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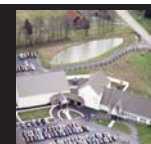
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The Words of Christ to a Lost World*



## State Meeting Preview



# Fear Not!

**June 22-23rd at Heritage FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio**

### Friday Morning, June 22nd

Heritage FWB Church in Columbus, pastored by Dr. **Tim Stout** will be hosting this year's State Meeting June 22-23rd.

Rev. **Mark Price**, pastor of the Porter FWB Church will be fulfilling his tenth term as Moderator, and will be opening our 80th session on Friday morning, June 22nd.

Mansfield Pastor **Mark Bailey** will provide the special singing in the Friday morning session.

New Hope FWB Pastor and former Ohio Moderator Rev. **Wendell Combs** will be bringing the Friday morning message from the theme "*Fear Not*". The Friday morning message is on the subject, "*God is Leading You*".

Brother Combs is the pastor of the New Hope FWB Church in Chillicothe where he has been since 1997. He was ordained in 1974 while attending the McArthur FWB Church. Earlier in his ministry he was also the pastor of the Springfield First Church on Lafayette from 1978-1983. At the end of 1983 he became the pastor of the Chillicothe First Church for approximately five years.

He married his wife, Linda in 1971, and they have two sons, Matt and Shayne.

**The Ohio Women Active for Christ will be providing lunch on Friday on a free will offering basis. Plan to spend the day with us.**

### Friday Afternoon, June 22nd

The Friday afternoon devotion will be given by Community-West Jefferson pastor, Rev. **Jerry Newman**.

### Friday Evening, June 22nd

The Friday evening service will be led by Assistant Moderator **Tom Dooley**. Rev. **Jim McComas**, Director of Church Revitalization for the National Home Mission Department and former Ohio pastor will be providing the spe-



**Rev. Wendell  
Combs**

cial music and is scheduled to preach on the subject, "*God is Fighting For You*".

Brother Jim became the Director of Church Revitalization for North American Ministries in March, 2014, the first in the history of the denomination. He travels across the country teaching on the subject of church growth and revitalization, and is in great demand as a revival and conference speaker. He led North American Ministries in launching the Acts 1:8 "Power Conference" on church growth and revitalization in 2015. The North American Ministries staff is joining with Jim to hold regional conferences on church revitalization throughout the nation.

Rev. McComas was Senior Pastor at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church in Creston, Ohio for twenty-one years and sang with the Representatives Quartet for twenty-five years.

That night we are planning to receive the annual **Friday Night Offering for Ohio State Ministries**.

### Saturday Morning, June 23rd

On Saturday morning Rev. **Bert Alsept**, pastor of the South Charleston FWB Church will bring the devotion.

Rev. **Zach Conkel**, pastor of the Union FWB Church will provide the special singing.

Rev. **Robert Prichard**, pastor of the Cleveland Church and former Ohio Moderator will then preach the final message,



**Rev. Jim  
McComas**

"*God is Protecting You*".

Bro. Prichard, 80, was born in Logan, WV and moved to Cleveland in 1961. He married Lona Sergent, also of Logan, in 1956. Michael Ray and Vickie Lynn Boggs, their two children, are deceased. They have two granddaughters, Sarah Boggs and Rebecca (Boggs) Farmer.

Robert was saved July 9, 1953 at Mt. Carmel FWB Church in Logan. He was ordained to preach in the Guyan Valley Conference of Free Will Baptists in 1958. He served on the Executive Committee in the Guyan Valley Conference until he moved to Ohio in 1961.

Becoming a member of the Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference in 1961, he was soon elected to the Executive Committee. Robert has served in other capacities in the Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference including Ordination Council, Assistant Moderator, Moderator, and currently is the General Board Member representing the conference in the State Convention.

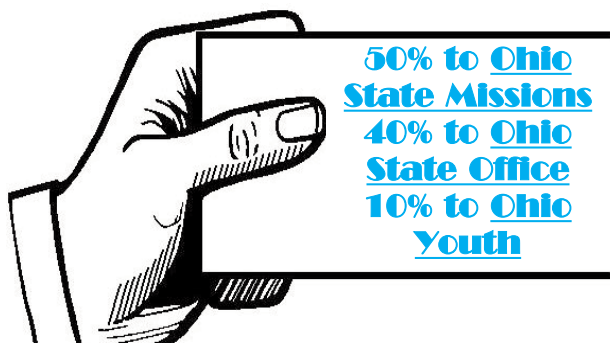
He has served on the Board of Directors, Assistant State Moderator, and State Moderator of The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists. He was elected pastor of Bedford FWB Church in 1965. He pastored there until 1975 and when the Cleveland FWB Church needed a pastor, Robert pastored both churches until the two churches merged after a few months. He currently pastors the Cleveland FWB Church. Spring Valley Christian School, a vital ministry of Cleveland FWB Church, was founded in 1978 under Robert's leadership. He has served as Administrator of the Christian school ministry since its founding.

Robert has attended Welch College, Bethany Bible College, and received a Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Counseling from Ashland University. He has written one book, *A Study in The Revelation*, and several booklets.

Rev. **Tom Dooley** from the New Road Church will be leading the music and Sister **Tobiane Stout** from the Heritage Church will be the pianist.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual State Meeting. Come prepared to be a blessing and to be blessed by attending. See you in June!

**State Ministry Offering  
Friday Evening, June 22nd**



# Together We Can

## The Culture Wars And How Christians Should React to Them-#2

In the January issue of the *Ambassador*, I wrote about the “Culture Wars” that our country has been fighting since the 1960’s. I made the point that at one time America had basically the same world view of a belief in God. I was not saying that everyone was a Christian, but that we did share the belief that there was a God in heaven and that He had given us principles concerning our lives, marriage, families, education that would benefit us if we would follow them. Even most unbelievers saw the value in purity, Biblical marriage and childrearing.

In the 1960’s these beliefs were questioned and challenged. In the present day, they are scorned and ridiculed. Therefore we have a very confused and unhappy society. Man will never find a lasting happiness and satisfaction while rejecting the Lord, his Designer and Creator.

### What Can We Do?

Now the question comes what do we as Christians do? We can wring our hands and just lament the situation and complain. We can get angry at the blindness of others. We can simply give up and await the Lord’s return. I don’t think that any of these will bring honor to the Lord. I believe that the following is what we can do that will make a difference in the “Culture Wars.”

First, we need to take a step back and think about the greatness of our God! He is still on the throne and He hasn’t been taken by surprise by anything that has happened in our society. Over the centuries He has seen many societies make the same disastrous decisions our society has made and follow the same destructive paths that America is on. He is so much greater than the problems and philosophes we are facing today! God is eternal and will outlast all the various “movements” of our time. Let’s not be shaken or live in fear or despair.

Second, we can decide what kind of standard and worldview that we will live under ourselves. We need to decide what is going to have the last word in our personal lives, our families, our churches and our nation. Didn’t Ruth make that choice when she chose to turn her back on Moab and choose the God of Naomi, Jehovah God?

She chose to follow God (Ruth 1:16). She chose to make His Word her standard. She was willing to be blessed of God. (Ruth 2-4). We must be chose to follow Jesus Christ in our life decisions in purity, our marriages, parenting, worship and education. Let’s make sure we are living by God’s standard!

Third, we can be determined not to allow the spirit of age to intimidate us. I like the example of the life of Daniel who lived in a pagan society, but he did not allow himself to be intimidated by the spirit of that age.

He stood by His standards (Daniel 1:8). He was respectful to the authorities (Daniel 1:9-14). He was helpful to the king (Daniel (2:31-49). He did not let his enemies intimidate him (Daniel 6). He spoke the truth to the king (Daniel 5:17-31) Throughout Daniel’s life he was useful to the leaders of Babylon, but he still resisted being conformed to the Babylonian society. Even though we participate in society, we must resist the pressure of the secularist to conform to their destructive principles!

Fourth, we can decide to be examples of God’s grace. We should be able to show by our lives how living for the Lord and His principles will bring success in our lives, our homes and our churches. If we are living as we should, it will become obvious that there is a definite difference by following the Lord, His Word and His principles for living. Our lives should be an advertisement of His grace.

Fifth, we can show love and a Christ-like Spirit to the people of this age. Sometimes in culture wars, we forget who the real enemy is-Satan. He is behind all the rebellion of the age. We should pray and have compassion for those so caught up in the spirit of this age. Rather than become angry with them, we should show them Christ’s love. Do remember they are blinded by the god of this world.

Sixth, we can be aware politically where we are headed and act accordingly. But we do need to realize that this is a spiritual problem first and will not be solved by politics. Our politics in America actually reflect the people and where they are headed. We cannot force Godly lives on others. They must be won spiritually! Let’s not give up, but to follow the Lord and His Word at all costs!



**Edwin Hayes**  
**Executive Secretary**

## Secretary’s Schedule

May 20	Urbana FWB Homecoming, Kenny Cordell Pastor
June 2	Ohio Board of Directors Meeting
June 3	Williams Road FWB AM Service, Louis Nettleton, Pastor
June 10	Gahanna FWB AM & PM Services, Curtis Booth, Pastor
June 17	Heritage FWB AM Service, Tim Stout, Pastor
June 21	Ohio General Board Meeting
June 22-23	Ohio State Association of FWB
June 24	North Pastor Appreciation, Bill Chadwick, Pastor
July 1	Reynoldsburg FWB AM Service, Jerry Sargent, Pastor
July 20-25	National Association of FWB, Little Rock, Ark

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## State Prayer Chairman Letter Roland Luthy

Dear Brethren,

Our Ohio State Association Meeting will soon be here. We are highly blessed to be used of God to conduct worship and business that will honor Him. This is a formidable task that none of us are able to complete without His help...we need His wisdom.

James 1:5: *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally...*

We want everything we do to be pleasing to Him.

Psalm 19:14: *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

As prayer chairman, let me encourage you to join with me in praying for our speakers: Rev. **Wendell Combs**, Rev. **Jim McComas**, and Rev. **Robert Prichard** as they prepare to address the topic of "Fear Not".

Let's also remember those who will be bringing devotions.

Let's pray for those who will provide the special singing, our music director, and our pianist.

Our state moderator Rev. **Mark Price** and all those who serve as state officers desire our prayers as well. Let's also pray for our business sessions as we want the Lord to be honored in all we do.

Please join us thirty minutes before each service for prayer during the state meeting.

Serving Him,  
Roland Luthy  
Prayer Chairman



## OYC 2018 Competition Results

The 2018 OYC Ministry Expo was a little different than normal. Due to the fact we only had five competitors, the location was moved to First Free Will Baptist Springfield. We had a great morning of competition and are glad to report that our three memorization and two art entries will be going on to Little Rock and the Vertical III Ministry Expo.



Congratulations to **Ella Luthy** (2nd Grade memorization), **Nate Luthy** (3rd Grade memorization), **Ana Luthy** (4th Grade memorization), **Charli Rawe** (B - Mixed Media), and **Brianna Montoya** (C - Mixed Media). If you are in Little Rock, make sure to support our Ohio Competitors!



2018 Ohio Youth Conference Winners

## Upcoming Events

**June 1 – OYC Scholarship Applications Due** – Remember, Ohio youth that participated in OYC Competition in age category D and are, or will be, attending any Free Will Baptist college are eligible to apply. Winners will be announced at the State Meeting in June.

**June 22 and 23 – OYC Youth Services and Activities** – Heritage FWBC. Friday evening at 7 pm, we will have services for elementary age kids along with our junior/senior high students. Following our services, we will meet in the gym for pizza and games. We are looking to change up our after-service activities. This year, rather than going to laser tag at midnight, we are bringing laser tag, life size foosball, and hungry hungry hippo to us! We will have pizza and games on site following service until midnight. We hope this allows more youth to participate in our Friday night activities. The only thing each group needs to arrange is lodging. On Saturday morning, we will gather at 9 am for doughnuts and a final session. It should be a great weekend. Make plans now to be with us!

**July 22-25 – National Association of Free Will Baptists and Vertical III Conference Little Rock, Arkansas.** The 2018 Theme is "Unseen" (Hebrews 11:1). Make sure you plan on supporting our Ohio competitors, if you are in Little Rock for the convention.

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# Church News



**PURITAN (SOUTH CENTRAL)**  
Greetings from Puritan FWB Church! As spring has finally arrived, we have been enjoying the presence of the Lord. Our church had blessed Easter services and an egg hunt for the kids. The women of our church and surrounding churches enjoyed a ladies conference with speakers **Laura Neal** and **Debbie Barcus** and singing by the **Neal Family**. This was our first conference for our Ladies, we hope to continue in the coming years, and a great time was had by all in attendance.

The month of April ended with Pastor Jamie in revival at Hartford, WV.

With the warmer weather, we will start having our evening service at the shelter house on the hill that began April 29th on the last Sunday of each month. Looking forward to a time of worship and fellowship outside this summer!

Continue to remember our sick members in prayer. As you go about your daily walk, let's not forget to "Praise the Lord" for all our blessings.

Jamie Fortner, Pastor  
Rhonda Fortner, Reporter

**MOUNT CALVARY (LAWRENCE)**  
Greetings from Mount Calvary. On Easter Sunday, we went into revival that went on for 15 nights. **Brandon Depriest** preached the message each night. Two people rededicated their life back to God, and three were saved.

We had a headlight baptism after church one evening. Two of the people saved, were one of our pastor's daughters and her fiance, who are to be married on September 22. The revival started and ended with the church on the altar.

Although the revival services have ended, we hope that revival will continue on in each of us, and we can continue to be a church on fire for the cause of reaching the lost for **Jesus Christ**.

Ronnie Blagg, Pastor  
Nicky Sprouse, Reporter

**REDEEMER (CENTRAL OHIO)**  
2018 has started off with a bang! We have some preliminary plans and prices from one builder for a new sanctuary. We will be getting more bids in the next few weeks and then making a decision on this new building project. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us.

On May 6th **Tim Lapish** will be bringing our morning message. On June 10th, morning worship will include singing by the **Dumplin Valley Trio**, followed by lunch and another concert by them at 1:30 p.m. Please come and join us.

