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State Meeting Issue

Standing As One!

Preview of the 81st Ohio State Association Meeting

June 21-22nd at Heritage FWB Church, Columbus, Ohio

Rev. Mike Martin

Dr. Tim York

Rev. Mark Bailey

Friday Morning

Heritage FWB Church in Columbus, pastored by Dr. **Tim Stout** will be hosting this year's State Meeting June 21-22nd.

Rev. **Mark Price**, pastor of the Porter FWB Church will be fulfilling his tenth term as Moderator, and will be opening our 81st session on Friday morning, June 21st.

Harrison Pastor **Mike Mounts** and his wife **Sandy** will provide the special singing in the Friday morning session.

Calvary FWB Pastor Rev. **Mike Martin** will be bringing the Friday morning message from the theme *"Standing As One"*. The Friday morning message is on the subject, *"Loving the Same Lord"*.

Pastor Mike has been the bi-vocational pastor at Calvary in Ravenna for 18 years. Mike likes to say that he was "Free Will Baptist before he knew what a Free Will Baptist was!" He learned about Free Will Baptists from his first FWB pastor/mentor, the late Harvey J. Marlow, who transitioned Calvary to Free Will Baptist in 1987. Mike is also the general manager at a small machine shop in Macedonia where he has worked full time for 21 years. Through the great sacrifice and support of his family, while pastoring and working, he took full-time online classes through Welch College and graduated with an associate's degree in pastoral ministry.

Mike has been married to his high school sweetheart, Renee, for 20 years. They have three children, Kaylee, Michael and Evan.

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

The Friday afternoon devotion will be given by Canaan Associate Pastor, Rev. **Aaron Justice.**

Friday Evening

The Friday evening service will be led by Assistant Moderator **Tom Dooley**. Undivided from the Canaan Land Church will be providing the special music.

National Association Moderator Dr. **Tim York** is scheduled to preach on the subject, *"Believing the Same Word"*.

Rev. Tim York began serving as pastor of Grove FWB Church in Smyrna, TN, in June 2010. York has been a Field Representative for the FWB Foundation since 2016. He graduated with a B.S. degree and a Masters of Divinity from Liberty University. He is currently finishing a Doctorate of Ministries from Liberty. York also studied at Welch College, Tri-State Bible College (South Point, OH), Bethel Bible Institute (Paintsville, KY) and Emmanuel Baptist University where he received his doctorate in theology. Tim is a former high school Bible teacher for Lighthouse Christian School in Antioch, TN, and is currently an adjunct professor at Welch College in Gallatin, TN.

Tim, and his wife Phyllis (Fannin), have three children, Timothy, Anna, and Andy. Timothy and his wife, Amanda, are missionaries to Buffalo, New York. They have two sons, Bryson and Haddon. Anna is the receptionist at the National Offices of Free Will Baptist and is married to Levi Fox. Andy is a co-pastor at the Grove FWB Church.

Tim is currently the moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, elected in 2003.

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

Saturday Morning

On Saturday morning Rev. **Kyle Chadwick**, Associate Pastor of the North FWB Church will bring the devotion.

Bro. **Bryon Justice**, deacon at the Canaan FWB Church will provide the special singing.

Rev. **Mark Bailey,** pastor of the Mansfield Church will then preach the final message, *"Serving on the Same Team"*.

Brother Mark was saved in 1978 and announced his call to the ministry in 1983. He began his first pastorate in 1984 at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Logan, Ohio and is the current pastor of the Mansfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Bailey has served the Ohio Association on the OYC Board and as Assistant Clerk. He is currently the Clerk of the Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference.

He and his wife Susan have been married for 39 years and have two wonderful children, Brittany and Marcus as well as three granddaughters.

Brother **Jacob Lute,** Music Director from the Heritage Church will be leading the music and Sister **Tobiane Stout** from the Heritage Church will be the pianist.

Please mark your calenders 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
Annual $100.00
Friday Night Offering,
June 21st

50% to Ohio State *Missions*
40% to Ohio State *Office*
10% to Ohio State *Youth*

Together We Can

Why Does God's Glory Depart? #2

I Samuel 4:21-22

In the January issue of the *Ambassador* I addressed the subject of how God's glory departed from Israel in the time of Eli the judge. They were going to battle with the Philistines and his wicked sons, Hophni and Phineas brought the Ark of the Covenant to the battlefield thinking that having the ark would insure victory.

It didn't take long to see that bringing the ark didn't help them. The Philistines captured the ark and utterly defeated Israel with both Eli's sons slain in the battle. When Eli received the tragic news, he fell back and died himself. His daughter in law was giving birth that day and when she heard the news, she named the baby "Ichabod" which meant "The glory is departed." It was obvious to see that the Lord's presence had left Israel with tragic results!

