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*2022 UOVBA 62nd Annual Messengers Meeting
Saturday October 15th, 2022 Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church*

 Upper Ohio Valley
Baptist Association



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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

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Director of Missions

Chuck Morrow

Moderator

Aldo Pucci - Free Gift

Vice Moderator

Chuck Matthews - Cameron

Clerk

Jonathan Matthews

Treasurer

Richie Davis - Open Door

Vice Treasurer

Roy Polmanteer

Disaster Relief Team Leader

Mike Kelley - Cameron

Discipleship Ministry Team Leader

Rick Sowinski - Emmanuel

LIFT Prayer Ministry Team Leader

Doris Holtz - Cameron

Missions & Evangelism Team Leader

Dave Barrick - Indian Creek

Vehicle & Trailer Team Leader

Danny O'Neil - Grace

Trustees:

Larry Garrison - Open Door

Ray Carney - Faith

Larry Bayle - Immanuel

UOVBA Association Missionaries / Director of Missions



John I. Snedden 1960-1967



Floyd Tidsworth 1970-1973



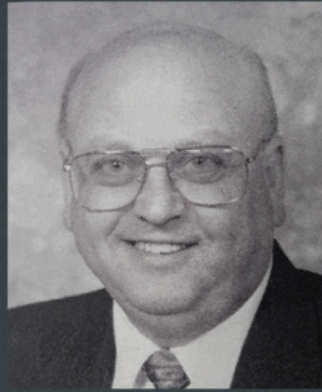
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Ray Slaughter 1977-1986



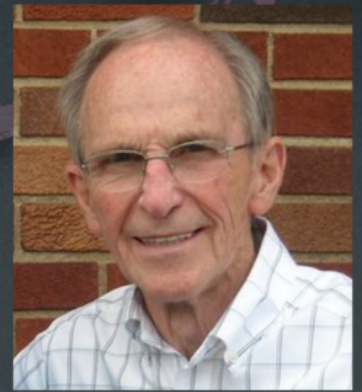
Richard Harris 1990-1995



Olen Philips 1997-2000



Mike Watson 2003-2014



Ron McCoy 2014-2016



Ed Goodman 2017-2020



Chuck Morrow 2020-Present

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Order of Business

Worship

ICSBC Worship Team

Call to Order:

Aldo Pucci

- Verification of Messengers
- Adoption Order of Business
- August 2022 Minutes/Special Meeting Sept 2022

Jonathan Matthews
Jonathan Matthews
Jonathan Matthews

Finance Report

Ministry Team Reports:

- Disaster Relief Report
- Discipleship Ministry Report.
- LIFT Prayer Ministry Report
- Missions & Evangelism Report
- Vehicle & Trailer Ministry Report

Roy Polmanteer
Rick Sowinski
Doris Holtz
Dave Barrick
Danny O'Neil

North American Mission Board Report (Video)

Kevin Ezell

West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptist Reports:

Eric Ramsey

Committee & Institution Reports:

- Finance Committee: 2023 Spending Plan
- Nomination Committee:
 - 2023 Appointments
 - Recommended Constitution Updates

Joseph Andrews

- Credentials Committee:
 - Abundant Life Christian School
 - Indian Creek Christian School

Tom Rentfrow
Amy Morrow

Moderator Appointments

Aldo Pucci

Close of First Session: Prayer

Chuck Matthews

(10 Minute Break)

Order of Business

Worship	ICSBC Worship Team
Call to Order	Aldo Pucci
Offering	
Committee Recommendations -2023 Annual Meeting (Time, Place & Preacher Committee)	Roy Polmanteer
New Business Constitution Review Committee Appointments	Aldo Pucci
UOVBA Requirements For Church Membership & Removal Process	
Recommended Constitution Changes	Joseph Andrews
Election of Moderator and Vice-Moderator	Aldo Pucci
Director of Missions Report	Chuck Morrow
Worship	ICSBC Worship Team
Annual Message	Bobby Thomas
Closing Worship	ICSBC Worship Team
Close of Final Session: Prayer	
Motion to Adjourn	
Please join us for lunch provided by Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church.	

August 2022 Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Call to order & Opening Prayer - Aldo Pucci called the meeting to order and Joseph Andrews opened the meeting in prayer.

Roll Call - Sign out sheet was passed around. 19 messengers & 3 guests were present.

Devotion & Welcome- Chuck Morrow led us in a short devotion from Romans 15:5-6.

June Meeting Minutes - Jonathan Matthews presented the minutes from the June executive board meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Kelley seconded by Allen Ferris and approved.

Finance Report, Chuck Morrow presented the finance report. If you would like more information on the finance report please contact the UOVBA office. Motion to approve the Finance report was made by Joseph Andrews seconded by Roy Polmanteer & approved.

Ministry Team Reports

Disaster Relief Team Leader/Coordinator Mike Kelley presented an update on the Disaster Relief Ministry. The trailers have been decaled and the mud out trailer is ready to be deployed. The command trailers HVAC and electrical have been installed.

Discipleship Ministry Team Leader Rick Sowinski presented an update on the Discipleship Ministry. The next workshop will be on how we got the Bible. On November 15th there will be a workshop entitled how to follow up. We are working with Boll Mowry from the Navigators to see if we can have him come for one of the workshops next year.

LIFT Prayer Ministry Team Leader Doris Holtz presented an update on the Lift Prayer Team. The Lift team will be doing a breakout session at the WMU Celebration in Winfield. They will be taking part in the 40 days for life.

Missions & Evangelism Team Leader Dave Barrick presented an update on the Missions & Evangelism Ministry. July 16th they went and helped Immanuel Baptist Church hand out flyers in their community. On August 6th we had the Bearing Precious Seed Bible Assembly event at Moundsville Baptist Church. Over 10,000 copies of John & Romans were put together and will be sent to Ukraine. On August 13th we helped Riverview Baptist Chapel hand out flyers for a picnic they will be having. The Hillbilly 100 racetrack ministry will be on September 4th.

Vehicle & Trailer Team Report Roy Polmanteer gave an update on the Vehicle & Trailer Ministry. The DR trailers are still be finished. The vans AC needs to be looked at.

Charles Matlock gave an update from the nomination committee. FBC Barnesville will be stepping out of the credentialing process. They will still be under watch care. They are starting the replant process.

August 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Old Business

Chuck Morrow & Pastor James Smith gave an update on FBC Steubenville. Mike Kelley led a time of prayer for FBC Steubenville.

New Business

Chuck Morrow brought forward a request from Ray Carney to move between \$5,000-\$8,000 from savings into checking. Discussion was held. Roy Polmanteer made a motion to reallocate \$5,000 from line item 221 to line item 222 seconded by Chuck Matthews & approved.

Mike Kelley made a motion to give the old DR trailer to Tri County Baptist Association seconded by Chuck Matthews & approved.

Pastor James Ng from Living Water Baptist Church announced that they would like to join the UOVBA. Larry Garrison made a motion to bring Living water in under watch care seconded by Roy Polmanteer & approved.