Music on the Farm, hosted by Jim Storts, will be June 9th and June 23rd, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Music will be provided by **Enabling Grace, Homebound Bluegrass** and **Jeremy**

**Lyles** on the 9th, and by **Paul James Sound, Soul Purpose** and **Still Blessed** on the 23rd. Our church will be serving lunch on those days with all proceeds going to buying new "hear-ing" receivers, microphones and receivers for the church. Please put this on your calendar and plan on spending the day.

VBS will be held a little differently this year, on four days, June 19th and 21st and on July 17th and 19th. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor **Mike Baldwin**.


Please continue to pray for our church and its continued growth. And, if you're ever in the neighborhood, please stop by! We are always ready to meet new friends and hug old ones.

Michael Baldwin, Pastor  
Nena Dillon, Reporter

**VICTORY (CAPITAL CITY)**  
Spring is here. On April 5-7th, God blessed the church with a wonderful Revival, with Bro. **Corey Carroll** bringing the messages, and special singing each night. What a blessing it was to see two saved and several rededicated. God is good all the time! The Sunday after the revival, Rev. **Edwin Hayes** preached the morning service. His message was found in John 11, the story of Lazarus.

May and June are special months to honor our

## Pastor Changes



Bethlehem	Without Pastor
Blackfork	Without Pastor
Eifort	Without Pastor
Fellowship Tabernacle	Tim Southwood
Newark	Without Pastor
Summit Station	Tommy Wood
Woodstock	Russell Street Resigns
Zion #3	Without Pastor

mothers and fathers that God gave us. We should respect and care for them as long as they live.

The Capital City Conference this spring will be on May 19th, at the Friendly FWB Church, 2516 Rhoades Ave., in Columbus. The Rev. **Michael Gillen** will be bringing the message on that day.

Please remember the lost to be saved, our mission trip, July 2-7th, those having health problems and the shut-ins.

May God bless everyone!

Jim Thompson, Pastor  
James Cantrell, Assistant Reporter

## Travis McKenzie, Ohio Home Missionary to Ashland, Ohio



*The fields are white and ready for harvest,*

In the fourth chapter of John's gospel, Jesus and His disciples were in Sychar, a city located within Samaria. While there, He encountered a woman at Jacob's well, searching for more than just water to quench a natural thirst. She was thirsting for a Savior. What's so great is that Christ was also looking for her! After Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah, she returned to the city to tell others that she had discovered the Christ. This Jew knew everything about her, yet He didn't shun her. Jesus, still at the well, began speaking to His disciples about the satisfaction of fulfilling The Father's work. About this time, Jesus tells them "Say not ye, there are four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (4:35). In essence, He was telling them they shouldn't always be looking to the future reward for their labor, but rather they need to pay attention to the harvest that is available right now, all around them. I can imagine as He tells them to, "look up and see," there is probably a huge number of Samaritans walking toward them. Jesus is so well-received by the people of Sychar that He and His disciples stay there for another two days as they "reap" the available harvest.

As a church planter, I find myself often looking ahead to the days when Compassion Church will be an established church family with a facility of our own. I look forward to the days when we are sufficiently staffed to perform all the necessary tasks of ministry. I long for the days of overflowing harvest! Then I read Christ's words in John's gospel and I'm reminded that the harvest is ready now. **Thom Rainer** once said something to this effect, "There is no sense in anticipating the large crowd in the future, if you don't minister to the small crowd that you have now."

With this thought heavy on my heart, I began meeting with a young man from Ashland in late February. He had attended Compassion Church very sporadically over the previous six-months with his wife, who is a Christian, and their three children. He described himself as an Agnostic up until just a couple years ago. When I began meeting with him, he said he believed in a god, yet wasn't too certain about the possibility of having a personal relationship with God. After we met a few times for lunch and just talked about life, we began a weekly Discipleship Bible lesson from 1 Cor. 16: 13-14 that is geared specifically toward men. The very first lesson dealt with, "What it Means to be a Real Man." One of the first topics of discussion was that, "to be a real man, you must first be a man of God." This opened the door for the conversation regarding his salvation. After about 30 minutes of explaining the gospel and answering his questions, he was willing to pray the sinner's prayer! Since that day in March, he and his family have been at every service and are heavily involved with the ministry of Compassion Church. We are so thankful for the harvest that God has provided, and we are encouraged to keep reaching others through Christ, so we may reach others for Christ. Because, the fields are white and ready for harvest!

I want to encourage you to please keep the mission work in Ashland, Ohio in your prayers. If you would like to know more about the Compassion Church ministry, look us up on Facebook at **compassionfwb**. If there is ever a way we may be an encouragement to you, please feel free to contact us through email at: **pastort@compassionfwb.com** or just call: **(419) 566-8487**. God bless!

In Christ's service,  
Travis McKenzie

**GRACE**  
Hello again from all your fellow Christians at Grace FWB Church here in Cleveland. We hope all of you are doing well and your churches are continuing to prosper.

We pray you all had a blessed Easter Sunday and enjoyed celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ**. It was a blessing to be able to go to the Lord's house and worship Him and give thanks for all He's done for us. For giving His life on Calvary but then rising again like He promised in three days!

It seems that spring has finally arrived and were now going to be blessed with the beauty of the trees blooming, the flowers blossoming and all the beauty that spring brings. These are blessings from God as only He can do.

We continue to pray for each of your churches and ask for your continued prayers for our church as well. Since our last article we lost our dear Sis. Wanda, she was so very precious to us and will be missed. Please pray for her family. Please continue to pray for Bro. Nick's Mom, Dad and Sister, Sis. Linda's parents, Bro. Ed's brother, Sis. Kathy's mom, Bro. Art's family, Bro. Dewayne's mom, Bro. Bill's family, Sis. Janet's family and Sis. Elaine's family. Also remember each of our members. All are dealing with different health issues that the Lord knows all about. We do thank you for your prayers.

As always we thank the Lord for our pastor Bro. **Ed Purdy** and his wife **Linda**. They are a blessing to our church. Every church should be blessed with a great pastor and pastor's wife.

We hope you all enjoy your spring and are blessed. We invite you to visit to worship with us some time. Sunday School is at 10:00am. Sunday at 11:15am and 6:00pm.

Blessings from Grace FWB Church.  
Ed Purdy, Pastor  
Elaine Booth, Reporter

**ANTIOCH (CENTRAL OHIO)**  
Have you heard that God is good! God blessed on Easter Sunday with an attendance of 113 and two saved! What a beautiful day it was.

Our youth group held a spaghetti dinner and dessert auction to raise money for church camp. Food was delicious and the auction a success. Our pastor was the auctioneer. The highest priced item was Sister Susie Ross's apple pie, for \$70. We appreciate our youth leader, Sis. Candy Valentine who does a great job.

Things have been busy at the Blankenship house since our last report. My daughter Angie was in the hospital for several days with stomach issues. She is still struggling with this but praying for God's healing touch. Also Jim has a blockage in one of his heart valves. He is currently on meds for a month, hoping this will help, if not they will have to do surgery.

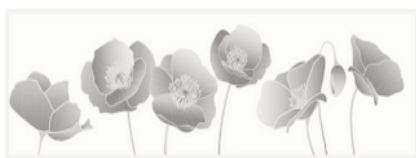
March 11th Jim and I left for Kentucky where he was to preach a homecoming at the Eastside FWB Church. However, on March 12th, I woke up and could not walk, I mean my legs would not work! We both realized there was something not right, so we left for home. I was diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome. This is when your immune system attacks the nervous system. I was in Riverside 12 days and Ohio Rehab for nine days. I had to learn to walk again and write also. I am not well yet, it looks like it will be a long road. I thank God it could have been a lot worse, but so many prayers have been answered. My family and church family has been so helpful and supportive. I praise the Lord for the people He has placed around me. Continued prayers are appreciated. God bless till next time.

Jim Blankenship, Pastor  
Linda Blankenship Reporter



# Condolences

*Thinking of you*



Reverend **Mark E. Leonard**, 60, husband of Myra Matthews Leonard, died Friday, March 2nd, at home after an illness.

Reverend Leonard was born on January 2, 1958, in Dayton, son of Dellene Meek Leonard and the late Albert E. Leonard. He was a graduate of Park Hills High School in Fairborn and Welch College in Nashville, Tennessee. Reverend Leonard was a retired Free Will Baptist Minister, who had served a number of churches in Ohio and South Carolina for over 40 years. He and his wife enjoyed music and served many years in youth ministry.

Surviving in addition to his mother of Fairborn, are his wife, Myra M. Leonard of Pamplico, SC; son, Michael A. Leonard of Pamplico, SC; daughter, Marisa C. Leonard of Pamplico, SC; sister, Diane L. (Steve) Foutz of Fairborn; and brother, Reverend James M. (Angie) Leonard of Grand Blanc, Michigan. Funeral services were held March 5th, in South Carolina.

*Tribute from Leonard kids Sara, Matthew, and Ginny Jo: "To us he was Uncle Mark, He always kept us entertained. His humor is what left the biggest impact on us as kids. As adults we know he did much to guide the community in Pamplico according to God's word. We love him as our Uncle and as our Brother in God's Kingdom. We are as proud to have him as our uncle as Pops was to have him as his son. We love you, Myra, Michael and Marisa."*

**Lloyd Raymond**

**Brown**, age 78, of Columbus died March 7th, after a battle against lung cancer. On February 16th, 1940, he was born in Menifee County, KY, the son of



the late Jim and Jenney Brown. On August 15th, 1959, he married Sharon Brown in Butler County, OH. Together, they shared 58 years of marriage. He is survived by his daughters Michelle (and her husband, Alex) and Tammy; his widowed son-in-law Gary, his 8 grandchildren and their spouses. Outside of his family, he had an even bigger family with his brothers and sisters in Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon, his daughter Jenny, his siblings Laverne, Junior, Fairis, Phyllis, and Dody, and his son-in-law Rick. Raymond, as he was called by those who knew him (also called Papa!), had numerous full-time jobs - as a carpenter, husband, father, and messenger of the Word of God. He inspired people both in his home church and all the churches that he visited with hope and joy through praise and worship for Jesus Christ. He could make anyone in their darkest hour feel like there was something worth living for, and during this time, it's important to remember that he would have wanted his loved ones to live their lives with persistence and grit, even in the face of death. Although not with us anymore, he was a man who can confidently be said to have left a legacy behind.

The funeral service for Raymond Brown was held March 11th at Reynoldsburg FWB Church.

Rev. **Wilbur Glenn**

**Bobst, Jr.**, 90, of New Boston went to be with the Lord March 5th at SOMC Hospice in Portsmouth. Born November 16, 1927 in Sciotoville, a son of the late Wilbur Glenn Bobst, Sr. and Vesta Lois (Ault) Bobst, he was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and retired with 33 years of service from OSCO Industries in Portsmouth. He was a FWB minister for 54 years, having pastored several area churches. He enjoyed hunting and gardening, having the best garden for miles. On March 9, 1951 he married Ethel Skaggs, who preceded him in death January 31, 2018.

He is survived by two sons, Richard (Sheila) Bobst of Minford and Harold (Truda) Bobst of Lucasville; a daughter, Cindy (Wayne) Baldridge of Sciotoville; six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Bobst in childhood, Donald Shomberg, and a sister, Wilma Gilbert.

Funeral services were conducted March 10th, 2018 at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home in Minford with Rev. Ron Parker officiating.

Rev. **Elmer Huff**, age 91,

of Galena. Born April 30, 1926 in Salyersville, KY went to be with the Lord Sunday, March 18, 2018. Veteran of WWII Army Air Corps. Retired in 1982 from General Motors Fisher Body Plant in Columbus. Pastored Lewis Center FWB Church and Hilliard FWB Church. Survived by wife of 71 years, Thelma; sons, Larry (Mary) and Terry (Ann); 9 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; brother Oakley Huff, of Salyersville, KY; many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his sister, Sylvia Dawley and son, Jerry Huff.

His service was held March 23rd with Pastor Paul Etterling officiating.

Evangelist **Jack Lassiter**,

62, passed away March 25th. During his ministry he served as pastor of several Free Will Baptist Churches, Director of Public Relations and Fund Raising at Southeastern FWB College at Wendell, NC. Throughout his ministry as a traveling evangelist he preached in many events in numerous states across the country. He was one of the speakers at the 2000 Ohio Men's Retreat. Evangelist Lassiter became disabled and had been homebound since 2012.

His funeral service was held March 28th in North Carolina.

**Ernestine Wallen**

**Aldridge**, 85, of Springfield, went to be with the Lord March 21st following a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loving family. Ernestine was born August 7, 1932 in Whitehouse, Kentucky with her twin brother Phillip Gene Wallen. She was preceded in death by her father, Isom Wallen, mother Grace VanHoose Wallen, her husbands, Howard Aldridge and Gene Barry; sisters Lydia Meek, Irretta Justice, Louella



Osborne, and Josephine Booth; brothers Leslie, Earl, and Phillip Gene Wallen. She is survived by her daughter Teresa Diane (James) Bogard and her son, Brian Keith (Jenny Lovell) Aldridge; sisters Dolores Burr and Doris Calvert; granddaughters, Ashley Aldridge, Erica Aldridge, Emily Aldridge and Hannah Craycraft; grandsons, Gabriel Bogard, Adam Bogard and Benjamin Bogard; and 10 wonderful great grandchildren, all of Springfield. She also leaves behind a large number of nieces, nephews and special friends whom she loved very much. Ernestine attended Beatty FWB Church where she was a member for more than 50 years. She loved her church and singing with her sisters.

Her service to honor Ernestine's life was held March 26th with Pastor Steve Wallace officiating.

**Ellen Delois Loveless**

80 of Columbus, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 20th while at Grant Medical Center.

She was born on April 14, 1938 in Pocahontas, AR to the late Edward and Marie (Hopkins)

Draby. Delois was a member of Canaan Land FWB Church in Grove City. She was the former manager of the Ambassador Bible Book Store on South High St., which she and her husband Alton started in 1974. She was very active for many years with the National Free Will Baptist Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) and spoke at various women groups across the country in women's conventions of many denominations and to numerous foreign countries as guest speaker in missionary retreats.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Edward; Sisters Shirley and Marie. Survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Alton E. Loveless; sons, Randy (Melissa) Loveless of Ashville and Rev. Steven (Tammy) Loveless of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Zachery Loveless and Emily Loveless of Ashville; Lucas, Whitney, and Rachael Loveless of Tulsa, OK; great granddaughter Claire Marie Loveless; sister Mary Alice of AR; many church families and friends.