The reasons for God's glory departing were easy to see. Eli's sons who were the priests were wicked leaders. They were **selfish**, stealing God's part of the sacrifices for themselves. They lived **sinful lifestyles** committing lewd acts at God's house. They **refused reproof** in rejecting their father's rebuke. Eli their father exhibited **weak leadership** in that he wouldn't remove his sons from their offices. And finally, they had **false trust** in that they thought that if they had the Ark of God with them that He would overlook their open rebellion against Him!

The Gospel is God's only message of salvation for mankind. There is not a Plan "B"

God would not and will not exhibit His glory in such a state of sin. God will not bless a people or a place that is rebellious to Him. I am sure that Eli and all of Israel wished that they had different priorities! They paid a heavy price when they lost the glory of the Lord.

This makes us think that if God's glory left them, what about today? Does God's glory leave places? people? families? churches? denominations? ministries? nations? I think we should be very concerned about having the glory of God in our midst and to make sure that we are not, in our thoughts or actions, offending Him.

What would cause God's glory to leave a place today?

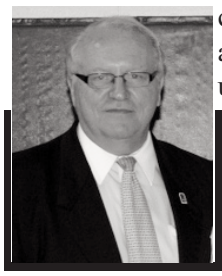
God leaves when **His Word is not respected**. If a people decide that they will build their lives on another standard other than the Bible, then He will let them have their choice, but that decision will ultimately destroy them. I am afraid that in our society we are making that disastrous choice! Remember we have free will and the Lord will not force His word on us. God leaves places where His word is refused!

God leaves when **Christ is not recognized**. When a people refuse to acknowledge that Jesus is God's Son and is worthy of all honor, worship and obedience, they are refusing the only way to God and to heaven! There again, I am fearful that America is making that decision that we don't need Jesus. When that choice is made, God's glory departs!

God leaves when **His Gospel is not regarded**. The gospel is God's only message of salvation for mankind. There is not a plan "B". It is the gospel or damnation! It is the gospel or hell! If men refuse to regard the gospel message, there is no hope for him! The gospel message of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection have been the foundation of God's offer of salvation for over 2,000 years. To refuse to regard it, it is done at man's peril! God's glory leaves when the gospel is not regarded.

As we can see this is a most serious message. The message of God's glory leaving Israel in Eli's day ended in tragedy. I am sure that if we could ask Eli about it, he would tell us that God's presence leaving is the worst catastrophe they would ever experience.

What about us? Is there still time? We surely need God's glory in our lives, families, churches and our nation. Let's make sure that we are not involved in attitudes or activities that would cause His glory to leave! God help us!



Edwin Hayes
Executive Secretary

Secretary's Schedule

May 11	South Central Conference at McArthur FWB, Jim Henderson, Pastor
May 16	National Steering Committee Meeting, Cincinnati
May 18	Porter Conference meeting at Bethesda Chapel, Dan King, Pastor
May 19	Community FWB AM Service, Jerry Newman, Pastor
June 1	Ohio Board of Directors Meeting
June 2	Hillview FWB AM Service, Bill Hayes, Pastor
June 9	Newark FWB AM Service, John Davis, Interim Pastor
June 20	Ohio General Board Meeting
June 21, 22	Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists
June 30	North FWB Pastor Appreciation Service, Bill Chadwick, Pastor

Attention: *Ambassador Reporters*

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All gifts given to the *Ambassador* should be sent to the above address.

On April 13, OYC was glad to have 20 entries in the **2019 Ohio CTS Ministry Expo.** Thank you and congratulations to everyone that competed at the state level. Make sure you go out and encourage our winners as they compete at the National Convention in Cincinnati this July!

(* - will be competing in Cincinnati)

OYC

OHIO YOUTH CONFERENCE

Memorization:
A.01 – **Hunter Wellman** (Westerville) – 98.65*
A.03–**Ella Luthy** (Ambassador) – 99.1*
B.04–**Nate Luthy** (Ambassador)– 95.2*
B.05 –**Ana Luthy** (Ambassador)– 95.35*
C.09–**Haley Wellman** (Westerville)– 99.8*

Group Memorization:
C.09g-**Haley Wellman/Kailey Kuhnheim** (Westerville)-92.55*
D.11g–Porter Youth (**Fiona McKee/Isaac Osborne**)–89.6*

Vocal Solo:
1.10 A–**Aslyn Mounts** (Westerville)–97.55*
1.10 B–**Ana Luthy** (Ambassador)– 98.42*
1.30 C – **Fiona McKee** (Porter) – 98.28
21.30 C–**Hailey Wellman** (Westerville)– 98.93*