UOVBA Staff Report, Director of Missions - Chuck Morrow presented an update on the UOVBA Staff. There is a lot of replant work going on in the UOVBA. Riverview & FBC Barnesville are currently working on replanting. ACP reports will be sent out soon. The youth fall rally "Identity" will be on August 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the UOVBA office. The 62nd Annual Messengers meeting will be on October 15th at 9:00 a.m. at Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church. Eric Ramsey joined us to discuss some of the things happening within the SBC. We are currently looking at Innovative Faith Resources to do our finances.

Charles Matlock made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mike Kelley and approved.

Tom Rentfrow closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by



Jonathan Matthews, UOVBA Clerk

September Special Called Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:05pm

Those in attendance:

Chuck Morrow, Joseph Andrews, Murray Stafford, Allen Ferris, Joe Thornton, Aldo Pucci, Larry Bayle, James Ng, David Barrick, Chuck Matthews, Roy Polmanteer, Larry Garrison, Richie Davis

Chuck Morrow discussed Innovative Faith Resources for \$3,300 per year and he believes it might be too costly.

Spending Plan 2023 explained by Chuck Morrow and Dr. Aldo Pucci

Motion to present spending plan to annual meeting for vote made by Roy Polmanteer, 2nd by Murray Stafford. Motion passed.

Dr. Aldo Pucci advised that Ray Carney is stepping down from treasurer position and that Richard Davis is willing to be the treasurer until January 2023. Roy Polmanteer has agreed to be the assistant treasurer until January 2023 as well.

Motion to approve Richard Davis as acting treasurer until January 2023 made by Larry Garrison, 2nd by Joseph Andrews. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve Roy Polmanteer as acting assistant treasurer until January 2023 made by Richard Davis, 2nd by Larry Garrison. Motion passed.

Constitution Changes presented by Roy Polmanteer

Larry Garrison suggested a rewording in reference to the Moderator and Vice Moderator positions serving in other positions consecutively.

Chuck Matthews pointed out that some of the wording refers to D.O.M. in some areas and A.M.S. in others. Chuck Morrow advised Roy Polmanteer to use Director of Missions and to be consistent. Roy Polmanteer will make changes and have them to Jonathan tomorrow morning.

Motion to approve the constitution changes as suggested by Roy Polmanteer, and pass forward for vote at the annual meeting made by Richard Davis. 2nd by Joseph Andrews. Motion passed.

Chuck Morrow spoke of difficulties the association has faced this year and that we have a difficult year coming up with a few churches in the association. Prayer for the Riverview Team as they are now in Malawi, Africa. Living water has been accepted by the association committee.

Roy Polmanteer gave Hurricane Ian update and that everyone should let the appropriate folks know your availability.

Motion to adjourn by Roy Polmanteer at 8:09pm. 2nd by Larry Garrison.

Murray Stafford closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by

Allen Ferris, UOVBA Assistant Clerk

Verified by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Matthews".

Jonathan Matthews, UOVBA Clerk

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FINANCIAL
OUTLOOK

Financial Report

United Bank Statement September 30, 2022

Beginning Balance \$ 6,055.83
 Total Additions \$ 10,461.26
 Total Subtractions \$ 8,146.70
 Ending Balance \$ 8,390.19

Savings as of July 31, 2022

Money Market Acct. (WesBanco)

Savings \$62,923.52
 Monthly interest \$ 2.59
 Money Market total \$62,926.11

Church giving as of October 13, 2022

Church	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Free Gift						200.00							\$200.00
Abundant Life	89.23	85.86	120.69	104.76	93.37	82.25	61.54	73.29	75.95	86.72			\$873.66
Avondale							500.00						\$500.00
Calvary													\$0.00
Cameron	1,340.00	515.00	495.00	395.00	510.00	500.00	540.00	430.00	565.00	525.00			\$5,815.00
Emmanuel	360.64	243.90	172.70	185.43	160.47	191.34	192.15	176.01	160.44				\$1,843.08
Faith		132.90	183.70				191.30	100.00	100.00				\$707.90
FBC Chester	115.20	92.00	99.60	105.08	118.84	95.32	87.60	91.80	142.84				\$948.28
FBC Steuben													\$0.00
Grace	230.00				230.00								\$460.00
Immanuel	1,065.00	1,560.00	4,075.00	1,235.00	355.00	1,100.00	1,321.00	910.00	2,740.00	590.00			\$14,951.00
Indian Creek			490.64	1,192.00		3,928.73	1,041.12		4,540.00	1,440.00			\$12,632.49
Lighthouse													\$0.00
ODBC	1,354.00	1,444.00	1,368.00	1,326.00	1,476.00	1,702.00	1,720.00	1,480.00	1,478.00	1,282.00			\$14,630.00
Riverview	130.00	65.00	222.00		97.00	50.00	450.00	153.00	159.00	131.00			\$1,457.00
Ryerson	3,624.44			599.60				645.58		699.53			\$5,569.15
Solid Rock	86.31		75.48	43.83	37.14	47.04		100.95		81.63			\$472.38
S Wheeling	76.37	2.47	3.45	0.39	2.25	3.05	1.57	0.38	5.03	1.02			\$95.98
Temple													\$0.00
Victory	152.00	121.00	121.00	95.00	395.00	92.00	73.00		380.00	104.00			\$1,533.00
Total	8,623.19	4,262.13	7,427.26	5,282.09	3,475.07	7,991.73	6,179.28	4,161.01	10,346.26	4,940.90	0.00	0.00	\$62,688.92

2023 Proposed Spending Plan

		2021	2022	2023	Ola Cox	Legacy	Total
100 DOM Package							
101	Salary		\$ 15,470.00	\$ 15,470.00			
102	Housing		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00			
103	Auto		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00			
104	Insurance		\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00			
105	Taxes		\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,730.00			
106	Annuity		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00			
Total		\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 39,500.00			\$ 39,500.00
DOM Reimbursement							
107	Ministry Tools	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00			
108	Hospitality	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00			
109	Conv & Conf	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00			
110	DOM Discretionary	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00			
Total		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,500.00

200 Ministries							
205	Missions/Evangelism	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
206	Misc/New work	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00				
208	Christmas Party	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
209	Youth	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00		\$500.00		\$500.00
210	Media	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$250.00			\$250.00
212	Training	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$500.00			\$500.00
213	Discipleship	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,715.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
214	VBS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00
216	Disaster Relief	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
217	Emergency Fund	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$500.00			\$500.00
218	Honorarium	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
220	Prayer Ministry	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,615.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
221	Church Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$500.00	\$1,500.00
222	Christian School Support	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00
223	WMU			\$500.00		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Total		\$ 14,200.00	\$ 22,180.00	\$12,750.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$ 25,250.00

300 Administration							
301	Clerk	\$ 50.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
302	Treasurer	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
304	Insurance	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
305	Internet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
306	Mortgage	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00
307	Office Supplies	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
308	Util/City Fee's	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
309	Secretary & Off Help	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$13,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,600.00
310	Social Security	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
311	Accounting	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
312	Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
313	Pastors Annuity/GS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
314	Trailer/Van	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Total		\$ 32,650.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 35,300.00			\$ 35,300.00
Plan Total		\$ 88,850.00	\$ 99,280.00	\$ 92,050.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 104,550.00
	Copier Purchase		\$ 5,000.00				
			\$ 104,280.00				

