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

Bounce House Safety Training - May 5th, 8:00 AM Emmanuel Baptist Church
Praise In The Park - June 9th
Kentucky Motor Speedway Mission Trip - July 12-14th
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.



VOICES OF THE VALLEY

**JOIN US TUESDAYS
@ 11:00 AM LIVE on facebook**

News from around the UOVBA, Special Interviews, Discussion, Current Events and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



HOSTED BY:

**ED GOODMAN
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Upper Ohio Valley
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Follansbee



PRAISE *in the* **PARK**

Saturday, June 9, 2018 5:00 PM @

Follansbee Park


Music from various individuals and groups.

Hot dogs and drinks while supplies last.

Fun activities and corporate prayer.

Contact Open Door Baptist Church worship leader Mike Jeffries (mjefries206@gmail.com) to get plugged in to this awesome ministry opportunity!

Moving in the Right Direction



**“In all your ways
acknowledge Him,**

**and He shall direct
your paths.”**

Proverbs 3:6



By ED GOODMAN
JUVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

When Emily and I first moved to Wheeling, it took me a while to learn the lay of the land. Consequently, I experienced some difficulty when driving to unfamiliar places. There were a few occasions when I took wrong turns, missed an exit, or took a longer route than necessary to get to my intended destination. It didn't take long to figure out that I needed to keep my eyes on the signs. The more I took notice of the road signs, exit signs, and street signs, the less frequently I got lost. Simply paying attention to the signs gave me assurance that I was going the right way and would get where I wanted to go.

I'm happy to report to you that our association is moving in the right direction. How do I know this? There are signs that let us know we are on the proper pathway. Let me share a few of these signs with you.

Sign #1: Our Faithful Stewardship

On April 12, I joyfully notified our association via Facebook some good news about this year's giving. As of that Friday, giving was up 18.2% as compared with the first four full months of 2017. While this in itself is worth celebrating, the rest of the story gives further reason for optimism: we are 25.9% ahead of budget for the calendar year. These percentages may seem arbitrary, but they actually reflect the reality that our churches are committed to the cooperative mission of the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association. The Lord is moving amongst our churches, and our churches are faithfully giving to the association!

On behalf of your entire associational staff, thank you! Good stewardship indicates that we have a healthy association moving in the right direction.

Sign #2: Our Full Summer

There are several important ministry opportunities taking place this summer. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be taking place in most of the 21 churches across our association. VBS is one of the greatest tools we have for outreach and evangelism, as about a quarter of baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention and over 70,000 salvations occur each year through this ministry. We also have significant outreach opportunities in Follansbee at Praise in the Park on June 9, and at the Quaker State 400 in Kentucky on July 12-14. If your church is looking for a great mission opportunity, the mission trip to Kentucky Speedway is only \$20 - that includes your food and a t-shirt. I'm excited to see what the Lord does through our churches in the next few months!

Because our churches are focusing on the mission of God this summer, we can be certain we are moving in the right direction.

Sign #3: Our Fundamental Strategy

The next few years will involve your associational staff implementing the "All In" initiative. "All In" seeks to serve and strengthen the local church through four phases of ministry: 1) a vision-casting sermon from the DOM; 2) private pastoral consultations; 3) strategic planning with church leaders; and 4) the implementation and evaluation of church strengthening strategies. Your church can begin the "All In" process by simply inviting your DOM to preach. Our association will maximize its effectiveness by helping local churches get stronger. Will your church take advantage of this opportunity to go All In?

A passionate focus on serving the local church is yet another sign that we are moving in the right direction.

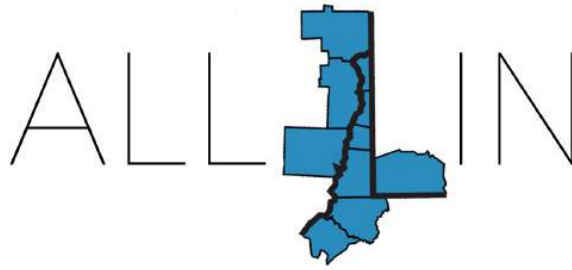
Our Future Success

A dedicated Christian farmer was working hard in his fields one spring. The previous few years had not been good for his wheat farm, and the future for his wheat yields didn't look promising, either. He wondered if God might be trying to telling him that something needed to change. Maybe he was supposed to be a missionary to China...