Her service was held April 23rd at Canaan Land Church, FWB with Pastor Shawn Beauchamp officiating.

*Editor's Note. We thank the Lord for the life of Sister Delois Loveless. She and her husband Alton have been such a blessing to all of Ohio Free Will Baptists. They came to Ohio in 1974 and laid the foundation for our Ohio State Office and Ambassador Bookstore. They labored for 19 years and the Lord used them to establish the Ohio State work that we all enjoy today. In 1993 Alton and Delois went to Nashville to lead Randall House Publications.*

*After retirement from Randall House and several years in Missouri, they came back to the State of Ohio. Delois had a wonderful Godly spirit and will be missed by all of the Ohio Free Will Baptist Family.*

Rev. **Paul F. Parsons**, 60, of Mansfield went home to be with the Lord April 10th at the Cleveland Clinic. He was born on October 10, 1957 in Man, West Virginia. He was the son of Rev. Ralph and Mary (Fowler) Parsons.

Paul was a graduate of Crestline HS and was



plant manager and designer for 25 years with Wick's Lumber but his most recent employer was 84 Lumber. The rock of his family, Paul was the protector, a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. Loving, thoughtful, inspiring with his words and gentle lion describes Paul. Paul was a devoted and faithful member of Dean Road FWB where he was a minister and taught SS. He had a great love for his church, sharing the gospel and worshipping the Lord. Paul loved to sing gospel music and traveled for many years in a gospel group with his wife, Pam and friends. He loved his family and he will be dearly missed by many.

Paul leaves behind his wife of 39 years, Pamela Parsons; daughters, Nichole (Scott) Carrier of Galion and Amanda (Greg) Barker of Mentor; his dad and stepmother, Rev. Ralph W. and Lois Parsons of Bucyrus; granddaughter, Mackenzie Carrier; brothers, Larry (Nelda) Parsons of Bucyrus, Rev. Ron (Pat) Parsons of Crestline, Rev. Dave (Joan) Parsons of Mansfield, and Glenn (Janice) Parsons of Nevada; sisters, Phyllis (Junior) Morgan of Bucyrus and Joyce (Rev. Fred) Crank of NC; sisters-in-law, Hope Bradshaw of Mansfield and Karen (David) Wyatt of Akron; family, many close friends; and a host of church family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Fowler Parsons; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald (Maxine) Conn.

His service was held April 14th in Ontario, Ohio.

Rev. **Gordon R.**

**Sebastian**, 86, of Wilson passed away March 22nd. He pastored for more than 53 years, including 40 years at Peace Church in North Carolina. He served his country honorably and faithfully with the U.S. Navy.

Bro. Sebastian was one of the speakers at the 2004 Ohio Men's Retreat.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Hales Sebastian of 55 years.

His funeral services were conducted March 26th at Peace Church, Wilson NC with Rev. Rusty Russell officiating.

**Louise Spradlin**, longtime member of the Forest Valley FWB Church passed away March 12th at the age of 77. She will be missed.

Rev. **Lewis Copley**,

longtime pastor of the Bucyrus FWB Church passed away on April 30th.

*At press time his obituary was not available. We will plan to have it in the next issue.*

**Gary Cordle**, former member of the Westerville and Columbus First FWB Church passed away April 28th. He is the husband of Barbara Cordle who did work with our Ohio Youth Conference several years ago.

*At press time his obituary was not available. We will plan to have it in the next issue.*



**Condolences  
are continued on the  
next page.**



## Condolences Continued

**Ruby Ruth Vance**, 95 years old, went to be with her Lord April 25th surrounded by her family. Ruby was born March 18, 1923 to James and Mary Carder Andy in Zaleski, Ohio. She



was married to the late Sherman Vance. They had a daughter, Brenda Louise.

Ruby loved to work in her flower gardens – she had a green thumb. Over the years she babysat many children, hosted several exchange students and taught Sunday School for over 40 years. Ruby loved spending time with her family and was a member of the Faith FWB Church. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda (Woody) Frasure of Logan; three grandchildren, Jill (Earnie) Perry, Woody (Darla) Frasure Jr., both of Logan and Janie (David) Myers of Pickerington; seven great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren; sisters, Alice Ferguson of New Boston, Michigan and Retha Burrington of Cincinnati; brother, Earl Andy of Springfield and several nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings, Cassie McCune, Ernie Andy, Harry Andy, Harold Andy, James Carder, Hazel Any and Goldie Andy and a family friend, Ana Shepherd.

Funeral services were held May 1st in Logan, with Rev. **Ervin Andy** officiating.

### ROSEDALE (CAPITAL CITY)

Greetings from Rosedale. We are very blessed and grateful to God for all He has done for us.

We continue seeing God move in ways that only He can do. With the ability to purchase nine acres of land for the development of a place able to offer our youth, a place to spend time with others, giving them a place to let them know they are very important to us, along with space for a new fellowship hall, kitchen etc.

We lost a precious soul who made her journey to heaven in April, Calista (Cliss) Hitchcock. Cliss loved God and her church. She was the only one in her family that attended church. Our pastor preached a wonderful funeral for her and praying that in some way, her family listened to what was said and will someday turn their lives over to God.

Looking forward to homecoming May 20th. Preaching by Rev. **Mike Blanton**, singing by **Mike Blanton & Evidence**.

We've recently had the privilege of seeing two young souls give their lives to God, Kenzie Moran and Jaxon Blanton. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our VBS will be June 11-15th. Finale will be held June 17th. Please bring your kids. We have an amazing team who devotes so much of their time to insure these kids know the true meaning of what a Christian life can do for them.

Our JAM kid's group have been doing some amazing things. They sing the last Sunday of each month. Keep these kids in your prayers that they will continue on the right path throughout the rest of their lives.

As always please keep our pastor, his family and our associate pastor and his family in your prayers. They are definitely a blessing to us and we pray we never take that for granted.

Jason Meade, Pastor  
Bev Fraley, Reporter

### GOOD HOPE (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Good Hope FWB Church.

We are looking forward to spring and the warm weather. The church is doing good, but we still have some in the church with health issues and not able to attend services. Pray for them.

We still have Rev. **Freddie Ray** coming the third Sunday of the month, preaching and singing for us. We enjoy hearing him. Also Rev. **Bruce Sparks** has come and preached for us. We are blessed to have them.

Rev. **Bob Legg** was with us on April 17th. We enjoyed to hear about the work they do at the children's home. We are very thankful to have Bro Legg and the work he does. Our church was blessed to make a donation for the home.

Our Family and Friends Day will be on May 20th. The last Sunday night of the month we have "Pie Night", thanks to Pastor Paul. We like getting together and eating pie.

Pray for our church that we will see people come to the Lord.

Paul Peterson, Pastor  
Mary Diamond, Reporter

### MECHANICSBURG (TRINITY)

Greetings from Mechanicsburg FWB Church.

Spring is finally here! As you know our church sanctuary and restrooms were flooded in mid-February from the heavy rains, so we have been working diligently to restore our church building. We were thankful to be able to have church in our fellowship hall until the work was completed. Most of the work is now complete except for some minor details. Everyone has worked hard to make sure the church is restored. We would like send out our special thanks to our Pastor, **Jessie Walters**, his wife **Bonnie**, and the trustees: Dick Hildreth, Tom Sizemore and John Groeber. A special thank you to the women of the church too, who held a rummage and bake sale to help raise funds for the restoration efforts.

On Good Friday, we began the Easter celebration with communion and footwashing in the fellowship hall. **Jesus** gave us an example for us to follow and said "*If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them*" (John 13:17). Everyone who participated felt that happiness deep down in our souls! Thank the Lord for His amazing grace and the hope that He given us!

Easter Sunday, April 1st, we were able to have services in the church! Pastor **Jessie Walters** brought the message of the Lord's great salvation! We thank God for Calvary, His resurrection and His gift of salvation!

April 7th during our service we were blessed with songs of praise by the Bluegrass Gospel group, **Crossing Over!** Bro. **Clay Baldwin** brought the Sunday morning message as well.

In closing, we ask that you keep our church in your prayers. Please remember our lost, those who have lost a loved one, and those who have been out with sicknesses and other health problems. Pray that we will grow and prosper in the Lord. Spring has sprung! May the Lord bless and keep you.

Jessie Walters, Pastor  
Bobbi Groeber, Reporter

## Ohio General Board Meeting

**Thursday, June 21**

**Heritage FWB Church  
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Columbus, Ohio 43207**



# Available

## Free Will Baptist Singing Groups

The following singers and singing groups are available to come and sing in your church for revivals or special services.

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**Bobby Siders**, Columbus, (Southern Gospel) (614) 778-9250  
**Born Again Gospel Singers**, Harry or Irene Litton (740) 927-5319  
**Covered By Love**, South Webster, Call Rhonda Smith 740/961-3412 or 740/961-3413 [www.coveredbyloveonline.com](http://www.coveredbyloveonline.com)  
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**Faith in Action**, Marion, Call Marjorie Abrams at (740) 383-5405 or Pleasant Hill FWB, (740) 363-5295 Attention: Marjorie Abrams or Bob Chaffin or email [songlady\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:songlady_99@yahoo.com)  
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**Just Forgiven Singing Ministries**, Dayton, (Southern Gospel) (937) 280-3840 or (614) 309-2512  
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**Lord Willing**, Wellston, (740) 418-9992, [lovdaisynewf@gmail.com](mailto:lovdaisynewf@gmail.com)  
**Mike Blanton & Evidence**, Grove City, (614) 871-2795  
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If you would like your group to be included, please send me your group name, what local FWB Church you are a member of, your address, and phone number. I will add you the list in the next issue of the *Ambassador*.



**LOCKBOURNE (TRINITY)**

Greetings from Lockbourne FWB Church.

It was a fun time at the Sunday School Skating party in March. Everyone had a great time skating, eating pizza, playing games and just visiting with each other. Thank goodness for rolling walkers that assisted both kids and adults alike. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless our Sunday School and all of the teachers who bring the word of God to us.

We had a wonderful time on Good Friday at our communion and feetwashing service. It was a blessing to follow the Lord's example in washing the feet of our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we took communion, we were reminded that **Jesus** poured out His life's blood for our redemption. Thank you Lord for your priceless gift of salvation!

We had wonderful Easter services including sunrise, Sunday School and morning worship service where the **Spiritual Echoes** brought the gospel to us in song. After church, our kids enjoyed finding more than 2,000 Easter eggs filled with surprises. Thanks to Brandie and Jimmie Dommer who organized this and thanks to all who helped and brought candy and eggs for this event.

We offer condolences to Bro. Larry Cline on the loss of his nephew, Betty Endicott on the loss of her cousin and to JR and the family of Betty Lozier, who recently went home to be with the Lord. Betty was a long-time member of Lockbourne as well as our church pianist for many years. Betty was an inspiration to many people during her life and she will be missed.

Leon Stevens, Pastor  
Janelle Sagraves, Reporter

**MADISON (PORTER)**

In March, our youth group had a fundraiser, which was a spaghetti dinner for all who could come. It was a success. We are very proud of the youth group. They are going to the Olympics on May 11th. They work very hard and we are all very proud of them.

On the glorious day of Easter, April 1st, we had our sunrise service. Bro. **Chaz Horsley** brought us the message and **Dave and Dusty Monroe** provided wonderful singing. We also had our local singers and Pastor **Rodney Evans** who brought our regular service. In our evening service we had our feetwashing and communion.

For our April 12th ladies meeting we had a wonderful time as we always do. We had great fellowship, wonderful food and great activities. At this meeting the food and activities were provided by Sisters Tampsay Hayhurst and Ona Cooper. We all had a wonderful time and great fellowship.

For the month of May we will have our mother and daughter banquet on the 11th. This kind of kicks off the rest of the year. It seems to be busy for the rest of the year. That is okay, we do it all for Him.

Rodney Evans, Pastor  
Tammy Martin, Reporter

**FREDERICK FWB (PINE CREEK)**

March and April provided inspiring services at Frederick.

A Seder Meal, based on the Jewish Passover and the Last Supper, was served under direction of Pastor Rusty and Rev. **Don Meadows**.

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Rusty, dressed in the garb of the times and using other props, told the Easter story through the eyes of Simon Peter. Beginning with the arrest of **Jesus** in the Garden, "Peter" relived the events of that night, including the trial of Jesus and his own denial of Jesus. He continued with the crucifixion and resurrection. He ended his story with his con-



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versation with Jesus on the sea shore when Jesus told him to "feed my sheep." We had one person respond to the altar call. After the service, the children enjoyed an egg hunt in the church yard.

We have been having excellent Bible studies. In Sunday School, Rev. **Don Meadows** taught us inspiring lessons from Galatians. Pastor Rusty is leading us in interesting studies of Exodus at Wednesday evening services.

We enjoyed sermons from **Ron Henthorn** and **Don Meadows**, who filled the pulpit for Pastor Rusty while he and Vicki went on a well deserved vacation.

We are thankful for Ellis and Phyllis Gallion, who have recently begun sharing their music talents with us, along with other members whose talents also bless us.

Members of our congregation attended revival services at several FWB churches in our conference during the last few weeks. We were blessed by the inspired sermons, singing and Christian fellowship.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." Hebrews 10:24-25

Rusty Larter, Pastor  
Janet Meadows, Reporter

**ANTIOCH (PINE CREEK)**

God's day to ya all! The song on my heart is "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand". That is our

prayer to all. This old world is changing more and more every second!

The last week of April, we had a spirit-filled revival! Each night God supplied a preacher! **Dan Campbell, Jeremy Moore, Ricky Henderson** and **Vernon Lore**. Covered By **Love** were the singers. In February we had a three night revival with Evangelist **Tim Case**. We had singing each night from our church. We were blessed beyond measure! Could go on and on about blessings!

Anyhow, let's get into the upcoming events: mother and daughter and ladies banquet May 11th at 6:30pm here at the church. "Bee" prepared for a good time! Conference at Mt. Hope FWB Church May 12th at 10:00am. Ladies Prayer Retreat at Sugar Creek OH June 1st-2nd. II Annual Tent Revival June 4th-8th at 7:00pm, with preaching by Bro. **Garrett Fitch**. VBS June 18th-22nd at 6:30pm with final program on the 24th at 9:45am. That's all for now.