2023 Proposed Spending Plan

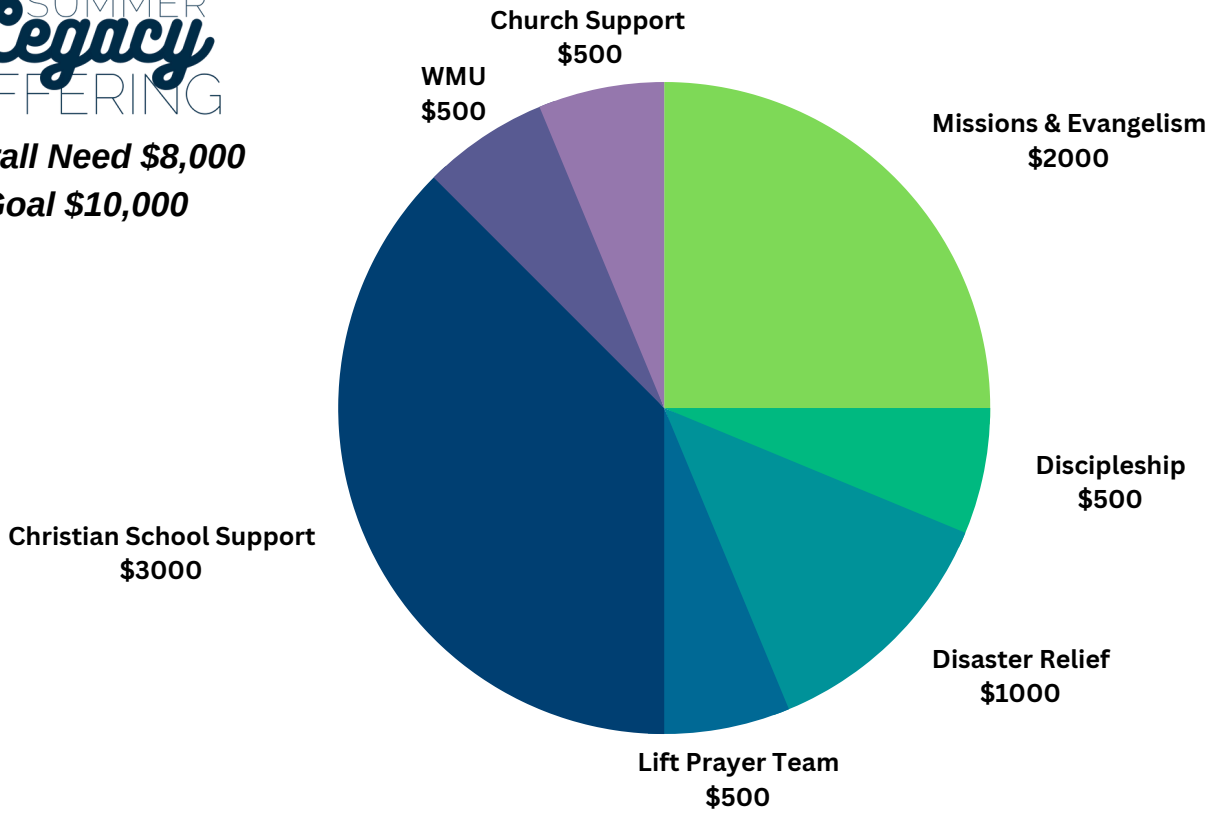
Regular Giving Support from Churches \$92,050.00
 Ola Cox WVCSB Offering \$ 4,500.00
 Summer Legacy Offering \$ 8,000.00

Total Spending Plan \$104,550.00

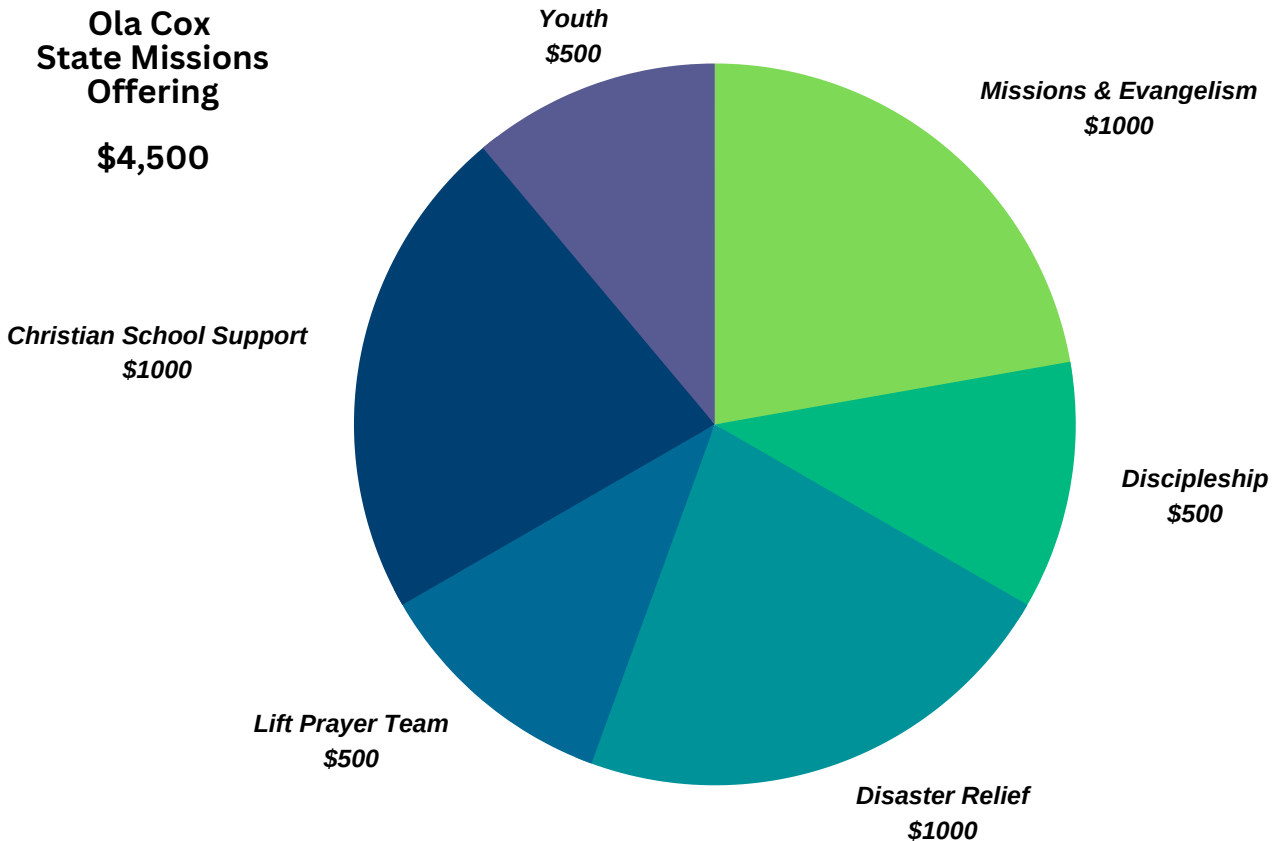
Special Giving Distributions

SUMMER
Legacy
OFFERING

Overall Need \$8,000
Goal \$10,000



Ola Cox
State Missions
Offering
\$4,500



Director of Missions Report

I take it as a great joy to be serving the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association as your Director of Missions. This past year has been a very active year as an association. I want to personally thank you for your generosity, we can not do what we do without your support.