The farmer prayed earnestly as he worked. Stopping for a bite of lunch, he sat on the ground underneath a shade tree and talked to the Lord while eating and looking up at the sky. To his amazement, as he watched and prayed, the white fluffy clouds formed a perfect "P C" in the bright blue sky. There was not another cloud anywhere else in sight!

The farmer jumped up, shouting "Praise the Lord!" and took off for the house to tell his wife! God wanted him to PREACH CHRIST! As he was running and telling God, "I'll PREACH CHRIST anywhere you want, Lord," dark clouds began to overshadow the sun and the white clouds turned a weird greenish color. Suddenly, the farmer - looking at the clouds while he ran - stumbled and fell. On the ground again, right by his tractor, he heard a voice from above saying, "No Son! No! PLANT CORN!"

Some things may be difficult to interpret, but the status of our association isn't one of them. Everything I see points to a bright and prosperous future. Our direction is crystal clear, and the signs are easy to read.



THE PROCESS

Phase 1 Invite Your DOM to Preach

- Sunday Morning
- Target Time Frame: Now through September 30

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.

An Article from the tylerstarnews.com

One could say the sky is the limit for Indian Creek Christian School (ICCS); however, that isn't really the case. To Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church (ICSBC) Pastor Bobby Thomas, God put the idea for the school on Thomas' heart. Therefore, for Thomas, the school will grow as God sees fit. The possibilities are endless.

Pastor Thomas and ICCS School Administrator Amy Morrow spread the news of the school at a community forum April 5 at Tyler County's senior center, in Middlebourne. Thomas and Morrow plan on holding more forums, in neighboring counties, in the future.

The leadership for ICCS is the same as it is for ICSBC, but with the addition of Morrow. Leadership is made up of the following: Pastor Thomas and his wife Shannon, who serves as the church's secretary, and leadership team members Dave Barrick, Shane Murray, Mike Hogue, Dean Pratt, and Randy Lancaster.



So far, the church has 12 students enrolled - an accomplishment Thomas describes as "really amazing."

Reaching this stage has not been "that easy," according to Thomas. After all, he said God gave the church the vision for ICCS 19 years ago when ICSBC had just built its first building. The idea of a school was mentioned to Thomas in casual conversation; at that point, "it was etched in my heart then that God wanted a Christian school."

With God on its side, ICSBC began to believe in this vision. Debts were paid off, and today, the church is completely debt free.

Then, the addition of Morrow came so easily, as her husband discovered the open position on the church's website. Morrow graduated from West Liberty State College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education; she followed this up with a master's degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia University. Morrow's husband is currently in seminary, and the couple have two sons.

ICCS is enrolling kids age two -8th for the 2018-2019 school year. Thomas and Morrow anticipate growing to eventually include high school students. Thomas even sees a future when, perhaps, ICCS can open its doors to collegiate students.

**STARTING
THIS FALL**

**AUGUST
2018**

*"A school that builds the
foundation of God's truth"*

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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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**AGE TWO
THROUGH
8TH GRADE**

The curriculum to be used at ICCS is Abeka. This is a biblical curriculum approved by the West Virginia Board of Education and is popular among Christian schools and those who home school. According to ICCS, Core Concepts are taught in areas of Bible, Reading, Writing, Math, Language, Spelling, Science, and History.

Furthermore, enrichment activities include music, art, physical education, computer, and library. Morrow said the Abeka curriculum has been teacher-tested and is suitable for learning in multi-grade level classrooms, such as those that will be used at ICCS. It was noted that one class might include grades 4-6, while another class would include grades 7-8. However, as ICCS grows, so will its number of teachers. The student to teacher ratio would be around one teacher for every 10-15 students; this will make for more "one on one" learning.