We have a couple of our youth graduating from High School. Pray that **Jesus** will protect them and that they will continue to grow with God. We will soon be having elections here and need the prayers of all.

Antioch was blessed to go to other community revivals. Pray for all the lost in our communities and in our families. "Coming Soon, Is **Jesus In All His Glory**". Pray that we witness more.

Pray for the sick and in nursing homes or home bound. Let's always pray for each other.

Sometimes I am weak and desire the prayers of all. Love, hugs and prayers always.

Rick Henderson, Pastor  
Tammy Kappenberger, Reporter

**SHELBY (NORTHERN OHIO)**

While waiting for spring weather to actually get here, Hebrews 8:23 comes to mind – "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." It certainly feels like warm temperatures are never coming, but we continue to hope!

As we waited, several activities took our minds off the cold the past two months. The ladies auxiliary hosted a one-day retreat in April with the theme, "The Tie that Binds." Speakers included **Laura Pond, Tara Bates** and **Michelle Tackett**; this was a day to reflect on the importance of building Christian relationships.

The youth group kept busy by having a movie night at the church to watch the movie "Wonder." The Tod Squad (the toddlers in the church) got to enjoy a day at the Carousel in Mansfield. The youth also attended the Northern Ohio Youth Rally to help raise funds for summer camp. They are planning to hold a youth service on Friday, June 15th – all are welcome!

We celebrated our resurrected Savior by having Bro. **Aaron Boggs** preach our Easter Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast before our regular service. No matter what the weather, Easter is always a joyous and glorious day! We are looking ahead to future blessings – and warmer days.

Matt Pond, Pastor  
Heather Brown, Reporter

**UNITY (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)**

Spring has finally arrived! Warm greetings from Middleburg Heights! We've had a wonderful start to the Spring season at Unity FWB. We had three souls saved and one rededicated this quarter – we thank the Lord for these blessings!

Rev. **Mike Blanton** and **Evidence** joined us March 18th. We always enjoy when they come and this spirit-filled service was no different!

Our Good Friday service and communion was a wonderful way to remember what Christ did for us all. We had a time of worship and enjoyed a sermon preached by our pastor. On Easter we had two great morning services celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

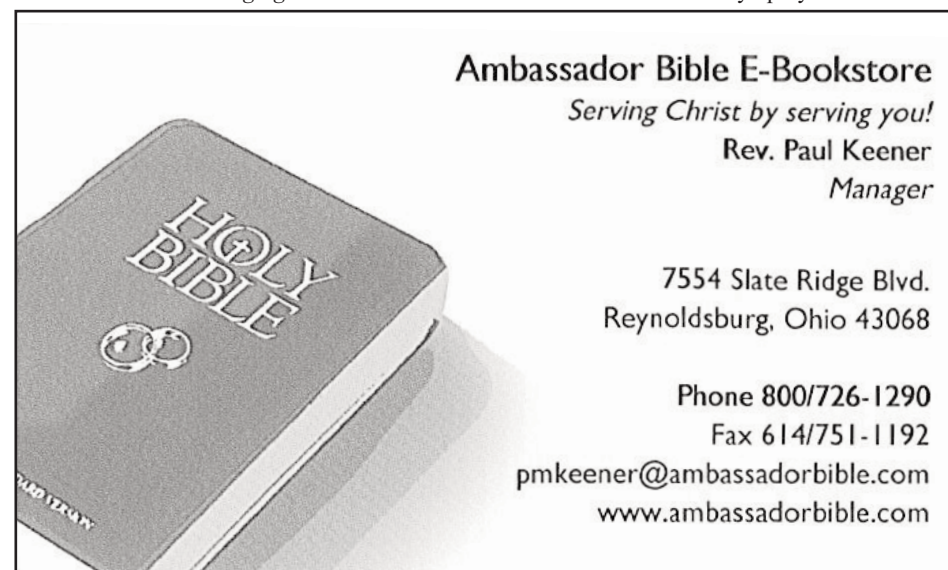
Trae and Whitney visited us on April 8th and it was wonderful to see and worship with them once again.

April 15th was a special day at the church, as Adam McMahan (grew up at Unity) shared his testimony about finding purpose in his journey from addiction to recovery. His story touched the hearts of all that attended, and we pray for him as he continues in this ministry. He co-authored a book titled "GodKward" that documents his journey, and this book is already reaching so many.

On Friday, April 27th, our youth directors, George and Suzanne Kopp, took a group of 22 (6 adults and 16 youth) to the Night Owls lock-in in Mansfield. All had a wonderful time, and we would like to thank Mansfield FWB Church and the Lord for the opportunity to worship and fellowship!

We are very excited about events coming up in the next few months. The women's retreat is in May and VBS is in June. Our congregation is praying that we will be strengthened and lost souls will be reached! Enjoy the spring season!

Eugene Crouch, Pastor  
Angie Steitz, Reporter



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UNITED (CAPITAL CITY)

Happy spring from United FWB. We pray all are getting over the sickness that the winter months have brought us.

We had a surprise birthday party lunch for Pastor Randy “50th” headed up by his wife Mary in March.

Our Easter Season was great with our Maundy Thursday service and Easter Service, the SS children presented an Easter musical. Special thanks to Ed and Kathy Fisk for making props of three crosses and an empty tomb, as well as all the teachers for their effort with the kids.

More sadness has hit our church family with one of our young ladies Kassandra Yarnell going home to be with the Lord April 15th. Please keep this family in your prayers, she was a dear sweet girl that loved the Lord and was active in our church.

Our calendar is starting to fill up with activities, one will be a Spring Fling Lunch after service April 29th. We are looking forward too many summer activities including taking the children and their families to the Living Word Bible Museum in Mansfield June 16th. Several members are making their reservations to attend Camp Meeting on the Mountain in Crossville, TN in July and our revival Aug. 9-11th, with Brothers **Mark Tuggle, Johnny Castle** and **Travis McKenzie** preaching along with special singing of **The Representatives “Tentative”, The Gospel Ambassadors** and **Paul James Sound**. Mark your calendars to come join us as the Lord blesses.

Please be in prayer for **Jesse** and **Natasha Millard** as Jesse was licensed to preach in April, Jesse has a nursing home ministry and is working hard at his newly found call.

Please continue to pray for our church as we are growing and looking for a larger building, God will provide. God bless.

Randy Keffer, Pastor  
Faye Griffith, Reporter

NEW HOPE (PORTER)

We at New Hope are eagerly anticipating the coming of warm and dry weather! We have had good services and good things happening!

On March 11, Kylie Etterling from Westerville FWB came to tell us about her upcoming E-Team mission trip to Panama this summer. We enjoyed her presentation about her opportunity and gave her a love offering to help her on her trip. Kylie’s dad, **Paul Etterling II**, preached for us that morning as well.

Several from our church attended the Go Global conference at Porter FWB church on May 17th, then on Sunday Bro. **David Outlaw** spoke at our morning service.

At the conference it was announced that Bro. Jonathan Abner is now a newly licensed minister being set aside for one year. We are so proud of this fine young man and his wife Laura and his desire to preach the word.

We enjoyed celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with special services. We had several in attendance for Easter Sunday. We praise Him for His victory over sin, death and hell and thank Him for the blessed hope that we have because of His work on the cross.

On the Saturday before Easter, we held an Easter Egg Hunt for our community. Thanks go to Laura Abner for making it a special day for the kids who found plenty of candy-filled eggs.

April 22nd was Mt. Hope Bible Camp Day. Bro. Brett Wilson director of the camp was there to update us on the camp and all their ministries. This is such an important ministry.

Several of our ladies are planning on attending the annual Ladies Luncheon on April 28th. It’s always a great time of worship and fellowship. We congratulate our graduate, Trent George.

We love and appreciate him and his family! He will be graduating from Valley HS May 20th.

George Grice, Pastor  
Lena Grice, Reporter

CENTERBURG (CAPITAL CITY)

Greetings to all of our sister churches! We praise the Lord for all His goodness and mercy!

Since our last report, we have witnessed two souls saved, one rededicated, two baptized and four new members. Isn’t God good?

Pastor Mark, Trisha and quite a few of our congregation went to Tennessee for the Smokey Mountain camp meeting in April. They brought back good news on how wonderful it was. We thank the Lord for allowing them to attend and for bringing them home safely.

Now that summer is right around the corner we’re gearing up for summer activities. Be much in prayer for the upcoming youth camp July 8th-13th and VBS July 16th-18th. Each event takes a lot of preparation and prayer. Pray for each leader and helper that the love of **Jesus** shines through.

We are preparing for our homecoming the week of September 12-16th. We invite each one to come celebrate and worship with us. There will be special singers and preachers each night, with lots of food! Mark your calendars for a spectacular week of worship and praise! Pray that we will witness many souls saved for the kingdom of God!

Until next time, if the Lord should tarry.  
Mark Tuggle, Pastor  
Sandy McDowell, Reporter

FAITH (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Faith. God is still blessing. *“Let brotherly love continue.”* Hebrews 13:1 Some of our sick ones are feeling much better. Remember them in your prayers.

March 4th we had two baptized, Arlene Green and her daughter Cindy.

We had a beautiful wedding on March 31st. Two of our young people in the church, Jonathan Rhodes and Jennifer Reiff were married. They are a very nice couple. Pray for them as they begin their new life together.

God really blessed on April 1st for our Easter services. To God be the glory!

On April 8th **Trae** and **Whitney** sang in the evening service. It was a very good service.

We had revival April 9-13th with Rev. **Chad Booth**. We had special singing each night. God blessed in a very special way.

We also enjoyed a revival with Bro. **Dale Channell**. May God bless all.

Lester McMahan, Pastor  
Geraldine McMahan, Reporter

BEATTY (LITTLE MIAMI)

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.”*

Greetings from Beatty FWB Church. We are doing fine here. On April 2-7th we had a “Coming Together Revival” with other churches. It was well attended although the weather didn’t cooperate very well


On April 1st Rev. **Robert Legg** brought us the morning message. It was a wonderful message about the Prodigal Son. He also talked about the Children’s home in Tennessee.

We lost a very dear sister in the Lord on April 26th. Sister Ernestine Aldridge. She was so dear to us but we know we will meet her again some day. She sang at church for many, many years. Now she sings with the heavenly choir.

**The Shivleys** sang at our church on April 15th in the morning service. They are a blessing to us. We always enjoy having them.

John Wallace, Pastor  
Barbara McKenzie, Reporter

# Available FWB Ministers




The following ministers are available to fill the pulpit for pastors who have to be away from their church. Many are interested in conducting revivals as well.

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In the next several weeks we will begin unveiling to our people some new plans we have for Flagship FWB Church. We have already unveiled a new theme for 2018 and also have unveiled our new mission statement.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the Great Commandment as well as the Great Commission. We want to get laser focused on fulfilling both of these by making disciples who love God, love people and serve others.

I am asking you to pray specifically for this transition as we make some needed and difficult changes to help Flagship flourish even more in the future. We have both pruning and cultivating that needs to take place. I am excited to see the fruit that will be produced as a result. Thanks for praying and standing with us!



**Our 2018 Theme and our  
New Mission Statement**

**Building Fund Surpasses  
\$120,000 Mark**

Our building fund just surpassed the \$120,000 and we are praising the Lord for His generosity and your faithfulness. We have been in the process of looking at existing buildings that are up for sale, but thus far we have not found anything that meets our needs and is in our price range.



We are also moving forward with having a feasibility study done on the land we have purchased to find out exactly what size building the property can handle.

Between our current building and the land we have purchased, as well as what we have in our building fund we have about \$250,000 in equity. Please pray hard for us to discern God's plan for our future location and building. We want to make sure we make wise choices and be the best stewards of God's money and property that we possibly can be.

Thanks again for helping and please continue to do so!

Erie, Pa needs more strong, vibrant, Bible-based churches who will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please continue to stand with us as we reach the Flagship City!

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### SCIOTODALE (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Sciotodale FWB Church!  
We want to thank Christina Reed for starting a Women's Book Club in Feb for the ladies in the church. They meet every 3rd Monday of the month. This is a good time of fellowship with one another discussing the book.

We started March off with a Spring Renewal March 11-14th with Dr. Neil Gilliland. The Sunday AM service welcomed singing by Rejoice from Welch College. There was special singing nightly and this was a great time of Biblical spiritual refreshment and renewal.

We had a great service on Easter Sunday with a choir musical "Behold the Lamb" and a Resurrection Day message by our pastor.

Membership Sunday was April 15th and we welcomed into our church Rev. Dan and Clara Widdig and Anthony and Ashley Edler.

We thank AJ Reed and Nathan Whisman for heading up the collection of personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies/buckets to donate to the Disaster Relief Drive. April 21st was the packing day of all items collected.

We are in the planning stages also for our VBS with directors, Anthony & Ashley Edler. The theme is *Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus* and is scheduled for June 25-29th.

The youth have enjoyed some fun outings going to a hockey game in March, going to see the movie, *"I Can Only Imagine"* and to a Youth Rally at Porter FWB Church for food, games, and fellowship.

Our Youth Leader, **Shawn Davis** has stepped down as leader and we expressed our thanks for his service along with his wife, Kathy, on Sunday morning, April 22nd and with a time of fellowship on Sunday night. Pray for our church that someone will feel led to take this position. The youth are the future of the church!

Aaron Reed, Pastor  
Debbie Hawes, Reporter

### REYNOLDSBURG (FRANKLIN)

God continues to bless us here in Reynoldsburg. We have been busy with several service projects including our WAC group delivering Easter baskets to our shut-ins. Our Community Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. We were able to provide a book to each child with the Easter story and plan of salvation. We continue to pray this event not only showed God's love to the Reynoldsburg area but will also draw new families to our church.

We will be celebrating our 46th Annual Homecoming May 6th with preaching by Rev. **James Blake**. Dinner will follow the morning service. How many more homecomings will we experience here before **Jesus** comes to take us to the ultimate homecoming?

God has been blessing us with convicting and victorious sermons by Pastor Jerry each week.

Wednesday night adult Bible study has been focusing on an in depth study of Genesis. We are gaining new knowledge each week.

The children and teens on Wednesday nights are memorizing multiple verses. They are learning to hide these words in their hearts and we understand the dynamic changes this memorization can make in young lives. The youth are preparing for camp.