During the course of this past year I have traveled roughly 20,567 miles all for ministry meetings with pastors and ministry team leader's across the UOVBA, WVCSB, and SBC. Every other week I have been attending various Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening church services, in addition to attending some special church events. During the months of April - June there was a greater need for pulpit supply and I was able to help fill the pulpit for many of our churches. Currently I have four churches left to visit for the year.

Church Replanting

As we celebrate things that have happened over this past year through various ministries, I was blessed to have had the opportunity to attend two replant conferences. Out of those equipping events, the association is seeing an immediate result from you allowing me to attend. Shortly after coming back from the first conference in March, we ended up celebrating two missionaries being sent from Victory Baptist Chapel to Riverview Baptist Chapel as "Replant Missionaries" to assist in replanting efforts.

At the end of August, I was able to attend a Replant Summit at the North American Mission Board. When I returned, I provided direction with Pastor Joe Thornton of First Baptist Church Barnesville. I presented options for the church this past September and the church voted unanimously to move forward with the replant process. That evening they became a new church, New Life Baptist Church. Over the next several months your staff will be working closely with New Life to help in this new work.

Having the ability to be fed and continue learning about replanting has opened up an opportunity to consult with additional churches not only in our association but across our state. This past summer I was able to help perform a community assessment for a WVCSB church in Rowlesburg, WV. Assessments like this have opened up the opportunity to help council other pastors in our state about church replanting and how it can be a benefit to declining churches. Because of your support, you are having an impact in more ways than one.

Additional Church Partnerships

As I have been traveling I've had time to visit with several churches outside of the UOVBA. Recently we received one of those churches, Living Waters, under watch care as of this past August. We are also looking at opportunities in the future with additional churches coming in to join our fellowship in the UOVBA.

Church Support

On the digital side of things, this year your staff opened up the opportunity to help churches across the UOVBA that do not have a web presence. Through your support, we have helped provide webpages for Emmanuel Baptist Church, Faith Community Church, Riverview Baptist Chapel, and Victory Baptist Chapel. We are also providing opportunities for churches to be trained in graphic design and how to utilize social media as an outreach tool.

Youth Fall Rally

As we look back on all of what God has allowed us to do one thing I'm grateful got is the opportunity to pour into our youth. For the first time in over 10-15 years we have hosted and developed a youth fall rally, "Identity". This was held on August 20th at the UOVBA office. With that being close to the start of a new school year we wanted to provide encouragement and direction for youth getting ready to go back to school. We had 3 youth groups attend. Our guest speaker was Ryan Navy of River Valley Church in Huntington, WV. We also had worship from the "Coffey House Crusaderz". During that fall rally we were fed by Ron Taylor of Emmanuel Baptist Church as he provided great break out sessions to help youth get to know each other and to grow deeped in their relationship with the Lord. Moments like that build longer lasting relationship and the opportunity to grow together in Gods word.

Training

As we head toward the end of this year we will be having a "Canva For Church" training, it will be a how to for church design. We already have several signed up and hope to see more join us online Tuesday November 15th from 6-8 P.M. via google meet.

Celebration

We welcome all of our Executive Board Members and wives, Pastors and Wives to our Christmas Banquet on Tuesday evening December 13th 6 PM at the UOVBA office. This will be a great time to gather together for a meal, fellowship and special music from Michael Facciani. We hope to see you there!

The Gospel Matters

Romans 1:16 Paul states this "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." Everything we do as an association is built around this message from Paul. Our mission and vision is to serve, supply, and stregthen churches in cooperative fulfillment of the great commission. In everything we do the Gospel Matters. We are not ashamed because we know and see that God is working in the lives around us. We see His power, we see the need for His salvation and we are empowered to serve, supply, and strengthen because the Gospel matters. As we move forward this coming year my prayer is that you realize this power Paul speaks about. My prayer is to see the UOVBA transformed, no matter who we encounter, unashamed because the Gospel matters!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve the UOVBA as your Director of Mission.

Serving in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles L. Morrow II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Charles L. "Chuck" Morrow II

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MINISTRY
REPORTS

2022 has been the first full year for the Discipleship Ministry and it has been a very encouraging one. We have had several opportunities to visit churches around the association and share about the importance of Discipleship both on a church level as well as a personal one. But there are still a lot of association churches that we have not visited and it is our hope to reach out to more churches this year. We have also had five discipleship related workshops, which have been very well attended.

Our goal as it relates to individual churches is that we may help them to begin a small group designed specifically for training in discipleship. There are many good solid discipleship curriculums available, plus the UOVBA has produced copies of the Daily Discipleship books for those who may want to use it as the foundation for their training in discipleship. But the curriculum is not what is most important... finding people who are willing to learn about how to be more intentional about discipleship is the key. Many people acknowledge the importance of discipleship, yet precious few ever really make a commitment to practicing it. So what does it mean to practice discipleship? There are actually only two steps... 1. Learning how to develop a close intimate relationship with Christ; and 2. Passing what you have learned onto others. We must work to build a group of these committed disciples in every church.

Our plans for the Discipleship Ministry for 2022 is primarily a two fold:

1. We will be offering a series of free workshops/seminars at the UOVBA Offices on many Discipleship related topics (such as: How to Follow-up & Disciple a New Christian; Developing an Effective Prayer Life; How to Know the Will of God; How to Know & Develop Your Spiritual Gifts; and Spiritual Warfare & The Call to Battle. These would be offered approximately every 2-3 months. These events will serve two purposes. First to provide free training in these areas for anyone who is interested and has a willingness to learn. Secondly, they would also provide a contact point to see if any of their churches would like more individualized help, through visitation, consulting and training.
2. If any church shows an interest in learning how they can become more intentional about Discipleship, a visitation can be set-up and a strategy for their church can be developed, including choosing a comprehensive Discipleship training curriculum and discussing how it would be best implement it in their church.