Transportation will not be provided for students; they must be brought to school by parents/guardians.

Each student must also bring a packed lunch each day. Requiring a cold packed lunch lowers the cost for the school. However, Thomas and Morrow did stress that a student would not go without if he or she forgot a lunch. There will also be days for special dinners. Notably, every student will have his or her birthday celebrated in some way.

The school's calendar follows a similar calendar as the public school system.

There is a week off for Thanksgiving; of this break, Thomas had laughed while noting the current enrolled students had requested deer season off. There is also a week off for Christmas, and there is an Easter break. Other main holidays are also observed.

Thomas did note ICCS would not immediately follow the school closings/delays declared by the public school system. He noted ICCS could very well have school on days when the public school system might close.

However, if ICCS would happen to close due to inclement weather, students would utilize snow day packets.

ICCS will begin its 2018-2019 school year on Aug. 13 and end the year on May 21.

And speaking of the public school system, Thomas very much stressed that ICCS is not in competition with the public school system. "Public school has been nothing but good to me," he declared. Instead, Thomas said, ICCS "exists for the very fact of glorifying Christ."

All ICCS students will begin the day with Bible study. Chapel is held every Tuesday. These chapel sessions will include guest speakers, such as the possibility of those who have served in missions.

Thomas said ICCS' main goal is for students "to be saved," and "to raise missionaries for Christ."

"We want the students to have the knowledge of Christ, and we want them to work toward a sound Biblical education."

The cost to enroll in ICCS is \$3000 per child, per year. This can be paid in payments. There is a registration fee of \$300 that is due by May 15 for those who wish to enroll their child. Scholarships are not available; however, Thomas and Morrow said they would try their hardest to not turn any child away. "We will exhaust every effort if people are really serious about enrolling their child," Thomas said. He said ICCS could seek the leadership, as well as ICSBC to perhaps aid in sponsoring a child, or helping with fundraising efforts.

"Fill out an application, and see what the Lord does," he said to those who might be concerned about the cost.

New ICCS students are required to provide their latest school grades, as well as immunization records.

To some, and compared to other Christian schools, the tuition rates might seem rather inexpensive. However, this does not mean the education is lacking in anyway.

According to Thomas, "we wanted to make the school affordable for families... We know if we are faithful, God is faithful."

If necessary, discipline will be implemented at ICCS. However, "We will handle it with grace," Morrow said. "We will work with the kids and talk to them." Morrow noted there is a set of school rules, and teachers will also have their own classroom rules as well.

Of discipline, Morrow noted, "We believe in second chances."

"We want children to know we care about them."

Thomas noted that, currently, bullying is an issue throughout schools across the United States.

"Harassment... and a child becoming emotionally destroyed, spiritually destroyed... we will never allow it," he said of ICCS.

ICCS will be a locked campus. The school is monitored with video surveillance, and a visitor would have to identify him or herself through video and intercom before being allowed to enter the school.

Thomas said parents will be involved with their children's education at ICCS, and extracurricular activities will be prevalent at the school.

"We are blessed at ICSBC with folks who are talented in various areas - outdoor activities, fishing, home economics... We will teach hands-on things for students to learn skills," Thomas said.

This will not be a typical school, but what I think a school should be," Thomas said.

Students will get plenty of physical activity, as they will get to play softball, volleyball, and basketball as a part of physical education. Thomas also sees a future in which ICCS will have competitive sports teams. ICCS is signed to be a part of the West Virginia Christian Education Association, which means there will be opportunities for students to participate in certain competitive events.

Of parental involvement, Morrow explained there will be a monthly newsletter sent home with students, and there will be a private Facebook page implemented, to allow parents to stay up-to-date on school activities.

Families will also take part in recognition day, when ICCS students are honored for their scholarly achievements; parents will also take part in certain chapel days.

"Communities and families will be involved," Thomas said. "We will only be as successful as our volunteers."

And of the volunteers, Morrow noted they will be required to fill out an application; they will also be required to undergo a volunteer orientation, and background checks will be utilized.