The children in Sunday School are also learning verses while traveling through a safari each week. We are blessed with dedicated teachers making the Sunday School, children's church

and youth activities engaging for our kids. The enemy provides distractions and other entertainments to keep young people from church. We must all work hard to keep their focus on **Jesus Christ**.

Jerry Sargent, Pastor  
Kim Wiley, Reporter

### MARYSVILLE (CENTRAL OHIO)

*"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call up on thee."* Psalms 86:5.

Our church hosted the Central Ohio Conference May 5th. We always enjoy the fellowship with other churches, and worshipping the Lord together.

**God's Messengers** will be singing for us May 6th in the 11am service.

May 13th we will have Mother's Day service. Muffins will served at 9am, and service at 10 am.

Revival June 3-7th Rev. **Lucian Baker** will be preaching nightly. Sunday evening starts at 6 pm. Monday-Thursday at 7pm. **Christ the King Singers** and **God's Messengers** will provide the music. We are trusting God for a good revival.

June 17th we will have our Father's day service. Donuts will be served at 9am, and morning service at 10am.

Our annual church picnic will be June 24th at Ohio Caverns. We are expecting a great turnout with lots of good food and a wonderful time of fellowship.

We have been having visitors in our services. We praise God for the interest they have in our church.

Paul Bogenrife, Pastor  
Helen Murray, Reporter

### FOREST VALLEY (LITTLE MIAMI)

Hello from Forest Valley FWB.

Rae Ann Jent, with Cedarville University Global Outreach went on a mission trip March 3-10th. She and the group helped the teacher with the children and grading papers, etc. They had a good time learned a lot.

**The Dumplin Valley Trio** sang for us March 4th. They sounded wonderful and we enjoyed them very much.

We had three fundraisers this year. January 28th we had one for Isaiah Milliner with leukemia. On Feb. 10th we had one for Justyce Rice who has a large tumor and on Feb. 17th we had one for Barrett Fitzsimmons with cancer. We are trying to help the families. We had corn-hole and chair volleyball tournaments and a pop up shop.

We have had six saved and six baptized so far this year, three adults and three children What a blessing to see what God is doing.

We are sad to report a long time friend and member of our church, Louisa Spradlin passed away March 12th at the age of 77. She was in and out of the hospital and rehab a lot and hadn't been able to attend church for several months. She will be missed.

The first week of June our pastor, his wife and family will celebrate their 10th anniversary with our church. This has been a wonderful 10 years. He is a great preacher. We are so fortunate God sent him to us.

Del Wallace, Pastor  
Jeannie Hauf, Reporter

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### News and Upcoming Events

**Women's Days...** If you missed our first OWAC Women's Day this year at Porter Free Will Baptist Church April 28th, don't worry there's another! Our next OWAC Women's Day will be held at the Rittman Community Free Will Baptist Church located at 354 North Main St. Rittman, OH 44270 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Our topics this year are *Fasting, Bible Journaling, Food in the Church* (feed them and they will come), *The Proverbs 31 Woman*, *Loving the difficult like God does* and *Responsibility to your Church Family*.

I am super excited about this year's topics!

**Mark your calendars...** Our state meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1pm at Heritage FWBC in Heritage Hall. Our speaker is Ohio home missionary **Missy McKenzie** with special singing by her daughter Rachel! Don't miss out on hearing what the McKenzie family is doing in Ashland.

**OWAC Annual Fall Retreat** will be held October 12-13, 2018 at the Berlin Grande in the heart of Amish country! Look for more letters to come to your churches in June with lots of information!

**Purse and Dessert Auction** will be held November 3, 2018 at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church. Stay tuned for more information on this.



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Greetings and happy spring! We trust everyone is enjoying our spring weather here in Ohio! Since our last report, we have been privileged to be with seven churches and have seen 40 altar decisions. Many of these were first time decisions!

We enjoyed being with Pastor **Russell Street** and the Woodstock FWB Church for their annual Spring Revival. We were in Indiana with the Liberty FWB Church where Rev. **Billy Fields** is the Pastor. We enjoyed these services and the wonderful fellowship with this sweet church. We enjoyed being with Pastor **Johnny Castle** and the Rittman FWB Church for their Family Day. This was a great service with a wonderful meal following the service.

We celebrated Easter Sunday with the Edison Church and this was a glorious time with five precious individuals receiving Christ in their lives and hearts! We were with the High Street FWB Church in Ada. Please pray for Pastor **James Webb**, at High Street, who is recovering from illness. We celebrated with Pastor **John** and **Carolyn Meade** on their 30th Anniversary of pastoring the Southwest FWB Church. This was a tremendous celebration with a revival leading up to the Sunday morning celebration! We were also with Pastor **John Beverly** and the Chapel Hill FWB Church. This was a great time where we were privileged to see so many dear friends we had not seen for awhile.

*Please continue to pray for us. I am presently undergoing testing for a proper diagnosis for some health issues I have been experiencing. We ask for your prayers.*

May God bless your churches and your ministry as we work for Him in winning the lost to Christ. **"America needs Revival!"**

**For Revivals, Conferences, Homecoming and other  
special services, please contact me at the above address.**





## State Meeting Program June 22-23, 2018

### Friday Morning

9:00 AM Prayer Session Meets  
9:30 AM Assoc. called into Official Session  
Introduction of the Moderator, Rev. Mark Price  
Welcome to Heritage FWB Church  
By Rev. Tim Stout, Pastor  
9:35 AM Moderator's Message  
9:50 AM Report of the General Board  
Seating of the Delegates  
Appointment of Committees  
\*Resolution  
\*Obituary  
\*Appreciation  
9:55 AM Welcome Visiting Brethren  
and Corresponding Messengers from other  
bodies by the Moderator  
10:00 AM Report of the State Mission Board  
10:25 AM Report of the Ohio Youth Conf.  
10:40 AM Report of the Board of Directors  
Report of the Promotional Secretary  
11:00 AM Worship in Giving  
Ministry in Songs: Mark Bailey  
11:15 AM Message: Rev. Wendell Combs  
Pastor of the New Hope FWB Church  
"God is Leading You"  
Noon Adjourn for Lunch

7:25 PM Ministry in Songs: Rev. Jim McComas  
7:40 PM Message: Rev. Jim McComas  
Director of Church Revitalization  
"God is Fighting For You"  
Adjourn

### Saturday Morning

9:00 AM Prayer Session Meets  
9:30 AM Devotion: Rev. Bert Alsept  
9:45 AM Miscellaneous Reports  
10:00 AM Report from the Committees  
\*Resolution  
\*Obituary  
\*Appreciation  
\*Registration  
10:35 AM Reading of the State Letter  
10:40 AM Nominating Committee Report  
Election of Officers  
Appointment of Prayer & Registration  
Committee Chairpersons &  
Nominating Committee for 2019  
11:00 AM Worship in Giving  
Ministry in Songs: Zach Conkel  
Pastor of the Union FWB  
11:15 AM Message: Rev. Robert Prichard  
Pastor of the Cleveland FWB Church  
"God is Protecting You"  
Noon Adjourn

### Attention:

All nominations for the  
Nomination Committee MUST be  
submitted  
by 1:00 PM Friday June 22nd.

ALL submissions to the Resolution,  
Appreciation, or Obituary  
Committees MUST be submitted  
by 7:00 pm Friday, June 22nd

### Friday Afternoon

1:15 PM Devotion: Rev. Jerry Newman  
1:30 PM Report of the OWAC  
1:35 PM Report of the WNAC  
1:40 PM Miscellaneous Business  
2017 National Convention Report  
Appointment of Delegates to National  
Association of FWB  
1:55 PM Report of the Natl Executive Dept.  
2:00 PM Report of Randall House Publications  
2:05 PM Report of Welch College  
2:10 PM Report of International Missions  
2:25 PM Report of North American Ministries  
2:30 PM Report of the FWB Foundation  
2:35 PM Report of the Board of Retirement  
2:40 PM Miscellaneous Reports  
4:00 PM Adjourn

### Friday Evening

6:30 PM Prayer Session Meets  
7:00 PM Youth Worship in Heritage Hall  
7:00 PM Adult Worship  
Presiding: Rev. Tom Dooley  
7:15 PM Worship in Giving

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June 15th

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**HILLSBORO (CORNERSTONE)**

Hello from the Hillsboro FWB Church.

We hope all is going well with you. As the flowers are starting to bloom and God's beauty is starting to show us yet once again what an amazing God He is we are so thankful. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

Since last letter we have enjoyed some great singing groups **Summit Trace** was one, a father, two sons and a friend. They were a wonderful group that knew what they were singing about. Then in April we had a group called **The Crownsmen Quartet**. They have been singing about **Jesus** for 51 years with two of the original singers still at it. They were a wonderful group that knew what they were singing about also.

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday service.

Our youth group had their last month of skating until next year.

We hosted the Cornerstone Conference April 28th and it was enjoyed by all.

We had our Mother's Day dinner May 5th. We had a good time, Sister **Terry Dutton** was our special speaker.

God is still working with people and we are enjoying His blessing on our church. You pray for us as we will pray for you, God bless!

Until they all hear.

Richard Burns, Pastor  
Vicki Johnson White, Reporter

**CLEVELAND (CUYAHOGA LORAIN)**

*"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."* Col. 3:17

It saddens us to announce that another loved one has left us, and went home to be with the Lord. Brother Louie Carver, husband of Sister Charlene Carver and brother-in-law to Pastor and Mrs. Prichard, passed away April 1st. He was a long-standing member of our congregation and will be missed greatly. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

On April 8th, Brother Robert Glaw, and on April 22nd Sister Sandy Glaw, rededicated their lives to the Lord. On April 22nd, Aiden Simmons, gave his life to the Lord and is scheduled for baptism on May 13th during our Sunday morning worship service. Please keep all three in your prayers that they will continue to do God's will.

Please continue to pray for our pastor and Sis Lona, as well as our congregation.

Robert L. Prichard, Pastor  
Kimberly R. Young, Reporter

**OAK HILL (JACKSON)**

Greetings. We began Easter morning with a sunrise service. Bro. **Steven Blagg** preached then we enjoyed coffee and donuts out in the fellowship building. We had a good crowd at Sunday School. Bro. **Allen Simpson** taught the Sunday School lesson and Bro. **Danny Boggs** preached. Everyone received a treat after Sunday School. On Sunday night our pastor, Bro. **Allen Simpson** preached from Acts 20: 25-28 on *"God's Menu."*

We were honored to host the Jackson Conference April 27-28th. Bro. **Allen Simpson** preached on Friday night. He preached from I John 2:18-20. His topic was on the *"Unction"*. He explored the question "What spirit are you of?" On Saturday morning Bro. **Shawn Beauchamp** preached. His topic was from Acts 7:54-56, *"When Jesus Stands."*

We had several visiting preachers recently. Bro. **Robert Legg** on March 31st. He preached from Luke 15:11-20, *"The Kiss of the Father."* Bro. **George Cade** preached on April 15th and preached on *"Belief"* from Mark 9:23-24. Bro. **Nick Hunter** preached on April 28th from Acts

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2:36-37 on *"Revival Time Instead of Survival Time."*

We are thankful for our visitors. We love each one. Until next time, may God bless you.

Allen Simpson, Pastor  
Sandy Clark, Reporter

**HAMILTON GLADES (PORTER)**

What would I do without **Jesus**? That was the title of a sermon preached by our pastor in April. Think about that. What would I do without Jesus? What would YOU do without **Jesus**? I'm so thankful for his presence in my life.

We had communion and footwashing the Wednesday before Easter. It was a wonderful service with sweet fellowship.

We had a beautiful resurrection morning Easter service. We had a crowd of over 100, many unsaved. The word went out and we're trusting in Isaiah 55:11 that His word will not return void.

In early April we held a cottage prayer meeting at the home of a dear sister, Barb Johnson. She has been unable to attend church for some time and it was so good to worship with her. On the

morning of April 29th we enjoyed having Gideon speaker **Bill Logan** with us; sharing his message of the work that the Gideons do.

Our kids have done very well in Bible quizzing and sword drills and have earned a place in the Olympic Youth Rally that will be held at Northwest High School on May 11th. Summer and VBS is right around the corner.

Until next time, blessings from the little white church in the cornfield.

Jim Dummitt, Pastor  
Jenny Dummitt, Reporter

**WELLINGTON (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)**

Greetings from Wellington FWB. I want to thank God for all He has done and is going to do. We saw one saved and they are planning to be baptized soon.

We are starting a youth group. We are having the kick off on June 24th from 4-6pm. There will be inflatables, games and food. Please join us in the fun and festivities. Then every Wednesday evening Mark and Becky Casto will be teaching all the kids about our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. They are really gifted and

have a true love for kids and want to see them saved and help them grow in the Lord and how to live in today's world. So bring your children to youth group and you can stay and go through **"The Purpose Driven Life"** by Rick Warren with the adults.

We ask for your prayers to see our church grow and see souls saved. That's our objective. Love in Christ.

Willie Bias, Interim Pastor  
Marilyn Thompson, Reporter

**PLEASANT HILL (CENTRAL OHIO)**

Greetings from Pleasant Hill FWB Church.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."* Philippians 4:4

We have been rejoicing this quarter because our Savior has risen and is alive forever more! Again our church has been very busy. In March we had a soup dinner as a fundraiser for youth for camp. We also had a talent show for our church members. A great time was had by all! We had communion and footwashing service March 30th. What a blessed time we had.

April 1st we had Sunrise service, breakfast, church and an Easter egg hunt. Rev. **Tony Blackburn** preached and witnessed his niece get saved. Praise the Lord!

The youth had a bake sale for camp and cookoff with Pastor Franklin, George Likens and Ruthie Likens to support for camp. The pastor won with his home-made pizza.

The first Friday in April in downtown Delaware we handed out tracts and information about our church.

We had our spring banquet in April for the ladies of our church and guests.

We have had two saved and one baptized. Our services have been spirit-filled with awesome praises for our Lord.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to serve the Lord.

Robert Franklin, Pastor  
Marjorie Abrams, Reporter



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# Thought for the Month

***“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.” II Corinthians 5:20***

## COMMUNITY (CENTRAL OHIO)

It is hard to believe it is time for school to be out, with vacations, weddings, graduations and many other activities for the summer just ahead. But it is still just spring and we have a few memorable services to share about.