For more information contact us at:

Rick Sowinski, Discipleship Ministry Team Leader

E-mail: upperhiodiscipleship@gmail.com

Phone: 304-845-3680 Option 6

Web: www.uovba.org/discipleship

Missions

EVANGELISM

Ministry of the UOVBA

- Secured one-million-dollar liability insurance policy covering the congregations of all member churches while conducting association activities.
- Canvassed the neighborhoods of three different churches, handing out packets with invitations to a cookout/social event. The churches were, Faith Community in Wheeling, Immanuel in New Martinsville, and Riverview in Wellsburg. We handed out over 600 invitations and had approximately 220 people attended these events. A little less than half the churches and approximately 50 different people were involved in these events in some way.
- Set up a booth at a car show in Middlebourne, handing out bibles, painting faces, and walking around the show visiting with the exhibitors of the cars, always looking for opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Four people helped with this event.
- Partnered with Bearing Precious Seed assembling 10,000 copies of The Gospel of John & The Book of Romans in the language of Ukraine to be sent to Missionaries in and around Ukraine for their use, serving God while He grows His kingdom. About 120 people from 9 member churches along with a few from Moundsville Baptist Church helped with this event. MBC provided their gymnasium for use while assembling these scriptures.
- Went camper to camper at the Hillbilly 100 welcoming the campers and handing out flyers containing a schedule of events, Gospel message, and an invitation to attend church the next morning at Indian Creek. This was well-received as the organizers of the event posted a “Shout Out” on the racetrack site thanking us. The Baptist Paper also wrote an article for publication on this event. 4 people helped with this event.
- After several races on Saturday, the 100 lap race was postponed until Sept. 29th at which time 4 people painted kids’ faces and handed out flyers at the gates containing the history of the race, past winners, and a Gospel Message.

Many friendships were developed while talking with fans and sharing the Gospel.

Dave Barrick



This past year we have focused on ministering to the Pastor's Wives. We hosted a Pastor's Wives Tea Party in May, it was held at the UOVBA office. Amy Morrow, the First Lady of the UOVBA was our emcee and Gaye Ramsey, the First Lady of the WVCSB was our speaker. Our theme was "Women of GOD are 'Tea'-rrific". We plan to do it again next year on April 22, 2023, so wives please mark your calendars.

We also, have been taking the wives to lunch, so we can get to know them and get their perspective on how to pray for them, their husbands and their churches. It has been awesome spending time with them and learning from them. We still have some wives yet to do and will try to finish them before first of year.

We have prayed for VBSs, Revivals, Mission trips and other special events. We participated in 2 "40 Days for Life" prayer vigils at the Women's Health Center (the abortion center) and have visited & prayer at the Woman's Choice Center (the anti-abortion center), both are in Charleston. PRAISE GOD for the overturn of "Roe vs Wade" and for the State of West Virginia's new law.

We will be presenting 2 break out sessions at the West Virginia WMU Mission Celebration in Winfield WV on October 7th & 8th. We will be sharing about how we came to be the LIFT Prayer Team and why we believe "prayer" is so important.

We continue to reach out to the pastors & churches to get updates & new prayer requests, so we can continually pray for the needs within the UOVBA. Please pastors let us know how we can best pray for you and your church. Also, if there is something we can come to your church to pray over, let us know. Last but not least, we are always asking GOD to add to the team, so if you feel (after praying) GOD is calling you to join us-please call us.

Doris Holtz



- March 2022 - Met with Chuck Morrow to explain the work of WMU and how to reactivate WMU in the Upper Ohio Valley Association
- April 2022 - Attended West Virginia WMU Council meeting to plan for the State WMU Celebration in October 2022.
- June 2022 - Attended Annual WMU Celebration in Anaheim, CA with WV State President Janora Skeens and participated in Embark: WMU's Rolling Missions Adventure. This was a very interesting and informative activity as we met with various IMB and NAMB missionaries and were able to learn about the works they were doing and to pray with them and for them as they do what God called them to do. I was also able to meet and talk with ladies from other areas of the country and National officers and consultants and discuss how WMU is changing to meet the needs Southern Baptists around the world.
- August 2022 - Met with Chuck Morrow to discuss my visions for WMU in the Upper Ohio Valley Associations and to plan a way to meet with the women of the churches in the association to let them know what WMU is and what it can do for the churches in the Association. We also talked about plans to hold an Associational WMU Celebration in the Spring of 2022.
- September 2022 - I sent each church in the Association a letter explaining the State WMU Celebration and an invitation to attend the Celebration to be held October 7 - 8 at the Winfield Baptist Church in Winfield, WV
- October 2022 - I attended the State WMU Celebration and presented two breakout sessions one on the Philippines (our International Mission Study) and a Mission Project with the teen girls to present to West Virginia Disaster Relief.

Nancy Fullerton



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ERIC RAMSEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-TREASURER

Over the past year, the Lord has increased West Virginia Southern Baptists capacity to make Jesus known in and through West Virginia. Even while in a year of recovery from the impact and lingering collective effects from the COVID pandemic, we have seen numerous signs of growth and increased gospel engagement.

IN + THROUGH Disaster Relief

This year we have more than 150 newly trained West Virginia Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers. Our Disaster Relief teams have been busy every month, meeting people at their desperate point of need and sharing Jesus – not just here in West Virginia, but also in Kentucky and Florida. West Virginia now has one of the most active Disaster Relief forces in the Southern Baptist Convention.

IN + THROUGH Student Ministry

Our capacity to be collectively catalytic in making disciples among teenagers has dramatically increased. This year, YEC was back in full swing with more than 600 in attendance; while student camp attendance saw a 75% increase in attendance! Throughout the state convention, we are hearing reports of new and growing student ministries in our churches from these events and the video Bible studies produced in 2020 and 2021.

IN + THROUGH International Missions

For the first time in WVCSB history we are cooperatively being the missionary where there is no missionary in and through Trujillo, Peru. Recently IMB missionaries in Peru expressed their gratitude for West Virginia Southern Baptists stepping up to help equip Peruvian church members, church leaders, pastors, and missionaries to take the gospel in and through Peru to the ends of the earth. It is exciting to see how both West Virginia Southern Baptists and Peruvian Baptists are on a journey from being a mission field to a family on mission. I want to encourage your church to engage in praying, giving, and going as we partner with Peruvian Baptists. In 2023 and 2024 we need to send well equipped preschool, children, and youth leaders to teach Peruvian Baptists how to most effectively help children learn and understand the Bible. We need pastors to go and train pastors in pastoral ministry and practical pastoral ministry skills. In addition, we need those who are qualified to teach at a seminary level to teach classes and seminars. West Virginia Southern Baptists are a strategic partner in equipping the next generation of Baptist leaders in Peru.

IN + THROUGH Your Generosity

The IN + THROUGH vision seeks to fund ministry in two key areas, in WV and through WV. This puts an emphasis on every dollar given, from your backyard to the ends of the earth. It is exciting to hear from many of our churches who are reporting greater numbers of baptisms, increasing their missions giving, and reaching into their communities in impactful ways.

Please note, Cooperative Program giving among our WVCSB churches is still not where it should be. We are grateful for the \$125,000 we received from the North American Mission Board. While this was 7.8% of our total budget need, it would have been difficult to carry out YEC, Men and Boys Retreat, VBS training, Summit Student Camp, and funding for WVCSB church based evangelism initiatives. This is in addition to all that NAMB invests to help us plant much needed churches throughout the state. May we continue to lean into our mission to make Jesus known in and through West Virginia!



CLEVE PERSINGER, COMMUNICATION + PARTNERSHIPS

IN + THROUGH begins with me and you. Our measure of success is the Great Commission, the calling of the church, and the command to make disciples. This is the result of two types of growth - depth (in) and width (through). Healthy churches pursue both depth and width. Likewise, as leaders in this state, we cannot truly make Jesus known in and through West Virginia until we personally go deeper in the Word of God and wider in mission. Every way I serve our state convention revolves around this truth and our mission to strengthen and send churches to make Jesus known in and through West Virginia.

