appliance upgrades
- ⇒ started construction on our NEW 100 yard gun-range

Gary
Kellie
Leesa
Nicole
Ryan



There are many, many projects that churches, men's or women's groups, families or individuals could help out with, along with a variety of fundraising needs for the above equipment.

Oh yeah, did we mention our first ever Gym that is in the design phase? More info to come on this amazing building...

It is going to be a great summer for the Lord! We appreciate your prayers for His goodness, safety and fruitfulness this summer!

God bless you,

Gary Adams, Director of Operations

SCIOTO HILLS *It's time to register for camp!*

The staff at Scioto Hills is anxiously preparing for another great summer in our hills.

Praise God! We had wonderful success with our recent **Matching Funds Challenge**. Over **\$91,000** was raised to improve where our campers eat, sleep, play and learn about God.

We are in the midst of several exciting projects to be completed before the first campers arrive. Check out Facebook for pics.

We are also excited for the 15% increase in camper registrations this year. There is still room, but beds are filling up, so don't hesitate to promote the power of a week of camp to your congregation. We are convinced God is going to do a mighty work again this summer because **Camp works!** Remember, almost 90% of those in full-time ministry made a significant decision at camp. Your kids and families need a week in our hills.

Our theme for 2018 is "**Reconciled**" from Colossians 1.

Visit www.sciotohills.com for summer camp information or call 740-778-3279 to request brochures. We are your partners in the Gospel! Hopefully, you have seen the camp articles in the Baptist Bulletin. Check them out!

—Scott Bruns, Scioto Hills Camp Director

NEWS FROM CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

10-Year Master Plan Affirmed by Trustees

A 10-year campus master plan, designed to meet the needs of the university's expanding academic initiatives and growing student body, was affirmed by the trustees. The key elements of the plan include:

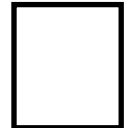
- Constructing a new liberal arts center that will house academic departments and state-of-the-art office and classroom spaces
- Constructing a new multipurpose center on the north side of Cedar Lake that will house the admissions welcome center, a new conference/banquet center and the school of business administration
- Expanding Callan Athletic Center to improve locker room facilities, expand the intercollegiate weight room, provide classrooms for the planned Master of Athletic Training program and create a new entrance to the facility
- Constructing new residence halls and expanding an existing residence hall to replace older facilities that are planned for closure and meet the demands of increasing enrollment

Center for the Advancement of Cybersecurity Approved

As concerns about internet security and privacy of personal data continue to grow, Cedarville's new Center for the Advancement of Cybersecurity will seek to help keep the public safe online. The new Center will focus on protecting the rights of individuals and organizations in cyberspace, and it will increase Cedarville's opportunity for influence as more issues develop with cyberattacks. Although cybersecurity education nationally is relatively new, Cedarville University's computer science program already has cyber-trained faculty, a strong cyber undergraduate program and a great reputation among cybersecurity communities in academia, industry and government.



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