Our Easter service is always a wonderful time. This year was no different. We had great singing and Bro. Jerry’s preaching was a challenge to our hearts. The message was entitled *“O Grave Where Is Thy Victory”*. The scripture text was in Job 24:13 and I Cor. 15:12-26 and verse 55. We had a sweet service. The children seemed to enjoy their egg hunt and time of fellowship.

On April 15th Bro. **Edwin Hayes** and his lovely wife **Linda** came for the morning worship. Bro. Edwin was our guest speaker. He took his text from Joshua 1:1-10. He preached on the subject of **“The Secret of Success”**. He gave us Five keys for Divine Success. Even Bro. Jerry said, “It was a great message”. It was a special service!

We have had the groundbreaking on our new shelter house for the church. We are looking forward to using it very soon. Thanks to all the volunteers for their time and talent. We could not have done it without you.

On May 5th the Central Ohio Conference was at the Marysville FWB Church.

In June at the State Meeting Bro. Jerry will be bringing the devotion on Friday, June 22nd. We are looking forward to hearing what God has for our pastor to share.

Our VBS will be at the end of June this year. It should be a great time for all involved. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Meeting. God bless.

Jerry Newman, Pastor  
Angela Friend, Reporter

## TROY (LITTLE MIAMI)

“The crown of thorns has become a crown of Life.” D.B.

Hello and blessings from Troy FWB Church. Starting with some good news, we welcomed Cheryl L as a new member on March 11th. Bro. **Larry Fickenwirth** and his wife Mary gave a presentation on the Gideons Ministry followed by a love offering. Their work is very insightful.

We were graced with the singing group **Enabling Grace** on March 18th. It was up lifting and spiritual.

On March 18th we had our communion and footwashing service. This event gets larger every year.

The fundraising breakfast buffet, on April 28th was led by Mary Kay and her team. It was a success!

May 19th Pastor Stump and his team will be hosting the next building fundraiser by grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and all the “fixins”.

**The Turner Family** will be singing in our morning worship service on May 20th. All are welcome.

Congratulations go out to Bri M. and Charli R. Both girls won at the state competition with their art work. They are now headed to Little Rock, Arkansas for the National Youth Convention in July. We wish you the best girls!

We have had a big round of sickness, surgeries and just ill health in general. Please remember

us in your prayers.

As always, Troy FWB keeps you in our hearts and prayers.

Till next time, God bless.

Dwight Stump, Pastor  
Shirley Vogler, Reporter

## BUCYRUS (NORTHERN OHIO)

Greetings from the Bucyrus FWB Church family. Our church has been enjoying the sweet services we have had the last couple of months. People using the altar for healing, strength, courage for the battle, and salvation. God is so good. No, God is great!

We are thankful for all our ministers and visiting ministers; **Ferley Yates, Kevin McCoy, Randy Nichols and Corey Carroll**. A special thanks to our Pastor **Lyle Arnett** and assistant, **Justin Feight**.

We had a wonderful Family and Friends Day in April. Bro. **Randy Nichols** preached for us and the **Living Miracles** sang. The most important thing is that one precious soul gave his heart to **Jesus**.

We have a revival scheduled for May 9-12th. Services start at 7pm. Bro. **Corey Carroll** will be preaching. We will have special singers nightly at 1676 Hopley Avenue Bucyrus.

Bro. **Paul Parsons** who is a member of Dean Road FWB went to be with **Jesus**. He was also the brother of our deacon Larry Parsons and his sister whom both attend our church.

We are saddened to announce also the passing of our dear brother, pastor and friend, Bro. **Lewis Copley** on April 30th.

Until next time, keep us all in your prayers.

Lyle Arnett, Pastor  
Phyllis Morgan, Reporter

## STONEY RUN (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Stoney Run FWB church in West Portsmouth, Ohio. We ask everyone to remember Pastor Crad Frye, with healing prayers. We would like to publicly thank all those who have helped out in his time of need.

In fact, we have enjoyed hearing the wonderful sermons and awe-inspiring messages from **Bud Medford, Jim Pertuset, Chase Holbrook, Alex Bloomfield, Roger Clark and Cody Holsinger**. Not only did we receive a great sermon, Cody Holsinger blessed us with an amazing and spiritual vocal performance.

In the past two months, we have had several blessings. Our church had another successful yard sale to raise money for our food pantry. Also our attendance doubled on Sunday Easter service, we were happy to have several new comers. That evening, we were blessed to take part in communion with a candlelight service.

Our activity director brought our church family together again with a combination Easter egg hunt, trivia, and Bible Pictionary night. It was a wild and wonderful night of laughter and spiritual bonding. We also discovered we have several Picasso’s serving at our church; it was definitely a sight to behold, just kidding! We are looking forward to more church family fun nights.

This summer, our youth director has planned a Columbus Zoo trip for the members of the congregation. We are also hosting VBS June 11th-

15th, all are welcome.

*“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.” Luke 6:27-28*

Crad Frye, Pastor  
Erin Cox, Reporter

## FIRST CHILLICOTHE (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Hello again from First FWB Church. Summer is upon us and we are looking forward to it.

Last time I reported that we were collecting money for a program we support called Elizabeth’s Hope. Our church was given the challenge of meeting a goal of \$1,200.00. I am proud to report that our church not only met that goal but succeeded it by bringing in \$1,800.00+ for Elizabeth’s Hope. We were all excited and proud to be able to raise more than what was anticipated. Thank you to all that supported this cause.

Our church has started back our monthly contemporary service. It is held on the third Saturday of every month. We play contemporary music and then have a special speaker. Come out and enjoy this special service with us.

On the fifth Sunday in April we had our gospel music service. **The Salyer Family** came together and sang several songs for our church. They are beautiful singers and our church appreciates them singing for us. Afterwards the church brought their lunches and fellowshiped together. We are thankful for these special services.

Our church is in the planning stages of the summer activities we will have for our children. Tune in next time for details.

Please remember all those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country not only on Memorial Day but everyday.

God bless.

Mitch Salyers, Pastor  
Shana McGoye, Reporter

## LIGHTHOUSE (TRI-STATE)

Greetings to all my fellow Free Will Baptists, it is a pleasure to write this report and we are praising God as always.

We have grieved and prayed for several of our church family that have lost loved ones in the past few months, please remember them in your prayers.

We had a birthday dinner for Bro. Bobby in March, the ladies did a great job preparing a wonderful dinner.



Some of our members met Bro. Bobby and Sister Susan at Butler State Park for dinner. We go there at least once a year, they have great food at the lodge there, and if we ask they fix blackberry cobbler which everyone likes.

Our new electric sign has been installed at the

church. The men did a great job installing it.  
Bobby Courtney, Pastor  
Nancy Reiber, Reporter

## NORTHRIDGE

Blessings from Northridge FWB Church!

As we see how spring brings forth new life, with flowers blooming, grass growing, and the leaves appearing on the trees, we are reminded of, and so thankful for, the new life we have in Christ!

We just finished our spring revival and had several souls saved. Several of our members had a prayer walk and went door-to-door inviting people to the revival throughout the neighborhood.

We had a soup dinner and dessert auction on May 5th, to raise money for seven of our ministers going to Colombia in October for a mission trip. We had several people recently return from a mission trip to Haiti and a mission trip to Japan.

Our VBS takes place the week of June 4th and everyone is getting excited and getting their lesson plans and craft ideas together. Several workers have been getting the camp ready for the campers this summer, and the camp leaders and campers are anxious to go to camp for another wonderful camp season.

Please pray for Carl and Teresa Poynter, who will be returning to Haiti this month for approximately one year.

*“A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you . . .” Ezekiel 36:26*

Tune in to our weekly radio ministry on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (Station WGNZ 1110 AM and 104.3 FM)

Please join us in service on our church web page –[www.northridgefwbc.org](http://www.northridgefwbc.org) and click on live streaming

In His service.

Tim Hamilton, Pastor  
Corky Coomes, Reporter

## WAKEFIELD (PORTER)

Greetings to our sister churches. We all survived a rough winter and strange spring; but now ready to enjoy some pretty weather, green- ing of trees and lovely flowers. Truly God has made everything beautiful.

We’ve had a lot of illness in the church. Our pastor’s wife Disa has been having blood pressure and heart rate problems. She had a loop monitor inserted in her chest with hopes that it will help. Bro. Benny Howard had stents put in and was in the hospital a few days after having chest pressure. Sister Mary Blevins had eye surgery and still not good vision; she mentioned a slight improvement but could still use prayers. Easter Sunday morning we enjoyed our sacrament service and sunrise service and rejoiced for the risen Savior.

Bro. Lowell and Disa celebrated their 56th anniversary in April which is a real milestone in these days and times.

We enjoyed having Bro. **Henry Ward** and his wife, Mary and some other folks from Straight Creek Church visit us one evening. Though he didn’t come to preach, Bro. Henry did some good preaching when he got up to testify.

Our ladies auxiliary have their spring rummage sale planned for the first Friday and Saturday in May to help gain funds for the Children’s Home and other benevolent works and ministries. It was gratifying to see the red line come up on the WMO chart as donations came in and exceeded our goal.

God bless from the little church by the side of the road.

Lowell King, Pastor  
Barb Conley, Reporter





## Outlaws Resign From Mission

The Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions voted to accept the resignation of **David and Angie Outlaw** from missionary service March 12, 2018. The Outlaws submitted an official letter of resignation to Free Will Baptist International Missions, explaining, "David desires to resume a constant pulpit ministry that involves the continual exposition of Scripture and leadership in a local church. The One who sovereignly led us from the pastorate to the foot of the Tien Shan Mountains now leads us toward our next task...Though we do not yet have a church to pastor, we are issuing a 90-day notice to resign our positions at FWBIM effective March 1."



Appointed to missionary service in April 2006, David and Angie served five years sharing the gospel and teaching national leaders in Central Asia. Angie taught English courses, led outreach events, and served alongside IM partners at a humanitarian aid organization. David worked to equip national believers and church leaders, teaching the necessary theology and leadership principles to build generations of Central Asian Christians.

As visas became increasingly difficult to obtain and living in Central Asia was no longer feasible, David and Angie transitioned to traveling to Central Asia several times a year while expanding their teaching and training ministry to Russia, Panama, Cuba, and South Korea. With Nashville as their home base, David and Angie also worked over the last several years with North American churches to raise awareness for missions and a passion for the lost through conferences, events, and services.

"David and Angie are gifted people who played an amazingly strategic role in opening ministry possibilities for IM in Central Asia. I know their passion for souls will drive them wherever God leads them. They have served honorably over the last 12 years and leave with our blessings and prayers," stated General Director **Clint Morgan**.

Director of Field Personnel **Curt Holland** agreed, saying, "David and Angie are a talented couple, passionate about the advancement of the Kingdom."

David and Angie explained, "Our plan is to continue training pastors in Central Asia with IM (taking about four weeks throughout the year, probably two trips), as a church will allow. As a result, we ask our supporters to continue giving to our account through May. Since our love and relationship with Central Asia will continue, we also encourage our supporters to continue supporting the partnership in Central Asia or designate that money to the WMO."

## IM Board Meets in Annual Session

The Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions met in its annual session April 16-17, 2018, in Antioch, Tennessee. During the two-day meeting, the board received reports and acted on proposals from the administrative staff.

"It is a privilege to work with a staff and board that invites and participates in open, respectful discussions about Kingdom work," reflected General Director **Clint Morgan**. "This board meeting exemplified this type of exchange of ideas. Our collective commitment to honoring God guided us in the meeting and in the actions following the decisions made."

**Matt and Courtney Lindsey** received a partnership blessing to serve through RCE (Resourcing Christian Education). The Oklahoma couple will serve at the Christian Academy of Japan in Tokyo, Japan. Both Matt and Courtney participated in E-TEAM as students. Matt obtained his B.S. degree in biology with teaching certification from East Central University in 2011. Courtney graduated from Randall University in 2014 with a B.A. The Lindseys, who also served as E-TEAM leaders for five years (2012-2016), welcomed their first child Ethan to the family in November 2017.



An unmodified approval of the audit was received from Blankenship CPA Group. The board approved a \$7.0 million framework budget for 2019 to be presented at the July 2018 convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Little Rock, Arkansas. This number increases the budget slightly from the \$6.9 million budget approved for 2017 by 2016 NAFWB delegates. The operational budget for 2018 will be approved at the December 2017 board meeting.

"Free Will Baptist 'foreign missions' has never been afraid of a missiological challenge. Our intriguing, ambitious discussions and strategies for evangelizing the NONs and various unreached people groups around the world reconfirmed that reality during this meeting," summarized Board Chairman **Jeff Manning**.



Dear Friends in Christ,

*Considering ..... that every year, thousands of families are involved in the tragedy of abuse and neglect, breaking apart the very essence of family, leaving in its path heartache and misery;*

*Considering.....that the majority of the victims of a broken family are the CHILDREN, what would you invest to stop the hurt of those children, ending the hollow emptiness they feel in their heart?*

*Considering.....that Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is here to protect families, children and their futures, what would you give to secure the success of help for hurting families?*

*Considering.....that you will search your heart in responding to our ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING, please accept our sincere gratitude for your prayerful consideration of this special appeal. Through our Tennessee and Arkansas foster care ministries, we are meeting the daily needs of nearly 135 youth. Your gifts help ensure that each child in our care has everything that your mother would want for you; warmth, security and a healthy family environment.*

In Christ,  
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Board members in attendance were: **Janice Banks** (TX), **Will Harmon** (AR), **Nelson Henderson** (AR), **Cameron Lane** (AR), Chairman **Jeff Manning** (NC), **Robert Posner** (TX), Secretary **Mark Price** (OH), and **Rodney Yerby** (AL). Vice-chairman **Jeff Nichols** (TN) was unable to attend.

## Newest book by Dr. Roy W. Harris

What is the greatest gift one can give to his children and grandchildren? Is it money, gold, silver, houses, land or a large material inheritance? What legacy can one leave that will help them find the keys to happiness, success and contentment?

Conveying Biblical principles and lessons learned from decades of living is more valuable than material possessions. I believe the greatest legacy one can leave to others is proven keys to happiness, success and contentment that have stood the test of time..

This book is filled with funny stories, serious stories, life lessons, Biblical truths, moral principles, practical suggestions, advice on personal life, family life, spiritual life, professional life and how to handle finances.