IN + THROUGH Vision

I worked with our state leadership this year to develop a new three year vision, IN + THROUGH, to increase cooperation among our churches, and attempt great things for God, as we transition from a mission field to a family on mission. We will be providing multiple new communication streams to reinforce our sense of family, vision, news, events, and giving reports/stories. We look forward to sharing more at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Communication Awards

I am thrilled to report WV Southern Baptists were recognized by the Baptist Communicators Association in multiple categories again this year for several pieces created during 2021. Over 300 entries from Baptist organizations were considered. I am especially proud of our small state office team as many of the entrants were large events, organizations, and marketing firms.

- **First Place**: “Long Live the King” YEC student video curriculum (audio visual communications, instructional video)
- **Second Place**: WVCSB “First” fall branding (graphic design, integrated branding)

YEC Video Curriculum

After the success of the “Long Live the King” student Bible study in 2021, we released this year’s YEC followup study, “SUPER.” It was a space theme based off of Psalm 19:1 and we had a lot of fun shooting the teaching video in state at major landmarks connected with the space race. We were very pleased at the outcome and the impact it had in youth groups across WV. We are so thankful for the generosity of our WVCSB family of churches, and WVCSB Admin and Executive Board leadership that allow us to create quality experiences and resources like this study.

Events

Our small team requires all hands on deck for WVCSB events. I love running point on event design and theme development, speaker and band recruitment, print materials and booklets, video production, marketing/registration, giveaways, stage design, and audio/visual setup. This year included Disaster Relief relaunch/training, YEC, Summit Camp, Men and Boys Retreat, and the WVCSB Annual Meeting. Peru Partnership

I was able to visit Peru this year to explore our new mission partnership. I enjoyed spending many hours with the seminary leadership to assist in developing their communication and marketing strategy.

On a personal note, I celebrated six years with the WVCSB in April. I’m grateful for our state leadership, and I love traveling and meeting with pastors across WV. As my family has planted our lives in Charleston, we wish to be here for the long haul. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and encouragement.



TIM TURNER, EVANGELISM + DISCIPLESHIP

October 1 is not only the unofficial beginning of Fall, it is a benchmark for me as I begin another year of ministry in WV. The past two years have been a challenge, especially to do things differently and more intentionally. I am grateful to say that God accomplished much in spite of my shortcomings. “I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

VBS 2022

The VBS Institute at Ridgecrest was canceled because of snow, but our VBS training team still produced an in-person event at Simpson Creek Baptist Church. Nine churches took advantage of Sparks Studios, of whom 50 people registered. I witnessed many churches on social media that offered VBS this past summer. However, only a handful of churches registered their enrollment with LifeWay. If your church has not registered VBS attendance from summer 2022, please do so at vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport.

YEC (Youth Evangelism Conference)

Our staff was tasked with producing a video curriculum to follow up YEC. In January we began producing another video based curriculum called “SUPER.” This product was the discipleship followup to the “SUPER” YEC live event. The focus was on Psalm 19:1, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands.” The curriculum was used by 26 churches, and 45 churches brought 602 students to the live event. I am thankful multiple students indicated they followed Christ. Though a huge task, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of both of these ministries. Cleve Persinger did an amazing job on the production end of this project – what fantastic work!

Summit Student Camp

The number of churches that participated in our summer camp for 6-12 grade students increased from 10 to 23, and the number of campers increased from 104 to 182 - an increase of 75% from 2021! The atmosphere was electric, worship was beautiful, the Word was taught faithfully, and competitions were fierce. This event would not be a reality without the 50 adult volunteers that came alongside to make it happen. Multiple students gave their lives to Christ, and one evening over 20 students indicated they were willing to consider following Christ in missions and ministry as a lifetime endeavor. God is faithful! Please consider bringing your students next year, June 26-30, to Summit Camp at Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley, WV. It will fill up quickly and space is limited.

Men and Boys Retreat (M.A.B.R.)

This long standing, guys only retreat a great time to get away from the noise and busyness of life for fathers, sons, pastors, and church members. Twenty churches and 110 campers experienced intimate worship, a bonfire, and solid biblical teaching with Pastor Will Basham from New Heights Church. The competitions are always a hit with both the boys and the men. Fishing, shooting, archery, and bean bag toss (cornhole) are the order of the day. Joe Douglas and Bobby Brown won the annual cornhole tournament once again, though some believe they cheated. All in fun!

I have had the privilege to visit and/or preach in over 20 different congregations this year. As always, I deeply desire to be useful by offering my help with preaching and training your sheep in 2023. Thanks for the opportunity to take part in making Jesus known in and through West Virginia.

Recommended Constitution Changes



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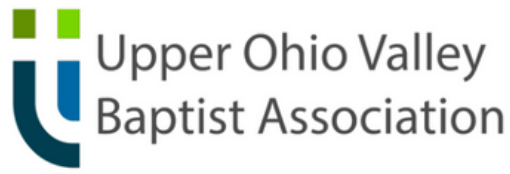
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Section 3. Duties.



- a. **Moderator:** It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over ~~the~~ all meetings, and to serve as chairman of the executive board. **The moderator in conjunction with the Director of Missions shall prepare or approve the agendas for the regular meetings of the Executive Board, and Annual Meeting.** ~~The moderator shall also serve as interim associational missionary until the association is able to call another missionary.~~ He shall appoint, at the ~~October~~ Annual meeting, the **members of the** Time, Place and Preacher Committee, **and the Nominating Committee not to exceed three (3) members for each committee of three.** He shall appoint all special committees as necessary. **The moderator shall ensure that the Director Of Missions receives an annual evaluation during the August meeting of the Executive Board, at which time they shall also review the personnel evaluations prepared by the Director Of Missions for each regular employee of the association. Should it be necessary the moderator shall also serve as interim Director Of Missions until the association is able to call another director.**
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- d. **Historian:** The historian shall collect, keep and pass on to succeeding historians such record books, minutes, etc., that pertain to the association and state minutes, state Baptist papers, and associational bulletins.
- e. **Treasurer:** Shall be bonded and perform the following responsibilities:
- 1) Set-up automatic payment accounts to (as much as practical) pay all monthly bills.
 - 2) Follow the following steps in making all other payments so that payment will be received prior to the due date.



The trustees shall be in charge of repairs and upkeep of the property of the association unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Article VIII – Committees and Duties

Section 1. Associational Council: The associational council consists of all associational officers, ~~program-directors~~ **ministry team leaders**, and committee chairpersons.

- a. Duties: to plan, coordinate, evaluate, and calendar the work of the association. They shall also make annual budget requests to the finance committee.
- b. ~~They~~ **The Associational Council** shall meet ~~quarterly~~ **semiannually (twice a year)**.