A prospective student does not have to be a member of ICSBC to enroll at ICCS. They do not have to share the beliefs of ICSBC. However, Thomas said, students will be taught the Abeka curriculum and the beliefs of ICSBC.

"We want to be very clear in what students are taught, but we do want to welcome everyone," he said.

So far, ICCS is lacking a mascot. Some different ideas have been developed though - The Crusaders, or something "Indian Creek" related, tribal or related to arrowheads.

Thomas does not seem too worried about the mascot, however. He knows this minor blip will work itself out. Thus, he and ICCS stand firm in their faith and "the Cross of Christ."

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To check out more about Indian Creek Christian School, visit www.indiancreekchristianschool.org/

The school is located at 178 Indian Creek Rd., Alma, WV 26320. ICCS can also be reached by calling 304-758-5014. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. E-mail indiancreekchristianschool@gmail.com





Indian Creek

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

AGE TWO THROUGH 8TH GRADE
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WE LOVE JESUS. WE LOVE RACE FANS.
WE WANT THEM TO MEET.

Ministries.... They have a way of popping up overnight. A church gets an idea and "BOOM" a ministry is born. That can be a good thing and it could be a bad thing. Obviously, it can be a good thing if the ultimate end leads to the lost coming to Christ. However, it can be equally as damaging if it is nothing but fun and games and no one ever hears the Gospel of Christ.

Yes, relationships are key to good evangelism. But many churches have fallen victim to the "social gospel." The idea that "we'll just love them like Jesus and they may eventually come to know him" is dangerous at best and unbiblical at its worst. Yes, we will love the people like Jesus. However, if our efforts stop there, we eliminate the only vehicle God has given us to win the lost to Himself. That "vehicle" is the telling of the Gospel of Christ (Romans 10:17).

RACE DATES

May 5th

May 19th

May 26th

June 2nd

June 30th

July 28th

Aug 11th

Sept 1st & 2nd

Find out more contact

Dave Barrik

304-758-4682 (Home)

304-771-8483 (Cell)

Our ministry, born out of Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church, has a very simple goal:

We love Jesus. We love race fans. We want them to meet.

Our hope and prayer is that through relationships we will build among the thousands that come through the Tyler County Speedway and other race venues we frequent, race fans will open up as we engage them with Gospel-centered conversations.

We will not fear. Christ will not fail.

Join us at a race this summer and share the Gospel.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16 ESV)

Gospel Witness Stories

A couple of international students (soccer players from England) visited one of our services. After the service, I spoke with them for a while and explained the core tenets of the gospel.

Last weekend, we had a young woman, who was about 18 years old, attend our church. She was invited by my mother, and she has been experimenting with witchcraft. Last week she heard the proclamation of the Gospel and partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time. I'm following up on her profession of faith, and will be discussing baptism.

A couple of our members befriended a Japanese student this month.

He had never heard the gospel. Through their faithfulness, this Japanese student has now heard the gospel several times. He visited our church and said that he was shocked of how unified and sincere the people were. He was amazed at how they seemed like they truly believed what they were singing. Please be in prayer for "Joe".

We were able to launch a brand new type of small group in the month of January. It is a community group based on a neighborhood that is about 30-40 minutes from the church. There are folks that have joined this group that do not have a church home, and through this we have been able to engage them and their families in the gospel.

Another visiting student came to our Bible study group, and the unbelievers who came recently keep coming and staying involved.



WV BAPTISTS



We travel the 11th and 15th (Feel free to do what suits you)

Lodging at a nearby church - camping style.

You will need to pack as if you were camping: air mattress, cots, coolers, snacks, pillows, blankets, toiletries etc. 1 Shower inside the church and you may be able to use the shower trailer in the parking lot. (Has been in the past)

Food will be provided while at the track, simple stuff or you can buy it from the food vendors.

We serve the 12th, 13th, & 14th as long as you can go. We open the campgrounds at 8 AM and serve till the end of the race (Usually 11 or 12 PM as late as 2AM). We serve in different ways, our primary ways are campground and Kidzone but you could be asked to serve in information booths, evangelism teams, food service etc. Be prepared for all kinds of weather but usually hot (or rain). You must be beyond flexible as the weather changes the race schedule which in turn changes your schedule.