Vocal Ensemble:
2.20 C–ONE Sound –Westerville–98.67* (**Emily Sammons, Haley Wellman, Kailey Kuhnheim**)
.30 D–ONE Sound–Westerville–96.97* (**Akeem Lamin, Joel Etterling, Haley Wellman, Kailey Kuhnheim**)

Sign Language – Group:
6.12 A–**Hunter Wellman/Aslyn Mounts** (Westerville)- 90.47*

Christian Literature Recitation:
6.20 C–**Charli Rawe** (Troy)d–99.0*

Puppetry – Recorded:
Hands in Service (Sciotodale) – 96.83* (**Kelci Hickey, Caleb O'Bryan, Victoria Reed, Chloe Reed)**

Painting:
7.10 C–**Charli Rawe** (Troy)–98.2*

Drawing:
7.20 C-**Joel Etterling** (Westerville)–95.48*

Mixed Media:
7.30 B–**Brianna Montoya** (Troy)–100*

Photography – Single
Kelci Hickey (Sciotodale) – 95.75*

June 1 - Ohio Youth Conference Free Will Baptist College Scholarship deadline. Ohio student who have competed at the state level in age category D and are enrolled in a Free Will Baptist college are eligible to apply for up to $1,000 in scholarship money. Details are on the application form. The winner(s) will be announced at the state meeting in June.

June 21 – We are looking forward to another great State Meeting and our Friday evening youth service and activities to follow. **Tyler Penn,** International Missionary, will be with us as our special speaker. Make plans now to join us for a great time of worship and fellowship.

identity

July 21-24 – This year's National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Vertical III Conference will be held in Cincinnati! We are excited to be hosting the V3 Conference, and will be looking for help accomplishing the tasks we have been given. Please be in prayer for this year's conference speakers, including Ohio's own **Derreck Lute!** Derreck will be leading things off by speaking in the Sunday morning V3 service. We look forward to a great convention.

Please do not hesitate to contact any board member with questions or concerns. We are here to serve you!

Ohio Prayer Chairman Mike Martin

May 2019

Greetings friend,
Your Ohio State Association will be meeting soon and we are praying you will join your fellow Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters this year as we gather together and "Stand as One." Will you come and stand together with us?

Will you also take a moment right now and pray with us for our brothers and sisters who will make this year's meeting possible? Please pray for **Pastor Tim Stout** and his wife Tobianne and the many volunteers from Heritage and other churches who will be making preparations for the State Meeting as well as the Friday and Saturday Youth services and activities. Please be praying for the **OYC Board**, the **boys and girls attending** the services and International Missionary Tyler Penn who will be speaking to them.

Pray for our Moderator, **Bro. Mark Price**, the rest of the Executive Committee, Executive Secretary **Bro. Edwin Hayes** and the **General Board**. Many of them will be doing double duty this year with the National Convention meeting in Cincinnati. Pray that they will be ministered to as they minister to us.

I consider it a great honor and privilege to be chosen to preach the Friday morning message and would greatly appreciate your prayers! Pray for the **OWAC** meeting and the wonderful lunch they serve for a donation after the Friday morning service that helps to support their mission.

Pray as well for **Dr. Tim York** from Grove FWB Church in Smyrna, TN as he travels and prepares to preach Friday evening and **Bro. Mark Bailey** from Mansfield FWB Church as he travels and prepares to preach Saturday morning.

Please pray for our **business sessions** and those who will be leading **devotions,** as well as the **musicians, singers, ushers, greeters** and **volunteers** that make our State Meeting such a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and encouragement.

Please include the State Meeting in your bulletin and prayer services and join with us for prayer during the State Meeting June 21-22nd at **9:00am Friday and Saturday morning and 6:30pm Friday.**

Thank you for your time and prayers!

In His Service,
Bro. Mike Martin

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2)

Church News

DOGWOOD RIDGE (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Wheelersburg Ohio!

As springtime is now upon us, it is a great time to get revived for the Lord. From Apri1-6th we hosted a nightly revival with special singing each night and Bro. **Roy Bennett** delivering the sermons.

Since our last report we have had two young men give their hearts to God. Please keep them in your prayers.

On April 28th, following our evening service we had our Friends and Family dinner. It was a great time of worship and fellowship.

Our ladies will be throwing a mother/daughter banquet on May 4th at 5pm in the fellowship hall. The theme is *"Bloom Where You Are Planted."* Everyone is invited.

Love and prayers.

Jeremy Moore, Pastor
Becky Conley, Reporter

REDEEMER (CENTRAL OHIO)

Our calendar for this year is getting really full.

We had our first revival of the year, held May 5th at 6:00, and at 7:00 the remaining days. Rev. **Tim Stout** brought the message, with special singers each night.