Section 2. Committees:

- a. The moderator shall appoint the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee, the Nomination Committee and other committees as deemed necessary.
 - i. **Both the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee and the Nomination Committee will serve as standing committees.**
- b. The finance committee will serve as a standing committee consisting of no fewer than three members: the treasurer, assistant treasurer, and director of missions (ex officio). Additional appointments to this committee may be made with executive board approval. The committee shall serve from the close of the association's October session to the close of the next October session.
- c. A personnel committee may be appointed by the executive board when employment vacancies arise in the association. The responsibilities of the personnel committee shall be limited to associational employment vacancies, and shall not extend to existing employees.

Section 3. Duties. **Order has been rearranged to match the order listed in Section 2 above.**



- a. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee shall recommend to the association the time and place of the next annual meeting, and the preacher and alternate for the next annual sermon in October.
- b. The Nomination Committee shall nominate for the following positions to be presented at the annual meeting for election: assistant clerk/historian, assistant treasurer, disaster relief team leader/coordinator, missions development/evangelism team leader, trailer & vehicle team leader, treasurer, trustees, Vacation Bible School team leader, worship team leader, youth ministry team leader and discipleship team leader. Team leaders may appoint teams consisting of members from cooperating churches within the association. Those named herein shall not serve more than one program area nor serve any other elected post of the association. Job descriptions not specified in these bylaws shall be kept by the associational office
- c. The Finance Committee shall gather budget requests from the associational council, **no later than the August meeting of the Executive Board** and formulate an annual associational budget to present to the October session for consideration.

Article IX – Executive Board

The work of the association shall be under the direction of an executive board, consisting of pastors of the churches and missions which compose the association, one member **and an alternate member** elected by each church and mission, **and the Associational Council** ~~the officers and organizational leaders~~. The church and mission representative shall be reported on the uniform church letter to the association each year. Those present at a regular executive board meeting shall constitute a quorum. The executive board shall have the authority to request replacement of members who have moved or who absent themselves from three consecutive meeting without sufficient reason. Except during annual meeting, the executive board shall meet on even months on the dates calendared by the association.

Article X – Amendments

2022 Annual Church Profile

Upper Ohio Valley Summary Information For ACP Year 2022

Congregation	SBC ID	Org Type	Total Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Weekly Worship Attendance	Classes/Groups Avg. Attendance	Total Receipts	Total Mission Expenditures	
Abundant Life	0507814	C	81	0	0	1	48	42	\$0	\$0
Avondale	0002465	C								
Calvary, Follansbee	0376087	C								
Cameron	0482364	C	63	2	0	28	10	\$0	\$0	
Emmanuel, St Clarsvl	0246967	C	82	5	6	31	15	\$0	\$0	
Faith Community	0580693	C	25	6	0	15	8	\$0	\$0	
FBC Steubenville	0584852	C	10	0	0	18	8	\$0	\$0	
FBC, Chester	0391144	C								
Free Gift	0592593	C	35	3	0	30	15	\$0	\$0	
Grace Church at Pleasant Valley	0580695	M	75	25	0	30	12	\$0	\$0	
IBC in NM	0383398	C	22	2	0	20	15	\$0	\$0	
Indian Creek	0566127	C	110	3	0	79	52	\$0	\$0	
Lighthouse Baptist Church	0582474	M								
Open Door	0440073	C	162	1	4	116	110	\$0	\$0	
Riverview	0482372	C	29	3	3	24	30	\$0	\$0	
Ryerson	0566745	C	136	1	4	47	8	\$0	\$0	
Solid Rock	0573771	C								
South Wheeling Campus Abundant Life	0571636	M	0	0	0	10	0	\$0	\$0	
Temple	0246975	C								
Victory Bapt Chapel	0550418	C								
Upper Ohio Valley			830	51	18	496	325	\$0	\$0	

2022 General Financial Information

Congregation	Undesignated Receipts	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Giving	Annie Armstrong Offering	Lottie Moon Offering	Great Commission Giving	Total Mission Expenditures
Abundant Life	74,456		8,865	774	1866	12,677	
Avondale							
Calvary, Follansbee							
Cameron	71,745		6,181	2000	3082	17,829	
Emmanuel, St Clarsvl	74,586		7,665	884	419	11,640	
Faith Community	7,500		200	0	0	500	
FBC Steubenville	0		0	0	0	0	
FBC, Chester				641	1822		
Free Gift							
Grace Church at Pleasant Valley	0		0	0	0	0	
IBC in NM	131,781		15,386	2125	1310	45,814	
Indian Creek	304,254		15,700	10000	1320	27,050	
Lighthouse Baptist Church							
Open Door	176,744		29,600	5557	7588	70,259	
Riverview	39,292		3,357	266	401	4,482	
Ryerson	49,791		200	0	190		
Solid Rock							
South Wheeling Campus Abundant Life	3,331		384	0	0	417	
Temple							
Victory Bapt Chapel							
Upper Ohio Valley Bapt Assn Totals	933,480	0	87,538	22247	17998	190,668	0

Director of Missions

Chuck Morrow

Moderator

Aldo Pucci - Free Gift

Vice Moderator

Chuck Matthews - Cameron

Clerk

Jonathan Matthews

Treasurer

Susan Ferris - Riverview

Vice Treasurer

Disaster Relief Team Leader

Discipleship Ministry Team Leader

Rick Sowinski - Emmanuel

LIFT Prayer Ministry Team Leader

Doris Holtz - Cameron

Missions & Evangelism Team Leader

Dave Barrick - Indian Creek

WMU Team Leader

Nancy Fullerton - Cameron

Vehicle & Trailer Team Leader

Danny O'Neil - Grace

Trustees:

Larry Garrison - Open Door

Ray Carney - Faith

Larry Bayle - Immanuel

THE
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Abundant Life

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Avondale

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Calvary

Pastor: Tim Colvin

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Phone: 304-527-2111



Cameron

Pastor: Mike Kelley

Address: 62 Squirrel Alley Lane Cameron, WV 26033

Phone: 304-686-3301



Emmanuel

Pastor: Gary Eller

Address: 50470 National Road P.O. Box 191 St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Phone: 740-695-2787



Faith Community Church

Pastor: Pete Carney

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FBC Chester

Pastor: Joseph Andrews

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Phone: 304-387-5556



FBC Steubenville

Pastor: James Simms

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Free Gift

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Grace

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Immanuel

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Indian Creek

Pastor: Bobby Thomas

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Lighthouse

Interm
Pastor: Shane Henderson
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Phone:



Living Water

Pastor: James Ng
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Ridge, PA 15380
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New Life

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Open Door

Pastor: Larry Garrison
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Riverview

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Solid Rock

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Temple

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Victory Baptist Chapel

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 - 4) A copy of their constitution and by-laws; and
 - 5) A letter of recommendation from a sponsoring church. In the event that there was no sponsoring church, a statement shall be made in writing as to the reasons for lack of sponsorship.
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 - 1) Doctrinal fidelity
 - 2) Polity
 - 3) Cooperation and participation in the association
 - 4) Conduct

After one year of watch-care, the Credentials Committee can recommend the incoming church at an associational executive board meeting. Upon committee recommendation and executive board approval, the church will gain full membership.