No material can be used for evangelism or handed out for any reason except what is provided by Kentucky Raceway Ministries.

While serving you must wear your KRM shirt so everyone knows who you are and when done they ask that you don't wear it while attending a race or while just hanging out. When you put that shirt on you are representing our Lord Jesus Christ and are available to serve Him.

KRM ask you don't wear hats with logos on them while serving if you must the need to be neutral. (No race teams or drivers or anything that could be deemed offensive). Church hats are OK.

Registration fee is \$20 which includes 1 shirt and your food, additional shirts are available for \$10. (We recommend getting an extra one.)

for more information visit their website: gokrm.com or let Dave Barrick know by calling him at: 304-758-4682 (Home) or 304-771-8483 (Cell)

KENTUCKY MOTOR SPEEDWAY

MISSION TRIP

JULY 12TH-14TH 2018

**KENTUCKY
RACEWAY**



MINISTRIES



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

**TRAVEL DATES JULY 11TH & 15TH
REGISTRATION FEE: \$20**

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

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS**

ME.



KENTUCKY RACEWAY MINISTRIES



Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

2018 Financial Report

Church	January	February	March	April
Abundant	87.96	132.16	89.22	83.12
Avondale	43.62	37.96	45.46	43.74
Calvary				
Cameron	822.00	1,135.00	1,102.00	720.44
Emmanuel		214.59	336.93	166.11
Evangel	40.00		27.00	45.44
Faith		140.22	278.50	172.30
FBC Chester	127.52	95.40	99.08	
FBC Steuben		110.00		
Grace	141.00		184.00	152.00
Immanuel	740.00	2,200.00	615.00	625.00
Indian Creek		869.67	607.04	974.88
Lighthouse				
Marland Heights	1,570.00	1,055.00	2,875.00	
Ministry of Salvation				
ODBC	2,034.00	1,487.00	1,739.00	1,696.00
Riverview				
NB @ Ryerson	599.83	485.25	1,140.80	
Solid Rock	56.91	39.45	48.18	42.36
S Wheeling	1.88	4.37		4.59
Temple	289.60	559.83	104.49	122.88
WVCSB				7,000.00
	6,554.32	8,565.90	9,291.70	11,848.86

At the April Executive Board Meeting, there were two adjustments made to the 2018 spending plan. 1) A \$3000 Yearly Scholarship for Indian Creek Christian School 2) An adjustment to Chuck Morrows Salary after his 6-month evaluation was made from \$250 a week to \$400.

This financial report is a current reflection through February 2018. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.



This past January, Pastor Nate Freeman launched the God Speak Network! The God Speak Network is comprised of God Speak Radio and God Speak TV. Here are some of the features:

1. A 1 hour daily Live call-in Show Hosted by Pastor 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



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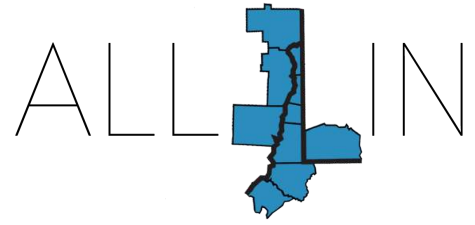
www.godspeaktv.com





MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



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 from 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.

Temple Baptist Church

Looking for help with removal and replacement of old cracked concrete areas of sidewalk around the church. If interested call the church office at: 304-845-8822

Anniversaries

May

Mike & Wendy Kelly 5/22

Birthdays

May

Rick Glover 5/8

Sandra Eller 5/18

June

Chris Whitehill 6/22

Wendy Kelley 6/27

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, the UOVBA must receive it in writing by the 20th day of each month.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association is to motivate, stimulate, equip, and assist Southern Baptist churches to recognize and fulfill their Christ-given mission.

Vision Statement

The vision of the UOVBA is to equip churches through cooperation, training, planning, and fellowship to become instruments of Christ for the purpose of evangelism and missions.



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ALL IN