Here are a few chapter titles. *Don't Run From Your Problems, Never Say Never, Be Honest, You Aren't Entitled to Anything, Its Never Right To Do The Wrong Thing, Always Do The Right Thing, Be Kind To Others, Take Responsibility For Your Actions, Forgive And Try To Forget, Life Isn't Fair, Criticism – Who Needs It, Know Christ, You Are Special, Learn The Scriptures, Pray, Understand Your Ego, Be Grateful, Don't Use Curse Words, Right or Wrong - How Do I Know For Sure? Don't Live Together Outside of Marriage, Keep Your Word, Strive For Excellence, 10/10/80 – Handle Your Money Well, and You Should Tithe.*

This book is a great resource for parents, grandparents, youth leaders, youth groups, pastors, and small groups. It is an easy read that will be enjoyed by anyone. **Order your copy for \$13.00 plus shipping on Amazon.com or purchase an author's copy from Roy. Email him at [roy@royharris.info](mailto:roy@royharris.info) or call him 615-351-1425.**



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## Hospital Update



**Ish Skaggs** from the Wonderland Community Church was in Mount Carmel East Hospital April 3-5th with breathing problems. His son, Gene attends Heritage FWB Church.

High Street Pastor **James Webb** is home recovering from a stroke he had in March.

**Linda Blankenship**, wife of Antioch Community Pastor Jim Blankenship was in Riverside Hospital March 18th. She has gullain-barre syndrome that attacks the nervous system. She was scheduled for a rehabilitation center.

Antioch Community **Jim Blankenship** has a heart blockage and is in need of prayer.

Rev. **Adam McCarty** from the First Springfield Church had surgery April 6th and April 7th.

**Thelma Huff**, wife of Rev. Elmer Huff (who recently passed away) took a fall and broke her arm in April.

Former McGuffey FWB Pastor **David Trusty** underwent hip replacement surgery on April 12th. He is now home recovering.

**Sara Collins**, a member of the Lighthouse Church had surgery April 12th.

**Pat Daniel**, wife of former Neville Pastor Roger Daniel, went back to the Cleveland Clinic ICU on April 17th suffering with pneumonia.

Rev. **Jim England** from the Westerville FWB Church was in Doctors West Hospital in Columbus with pneumonia.

**Candy Evans**, wife of Dr. Calvin Ray Evans of Evangelistic Outreach took a fall and was in Grant Hospital.

**Betty Stout**, a member of the Cornerstone FWB Church and mother to Heritage Pastor Tim Stout was admitted to Grant Hospital April 22nd.

**Janice Beverly**, a member of Hillview Church and mother to Chapel Hill Pastor John Beverly went to the emergency room in April with a blood clot. She is now home.

Stoney Run FWB Pastor **Craddock Frye** has been sick and in need of prayer.

**Barb Shaw** from the Fairview Church has been improving with new medicine.

**Harold Shaw Sr.**, father of our men's retreat nurse Dick Shaw from the Fairview Church has been released from the hospital after suffering with pneumonia.

### FAITH (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Greetings from Faith FWB Church!

The sun is shining and the warmer weather has finally arrived!

We had a wonderful Easter. We started the day with a sunrise service with Rev. **John Dunn** preaching. Thank you to Action for Christ for performing for both the sunrise service and the morning worship service. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast. A special thank you to Steve and Hannah Goss for all your efforts in making our breakfast such a success. Pastor Tony brought an uplifting message during the worship service.

We had a hymn sing April 28th in the afternoon with special singing from **The Allen Family, The Family of God**, and Sister **Sue King**. After the hymn sing, we enjoyed fellowship while also enjoying some ice cream.

The Ladies of Faith are in the process of planning the mother/daughter banquet. The theme this year is *Journey to the Cross*. We pray for good attendance and that not only will we share a good meal, but will share the gospel as well.

We lost a special church member recently. Sister Ruby Vance went home to be with our Lord April 25th. Sister Ruby was one of the first members of Faith FWB Church. She taught SS for about 40 years. Teaching the children brought her such joy. She also looked forward to VBS every year. Ruby helped wherever she could. She used to come in early every Saturday morning and cook breakfast for all the bus workers before they would go out on visitation. Every year on Veterans Day, she would make a special display for the members of the church to put up pictures of their loved ones in the military. Ruby enjoyed being involved with the Ladies of Faith group as well. We will miss her but we know she is happy with our Lord. We are thankful for God's blessings on our church and in our lives. We ask His blessings on all of you.

In His service.

Tony Vanover, Pastor  
Teresa Gibson, Reporter

### PORTER (PORTER)

What a beautiful Spring we are beginning to have at Porter! We began March by hosting the Porter Association GoGlobal Missions Conference. We had missionaries from France, Japan and restricted access countries. We had **Nathan Snow**, missionary to Japan, with us for Sunday School and morning worship the next day. He gave us an awareness of how few know God on the island of Japan, and he showed us the great work that his family had been doing to change that. It is our prayer that the Snow family is able to secure the funding that they need to continue nurturing the relationships that they have been building over the years in Japan.

We began our celebration of Easter on Thursday with a feetwashing and communion service. As always it is a humbling service and a time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. Sunday began with our Sunrise service and was followed by a great crowd on Easter morning service.

We began our annual men verses women contest for the World Mission Offering. We have a great deal of fun are able to raise money to reach those that may never hear the Word of God otherwise.

Rolling River Rampage as our VBS theme this year. VBS will take place June 25-29th. We are all very excited for the opportunity to minister to the children during this week. Please encourage any families looking for a VBS program to come visit Porter!

Mark Price, Pastor  
Tehra Clevenger, Reporter

### WOODSTOCK (CENTRAL OHIO)

Greetings from Woodstock FWB Church!

We are so happy that the weather has finally started to be nice again. God has given us pretty flowers and bright sunshine. We thank God for all his blessings on us.

We have had several people with health issues lately. Please remember Sister **Marsha Moore**, Rev. **Bill Moore's** wife in prayer. She has been very ill for several weeks along with Sister

Mary James, our piano player.

Sister **Fredia Street** was able to be with us recently. She is improving but still not completely well yet.

We will be having homecoming on June 10th at 10:30 with Rev. **Tommy Murphy** preaching and **Undivided** singing.

It is with sadness we must report that our pastor has announced his intentions to resign. Due to his wife's illness, he finds it necessary. His last Sunday will be May 13th. Please continue to pray for Pastor Russell, Sister Fredia and our church.

Russell Street, Pastor  
Virginia Jones, Reporter

### FIRST DAYTON (LITTLE MIAMI)

First Dayton rang in the 2018 New Year with new faces. The congregation wonderfully greets the new visitors and shows forth the love of **Jesus**.

We started the New Year by singing "Start the Year with Jesus." Pastor Long's sister, **Juanita Russell**, was our special singer Jan. 14th and blessed us by singing *I Claim the Blood* and *The Love of God*. We are also blessed to have the singing talent in our church of Sister **Lisa Garland** and Bro. **Charlie Brewster** who sung for us Jan. 7th and 28th while Sisters Angela and Lisa Creech sung for us Jan. 21st and Feb. 4th. You can hear all of them and Pastor Long's sermons on the churches FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/FirstDaytonFreeWillBaptistChurch/](http://www.facebook.com/FirstDaytonFreeWillBaptistChurch/).

Bro. **Dan Williams** preached Feb. 4th and did a great job sermonizing Revelation 5, *The Characteristics of God...Holy, Holy, Holy!*

We continue to pray and ask God to bless our church and sister churches. In December-January we collected bed and bath supplies (linens, pillows, bathroom necessities, toiletries, etc.) and diapers of all sizes for the FWB Family Ministries. Again the outpouring of donations was nothing less than awesome!

February 18th we honored our congregation with a chocolate rose bud and a card that said "Jesus Loves YOU!" What a blessing to see the smiles!

Don't forget, Pastor Long hosts a weekly radio program called "Sunday Mornings with Jesus" on WGNZ 104.3 FM and 1110 AM, 8:00-8:30 a.m. with some gospel music and preaching.

Mark Long, Pastor  
Regina Long, Reporter

### HERITAGE (CAPITAL CITY)

Hello from Heritage!

April 22nd was our annual Homecoming Service. It was a wonderful service. What a wonderful day of remembering the past and looking forward to what God has planned for the future! It was an honor to have Rev. **Bill Hayes**, pastor of Hillview, as our guest speaker.

We had a great time at our Mother's Day luncheon on Saturday, May 5th.

Dr. **Terry Toler** and **The Guardians** will be with us on Sunday, May 6th at 6:00pm.

Our youth will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, May 19th. There will be lots of "treasures" that you will want to stop and check out. Our youth will be using the profits to go to camp this summer.

Check out our website at [www.heritagefwb.com](http://www.heritagefwb.com). If you are unable to attend your church on a Sunday, we invite you to join us for Sunday school (9:30am) and church (10:30am) via live stream.

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**Welch College Named One of America's Best Christian Workplaces**

Welch College received notification that it has been certified as a 2018 Best Christian Workplace in the United States, according to Dr. **Kevin Hester**, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. This is the fourth time the college has participated in the BCW survey. The survey has been conducted for the past twelve years by the Best Christian Workplaces Institute (BCWI)—anonymously surveying over 100,000 employees to date.

"This is the most widely used assessment instrument for gauging the health of workplace culture," Hester said. "Welch regularly uses it as one of several means whereby we judge the health of the overall organization and constantly strive for improvement. We're excited to learn that once again our results have qualified us as a Best Christian Workplace. The survey results indicate that not only is Welch College a great place to study and learn, but it has a flourishing culture and engaged staff committed to our mission of educating leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world. I love going to work at Welch College, and I am grateful to have such a Christ-like, committed group of fellow believers as coworkers."

To be certified as a Best Christian Workplace, organizations must complete the BCWI employee engagement survey and meet predetermined standards of excellence. The survey covers such issues as job satisfaction, organizational commitment, Christian witness, supervisory effectiveness, work satisfaction, personal growth and development, management effectiveness, supporter satisfaction, teamwork, communications, and pay and benefits.

The top five most favorable responses from Welch employees, in comparison to other Certified Best Christian Workplaces, were:

- Over the past year, Welch College has met its goals.
- Welch College retains highly capable staff/employees.
- I would prefer to remain with Welch College even if a comparable role at a higher pay level were available in another organization.
- Welch College has an effective strategy for meeting the needs of those we serve.
- There is a high level of trust between leaders and staff/employees at Welch College.

The anonymous survey of full-time employees at Welch College had a 97% response rate. The survey posed 60 questions to employees, grouped under nine major areas: *Fantastic Teams, Life-Giving Work, Outstanding Talent, Uplifting Growth, Rewarding Compensation, Inspirational Leadership, Sustainable Strategy, Healthy Communication, and Engagement Overall*. Welch scored above the average of Certified Best Christian Workplaces in all nine areas.

Welch Provost Dr. **Matthew McAfee** said, "One of the top marks of effective organizations is that a lot of people want to work there, and when they come to work there, they don't want to leave. We're grateful we have this at Welch, and it's gratifying to see it evidenced in this national survey."

The top eleven questions employees rated Welch highest on, and which received a rating of greater than 4.6 on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being "strongly agree," were:

- In my area we work effectively as a team.
- I am very satisfied with the opportunities I have to use my spiritual gifts in my role.
- The mission and goals at Welch College make me feel my work is important.
- My supervisor cares about me as a person.
- My supervisor helps me to solve work-related problems.
- Leaders at Welch College exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Leaders at Welch College demonstrate compassion for people at all levels.
- Leaders at Welch College keep a focus on putting Christ first in daily decision-making.
- Welch College reflects Christ to the world.
- I would recommend that my family/friends use or support the programs/services of Welch College.
- I am motivated to put in extra effort beyond what is expected to help Welch College succeed.

BCWI is a research-based organization and human resources consulting firm based in Mercer Island, Washington. Its purpose is to serve faith-based organizations by creating processes of dis-

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**Craig Mahler Named Business Officer of the Year**

The Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges (ABACC) recognized Welch College Vice President for Financial Affairs **Craig Mahler** as the 2018 H. G. Faulkner Distinguished Business Officer of the Year, according to President **Matt Pinson**. ABACC, a professional society of 183 Christian colleges in the United States and Canada, recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of Christian Higher Education business and financial management. Mahler was presented the award February 15 during ABACC's annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

"It is clear from Craig's staff's nomination of him for this award that he goes above and beyond his job description to serve his institution and that his colleagues hold him in great respect," said **Bruce Hoeker**, Executive Director of ABACC.

Mahler was named Vice President for Financial Affairs at Welch College in January 2012. He previously served six years as the college's comptroller (2006-2012). Mahler oversees the Business Office, Financial Aid Office, and Plant Operations.

In addition to his duties as chief financial officer, Mahler has been an essential part of the campus relocation effort, serving on the Transition Planning Committee and Relocation Task Force. Mahler was crucial in executing the campus transition from Nashville to Gallatin, volunteering significant time after hours. The Welch Student Body recognized Mahler as the 2017 recipient of the **Bert and Dianne Tippet Award** in honor of his diligent work.

Pinson stated, "We could not have faced the challenges of relocation without Craig Mahler's integrity, work ethic, and expertise. He is wholeheartedly committed to the ministry of Welch College, and we are so proud of him for receiving this singular honor."

Mahler graduated with honors from Tennessee Technological University, receiving a B.S. in business administration in 2004, and he received his Master of Business Administration from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2016. Mahler spent several years in TTU's Internal Audit Division while a student at the university and was involved in specialized management training at DeKalb Community Bank, now Wilson Bank & Trust, in Smithville, Tennessee.

Craig and his wife Sabrina have two daughters, Lily and Madeline. They live in Carthage, TN.

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## Welch College and HomeLife Academy Complete Dual Enrollment Agreement

Welch College and HomeLife Academy have completed a dual enrollment agreement that will speed the admissions process for HLA students who want to enroll at Welch for college credit under the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant program, according to Dr. **Greg Kettelman**, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Welch.

The Dual Enrollment Grant, funded through the state's Tennessee Promise initiative, makes it possible for Tennessee HLA students to take up to twelve hours of college credit while completing their junior and senior years of high school. "Tennessee's Dual Enrollment Grant, combined with Welch College's special tuition rate for DE students, makes it possible for HLA students to take the first six hours at no out-of-pocket cost and the next six hours at very low cost," Kettelman said.