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Section 2. Installations and terms: These officers shall be installed at the close of the October session at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The moderator shall not serve more than two terms in succession. The moderator and vice-moderator shall not serve in any other elected office of the association.

Section 3. Duties.

- a. **Moderator:** It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings and to serve as chairman of the executive board. The moderator shall also serve as interim associational missionary until the association is able to call another missionary. He shall appoint, at the October meeting, the Time, Place and Preacher Committee of three. He shall appoint all special committees as necessary.
- b. **Vice-Moderator:** It shall be the duty of the vice-moderator to preside in the absence of the moderator or at his request and to assist the moderator in any way possible.
- c. **Clerk:** It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to take the minutes of all the proceedings of the annual meeting, to have the minutes printed and distributed to each church, and to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body. The clerk shall serve as secretary of the executive board, recording the minutes of the proceedings of the board.
- d. **Historian:** The historian shall collect, keep and pass on to succeeding historians such record books, minutes, etc., that pertain to the association and state minutes, state Baptist papers, and associational bulletins.
- e. **Treasurer:** Shall be bonded and perform the following responsibilities:
 - 1) Set-up automatic payment accounts to (as much as practical) pay all monthly bills.
 - 2) Follow the following steps in making all other payments so that payment will be received prior to the due date.
 - a) All bills will be received at the associational office.
 - b) Associational secretary will notify the treasurer when bills are received.
 - c) Treasurer will review the bill, write a check to cover the bill and provide his/her signature as the first signature.
 - d) Treasurer will copy the check, attach the copy of the check to the original bill, and file them.
 - e) Treasurer will arrange for the second signature.
 - f) The bill will be paid after the second signature is secured.
 - g) Treasurer will record in a ledger all transactions.
 - h) Treasurer will balance the checkbook monthly.
 - i) Treasurer will make monthly reports and forward a copy to the associational office.

Note:

- 1) There will be a total of four people with authorization to sign checks. Half of these are to be located near the treasurer and the other half near the assistant treasurer.
 - 2) There will be an audit performed annually.
- f. **Assistant Treasurer:** will assume the responsibilities of the treasurer in the event the treasurer is unavailable.



- g. **Associational Administrator:** will be responsible to:
- 1) Receive all checks and cash.
 - a) Immediately stamp the checks with strict endorsement.
 - b) Record the checks and cash in the ledger.
 - c) Photocopy the checks and cash and place the copy in the file.
 - d) Write receipts for the checks and cash using receipt forms that provide a duplicate and send the original to the donator.
 - e) File the copy of the receipts.
 - f) Fill out a triplicating deposit slip.
 - g) File the office copy.
 - h) Send the treasurer's copy to the treasurer.
 - i) Deposit the checks and cash with the banks deposit slip attached.
 - 2) Report all monies received.
 - a) Monthly in the *Valley Voice*
 - b) Yearly in the associational annual
 - 3) Serve as the association clerk/historian.

Note:

- 1) The associational administrator will not write or sign any checks.
- 2) In the event the associational administrator is unable to perform the above responsibilities, the director of missions will appoint a person to handle these responsibilities.

- h. **Trustees:** Trustees shall be recommended by the nomination committee. There shall be three trustees, with each serving for a term of three years on a rotating basis: one person rotating off each year upon completion of that individual's three-year term. They shall serve from the close of the association's October session to the close of the next October session. They may also be permitted to serve multiple terms consecutively at the discretion of the nomination committee.

The trustees shall hold in trust the property of the association but shall have no personal interest or personal obligation relating to any association-approved transaction concerning such property. The function and responsibility of the trustees of this association shall be limited to the affixing of their signatures to legal documents involving the purchase, sale, mortgage, lease or rental of real property or other legal documents where the signature of trustees is required. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, rent, or transfer any property without specific vote of this association or its executive board, authorizing and requesting each action. The trustees shall be in charge of repairs and upkeep of the property of the association unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Article VIII – Committees and Duties

Section 1. Associational Council: The associational council consists of all associational officers, program directors, and committee chairpersons. Duties: to plan, coordinate, evaluate, and calendar the work of the association. They shall also make annual budget requests to the finance committee. They shall meet quarterly.

Section 2. Committees:

- a. The moderator shall appoint the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee, the Nomination Committee and other committees as deemed necessary.
- b. The finance committee will serve as a standing committee consisting of no fewer than three members: the treasurer, assistant treasurer, and director of missions (ex officio). Additional appointments to this committee may be made with executive board approval. The committee shall serve from the close of the association's October session to the close of the next October session.
- c. A personnel committee may be appointed by the executive board when employment vacancies arise in the association. The responsibilities of the personnel committee shall be limited to associational employment vacancies, and shall not extend to existing employees. The director of missions will receive annual evaluations from the executive board, and



facilitated by the moderator of the association. Other associational employees will receive annual evaluations from the director of missions and subsequently reviewed by the executive board.

Section 3. Duties.

- a. The Finance Committee shall gather budget requests from the associational council and formulate an annual associational budget to present to the October session for consideration.
- b. The Nomination Committee shall nominate for the following positions to be presented at the annual meeting for election: assistant clerk/historian, assistant treasurer, disaster relief team leader, evangelism team leader, missions development team leader, prayer team leader, trailer team leader, treasurer, trustees, and Vacation Bible School team leader. Team leaders may appoint teams consisting of members from cooperating churches within the association. Those named herein shall not serve more than one program area nor serve any other elected post of the association. Job descriptions not specified in these bylaws shall be kept by the associational office.
- c. The Time, Place and Preacher Committee shall recommend to the association the time and place of the next annual meeting, and the preacher and alternate for the next annual sermon in October.

Article IX – Executive Board

The work of the association shall be under the direction of an executive board, consisting of pastors of the churches and missions which compose the association, one member elected by each church and mission, the officers and organizational leaders. The church and mission representative shall be reported on the uniform church letter to the association each year. Those present at a regular executive board meeting shall constitute a quorum. The executive board shall have the authority to request replacement of members who have moved or who absent themselves from three consecutive meeting without sufficient reason. Except during annual meeting, the executive board shall meet on even months on the dates calendared by the association.

Article X – Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any annual session, providing the proposed amendment shall have been distributed to the messengers in writing at the first session. It will then be voted upon at the second session of the annual session.

Article XI – Rules of Decorum

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. One person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.
3. The speaker shall confine himself to the subject under consideration.
4. No member shall be interrupted except by the moderator, when he shall violate the rules of order.
5. There shall be no improper laughing or whispering during the associational meetings.
6. Names of messengers shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the association may require.
7. The moderator may speak on any subject when the assistant or some other member is in the chair, but shall have no vote except in case of a tie.
8. Every motion properly made and seconded by authorized messengers shall be considered. The motion shall be written and placed in the hands of the clerk following action by the body.
9. Visiting members invited to seat with us may speak on any subject but shall not vote, make or second motions.
10. The association will have the right to make an order limiting the time of discussion.

Article XII – Printing of the Constitution

This constitution, in its entirety, must be printed in the associational annual at least once every three years. In the event that the association, in annual session, shall adopt any amendments, this constitution with the adopted amendments shall be printed in that year's annual.

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