HomeLife Academy's Director of Academics and Counseling, Mrs. Lynn Knowlton, said, "We are pleased to partner with Welch College to make it easier for HLA students to earn college credit at a Christian college."

Welch College is a four-year, residential college in Gallatin, Tennessee, that offers over 40 majors. The college is accredited regionally by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is ranked among top regional colleges by *US News and World Report*. That same publication also ranked Welch College among the top-ten best higher educational values in the state of Tennessee.

HomeLife Academy is a non-traditional K-12 private "umbrella" school and ministry that has served thousands of homeschoolers over the last fifteen years. The vision and mission of HomeLife Academy, a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, is, "We believe that God gives every child unique and wonderful gifts to use for His glory and honor. Our mission is to inspire and equip parents to help develop those gifts."

For more information contact **Kayla Newland** at [knewland@welch.edu](mailto:knewland@welch.edu) or 615-675-5343.

## Houske and Talbot to Serve as Welch Resident Directors

Welch College has named **Russell Houske** as Men's Resident Director at Welch College and **Rebekah Talbot** as Women's Resident Director, according to **Jon Forlines**, Vice President for Student Services.

"We are pleased to announce that Mr. Houske and Mrs. Talbot will be serving in these roles," Forlines said. "We believe they will continue the excellent job done by **Anna McAfee**, who served as women's resident director for eight years, and **Mike Edwards**, who served as men's resident director for seven years, as well as five years in the 1990s."

Talbot, a 2012 Welch music education graduate, served as a music teacher in North Carolina public schools before returning to Welch as academic office manager for two years. She has served as a homemaker and photographer since 2016. She and her husband, Chris, who serves as campus pastor and teaches youth and family ministry at Welch, have two sons: William (age 2) and James Elliott (eight months).

Houske recently joined the Welch staff as Facilities Services Manager, after serving as a bi-vocational youth pastor, pastor, and paramedic. He recently completed his B.S. in General Christian Ministry at Welch and is now enrolled in the master's program in Theology and Ministry at Welch. He and his wife Amber have four children: Jacob, a freshman at Welch, Jackson (15), Carleigh (14), and Cayden (12).

"Our resident directors and their spouses are really like dorm parents," Forlines said. "In recent years, the spouses have played such an active role that we've begun to think of them in this way. Chris Talbot and Amber Houske are going to be sharing some of the RD responsibilities. Both the Talbots and Houskes are exceptional Christian couples who will bring their ministry backgrounds to this role which is so important in the spiritual formation of our students."

The new resident directors will begin their duties in June of this year.

## 2018 Commencement Speakers Announced

Dr. **Robert E. Picirilli** and Dr. **Claude Pressnell, Jr.** will address the Welch College class of 2018, according to President **Matt Pinson**. Robert Picirilli, professor emeritus and former academic dean at Welch College, will present the baccalaureate sermon Thursday evening, May 10, at 7:00. Claude Pressnell, president of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) will address the graduates at the 10:00 a.m. commencement ceremony on Friday, May 11.

Picirilli, professor emeritus at Welch College, taught New Testament and philosophy at Welch, serving long-term as Academic Dean. He is author of *Free Will Revisited* and numerous other books and journal articles. He is also the editor of the *Randall House Bible Commentary* series. Picirilli served as president of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Pressnell has spent over thirty years in higher education administration, serving as president of TICUA since 2000. In 2003 the United States Senate appointed Pressnell to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, of which he served as Vice Chair from 2007 until his second and final term expired in 2008. In 2017 Pressnell was approached by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to consider being appointed as the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education. Pressnell respectfully declined the offer in order to remain in Tennessee

and continue his work with TICUA.

Pressnell serves on numerous international, national, and state-level boards. He also has served as an international advisor on higher education reform to foreign governments in the Middle East, South Asia, the Balkan region of Europe, and South America.

President Matt Pinson said, "This is such an important occasion for the entire college family, and especially for the graduating seniors. Commencement week always brings us face-to-face with our mission as a college—to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through biblical thought and life. We're grateful for the opportunity to have two such excellent speakers address the graduating class, and we hope that you will join us in this special time of celebration."

## Welch College to Offer Bachelor's Degree in Humanities and Arts

Welch College has recently added a new B.A. degree program for students interested in the humanities and arts, according to Welch Provost **Matthew McAfee**. "This interdisciplinary program will provide new avenues for helping students to be creators of culture that will reflect the Christian worldview," program coordinator **Phillip Morgan** said. "Students will choose three areas of study from among our English, History, Music, and Psychology programs."

The Humanities and Arts degree is designed to provide a solid foundation for graduate study in students' focus areas, as well as entry into such fields as law, journalism, ministry, music, and counseling, among others.

Dr. **James Stevens**, chairman of the Department of Music at Welch, said, "This exciting new Humanities and Arts degree will bring further diversity to the program offerings at Welch College, allowing students to focus on several different disciplines within a biblical setting and Christian worldview." Stevens was instrumental in the degree approval process and believes it will further diversify and grow the music program.

McAfee said, "I am delighted to see our Welch faculty members developing programs like this one. It allows us to maximize our current course offerings by providing creative new combinations to meet the diversity of interests among current and future students. Furthermore, this degree showcases our mission-driven focus to bring the Christian worldview to bear on all fields of knowledge." Those interested in the bachelor's degree in Humanities and Arts should contact **GoToWelch@welch.edu** for questions and **Welch.edu/GoToWelch** to apply.

## Welch Marks Highest Enrollment in 33 Years

Welch College's total annual enrollment totaled 436 for the 2017-18 year, marking the highest enrollment in 33 years, according to Provost **Matthew McAfee**.

"Recently, our highest enrollment was in 2006, with a total head count of 420," McAfee said. "We are thrilled by this headcount and believe it shows we're gaining significant momentum in enrollment growth."

Registrar **Sharon Rodgers** completed final enrollment statistics for the 2017-18 year, after registration for the third session for the Online and Evening Adult Studies programs was complete.

In 1984, total annual enrollment was 461. The highest since then was in 2006 with a total of 420. The college's highest annual enrollment was in 1981, with a total of 648.

"For the past five years, Welch has been experiencing a rebound in enrollment from our difficult years back in the Recession," President **Matt Pinson** said. "Like many Christian colleges, Welch's enrollment dipped in the aftermath of the Recession, and we struggled as a result. We're thankful to have seen enrollment gradually increase over the past five years, and it's great to see it reach pre-Recession levels."

"College enrollment trends have changed over the years," said **Daniel Webster**, Director of Enrollment Services. "Our high years back in the late 1970s and early 1980s were when the Baby Boomers were in college. Since then, not only have the numbers decreased in general, but also factors like free community college, lottery scholarships, and the advent of online education have had a negative impact on the enrollment of residential Christian colleges. So we're thankful for this gradual growth in times like these," Webster explained.

College officials credit the college's name change and relocation to its new campus in Gallatin, Tennessee, with much of the recent growth. "The name change and new campus have contributed to this growth, and the hard work over the past decade by Mrs. **Debbie Mouser** and others on the Enrollment Team has laid the kind of foundation that will ensure healthy growth over the next decade," added Webster.

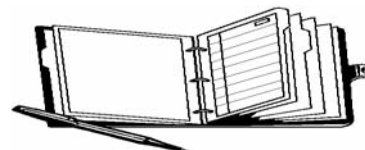
Pinson said, "I expect enrollment to top 500 in the next year and set an all-time record in the year or two after that."

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# Coming Events

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 June 21 Ohio Women Active for Christ State meeting at Heritage FWB  
 June 22-23 Ohio State Association meeting at Heritage FWB  
 June 22-23 Ohio Youth Conference Meeting at Heritage FWB  
 July 22-25 National Association of FWB, Little Rock Ark

### Central Ohio

May 19 Capital City Conference meeting at Friendly FWB, Alan Wright, Pastor  
 June 9 Franklin Conference meeting at Columbus First FWB, Billy Parson, Pastor

### Northern Ohio

May 19 Great Lakes Conference  
 May 19 Northern Ohio Conference meeting at First Marion FWB, Jerry Copley, Pastor  
 July 14 Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference meeting at Cleveland FWB, Robert Prichard, Pastor

### Southern Ohio

May 12 South-Central Conference meeting at McArthur FWB, Jim Henderson, Pastor  
 May 12 Pine Creek Conference meeting at Mount Hope FWB, Gary Selby, Pastor  
 May 19 Porter Conference meeting at New Hope FWB, George Grice, Pastor

### Western Ohio

July 14 Tri-State Conference meeting at Faith FWB, Moore's Hill, In, David Phillips, Pastor

### UNION (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Union! Spring has arrived and has brought with it rich blessings from God above!

We are proud to announce the ordination of two new young deacons; Brandon Conn and Brad Hagen. We are thankful that these young men have answered God's call to serve.

Under the leadership of Pastor Zack, we had a most successful "Invite Your One" campaign and celebration day. This is the goal for revitalizing our church this year. Each member doing our part to bring others to Christ.

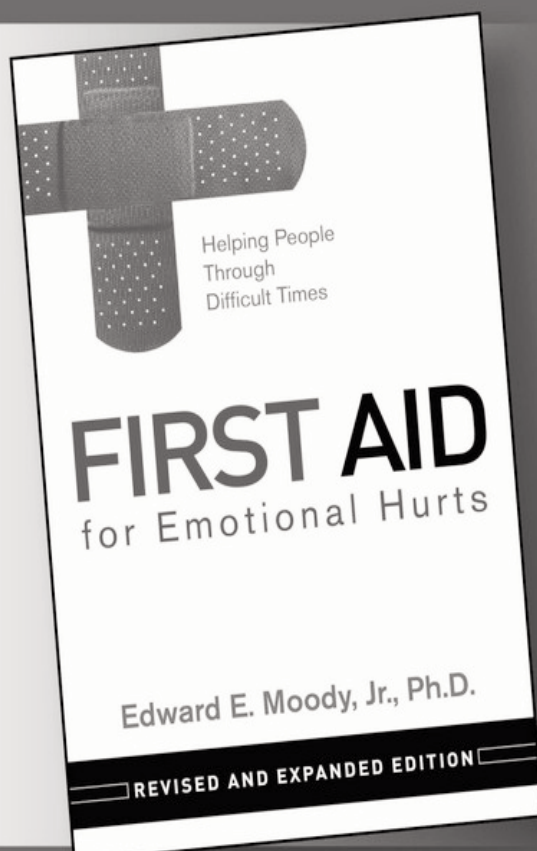
Blessings have been abundant throughout the Easter holiday with wonderful communion, footwashing, and Easter services; and our children excitedly took part in the annual Easter Eggstravaganza!

We are praising God for the three souls saved in our services this spring.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer and anxiously awaiting to see what new blessings God has planned for us. Please pray with us that we can continue to grow and be the church that our Lord has called us to be.

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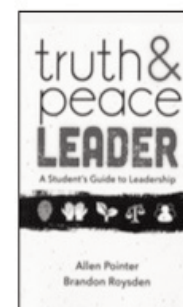
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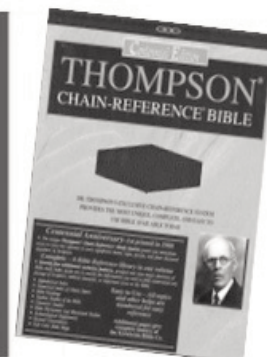
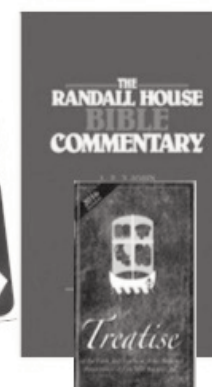
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STATE FEES	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,400.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 5,400.00
ADVERTISERS	\$	-	\$	96.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 96.00
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## FIRST SPRINGFIELD (FRANKLIN)

Psalms 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

Hello everyone.

We keep saying spring is around the corner, but we can't seem to find the right corner! Thankfully God knows our seasons and what is around our corners.

On Rally Day Easter Sunday we had 113 join us for our morning service. I love to listen how the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty! “He has risen.” That never gets old in our minds or our hearts.

After our Easter Service the kids had an Easter egg hunt that's always fun for them and the parents.

We have had a lot of people in our church sick this winter. We are really looking forward to the warm weather and our picnics.

May the Lord keep you and your loved ones in His loving arms.

Mark Rucker, Pastor  
Linda O'Neal, Reporter

## COLUMBUS FIRST (FRANKLIN)

Brothers and sisters in Christ.

This small congregation is still marching on and getting stronger in the Lord as we go.

Our Easter was wonderful with many visitors. Our special singers for Easter was **The Smith Family**. They are a very talented group and we highly recommend them.

We have several plans for this summer and one is a community family movie night on June 23rd. Come on out if you can, the time is slated for 8:00 PM. We are praying we can reach many souls for Christ during this event.

We are also hosting the Franklin Conference June 9th.

We added two new members to our congregation in January and also are gradually seeing some new faces in our congregation. Prayer is being answered and we praise God for such blessings.

God is good.

Billy W Parson, Pastor  
Sue Parson, Reporter

## OPEN DOOR (CORNERSTONE)

As a new member of Open Door FWB Church, I am experiencing the joy of a church family which hungers for the word of God. Every service is a blessing! How I appreciate men who allow God's word to speak for itself. Passages I have read and heard sermons on many times before are suddenly revealed in a new light. What makes the difference?

One reason I believe Open Door brings such joy to its members is the prayer life the men who teach and preach. At each service, including Sunday School and Wednesday nights, they are diligent in leading the believers in prayer for each other, the pastor, the church, the unsaved and the time in the word. If the time it takes to pray is longer than anything else, then that is the way of it. Without prayer, the service is less than God's best.

The other reason is the daily walk of the men with their Lord. When they are excited about the word and God's plan for their lives, that excitement carries over to the ones sitting under their teaching and preaching. I find myself going home to pour over my notes and do further research on my own in the word over the things that are taught.

Naturally, the next step is sharing what I learned with family, friends and even strangers. That's what the gospel is all about. Even our young folks who visited a nursing home, saw two residents ask Christ into their lives. What an exciting time to be a Christian!

Willie A Booth, Pastor  
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