Our second revival is scheduled for Sept. 8 – 11th, with Bros. **Bill Pitts, Tom Dooley** and **Mike Mounts. The Ohio Ministers' Trio** will be providing our music. Services will be 6pm on the 8th and 7pm on the other days.

Please mark your calendars now and plan on being with us on October 6th at 4pm when the **Dumplin Valley Trio** will be with us in concert. We are really looking forward to their wonderful music ministry.

Our third revival with Rev. **Edwin Hayes** will be held Nov. 24-26th, with service beginning at 6pm on the 24th and 7pm the other two days.

We also want to invite you to join us once again at our Christmas Dinner on December 13th, at the Lodge at Lake Choctaw. We had such a wonderful time last year – with 76 in attendance. We are looking for another great evening with even more attendees.

Please don't be bashful – if you're ever in the area, please stop in and join us for service on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and Sunday evenings at 6pm.

Michael Baldwin, Pastor
Nena Dillon, Reporter

FAITH (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

We were blessed with another beautiful day March 3rd. **Trae** and **Whitney** sang in our evening service. It was a very spirit-filled service.

One of ladies of the church lost her mother; Sis. Kathleen Workman passed away. Remember the family in prayer.

Sis. Sharon Nita and Sis. Rachel Sizemore were released from the hospital. Thank the Lord for that.

We've been having some very good services with people on the altar for a closer walk with the Lord.

On April 7th, Rev. **Leslie McMahan** preached in the evening service. It was a great service enjoyed by all.

The young people had their Easter egg hunt April 13th. They had pizza and cupcakes.

On May 11th at 3pm we will be having our Mother/Daughter banquet. We always enjoy this. Sis. Christine Rhodes does such a good job with this. We appreciate her.

Take time to enjoy each new day and all of God's beauty.

Lester McMahan, Pastor
Geraldine McMahan, Reporter

BEECH GROVE (FRANKLIN)

Greetings from the Beech Grove FWB Church in Wilmington, Ohio.

It pleases me to announce that for Easter Sunday we had almost a whole family visiting our service. Goldie Luxner's children, and some of her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were in attendance. I think God has greatly blessed Goldie. We had a total attendance of 23 compared to the usual eight or nine people.

Pastor **Joe Pinkerton** wants to thank **Dick Kemp** for preaching for him and Bro. **Ed Crone** for his continued support in preaching and singing in our Wednesday and Sunday morning services.

Please pray for our treasurer, Shirley Eckart, as she continues to go through treatments.

Also, one of our newest members has a brother who has undergone a severe illness and has been to two different major hospitals for some serious treatments. We thank God for keeping Ron Adams, Jr. in his hands. He still has to undergo another serious surgery. Pray for his salvation, his healing, and for strength to endure.

Evangelist, **Tim Case** preached for us May 5th, in the 10:45 AM and the 6:00 PM services.

Homecoming for the Beech Grove Church will continue to be the Fourth Sunday in June, namely, June 23, 2019 after the AM services. We would love to see all of those people we used to worship with. Come one, come all to visit and enjoy our homecoming services.

Joe Pinkerton, Pastor
Gloria Kidder, Reporter

Pastor Changes

Bethlehem	Without Pastor
Blackfork	Without Pastor
Brookdale	Without Pastor
Eifort	Without Pastor
Fairview	Without Pastor
Fellowship Tabernacle	Jim Conley
First Springfield	Mark Rucker Retires
Newark	Without Pastor
South Charleston	Forest Dyer-Interim
Woodstock	Clay Baldwin-Interim
Zion #3	Without Pastor

Travis McKenzie, Ohio Home Missionary to Ashland, Ohio

Reaching your community.

Have you ever thought about what that means? There was a time, what seems like a lifetime ago, when I felt that if the world wanted to know about Christ, all they needed to do was watch someone live a Christian life. But I started realizing that, while this is a great way to peak someone's curiosity about salvation, lifestyle evangelism is not all there is to reaching a community. Probably about fifteen years ago, I learned the importance of sharing the gospel in everyday situations through gospel tracts and evangelistic conversations. But, again, while presentation evangelism will cause someone to make a decision one way or the other concerning faith in Christ, it doesn't always relate the real compassion of salvation to a new convert.

It wasn't until we began planting the Compassion Church here in Ashland, Ohio that I fully began to understand what reaching the lost actually meant. This was when I discovered servant evangelism. According to **Steven Sjogren**, *"servant evangelism is a practical way of sharing the gospel of **Jesus Christ** in everyday situations."* There are three ways I've learned to reach our community. The first type of outreach involves me becoming part of our community. That's why I have intentionally involved myself with as many organizations in Ashland as I realistically can. By involving myself with these organizations, I have been able to meet many of the community leaders and stay informed with the happenings of our city. In turn, many of our congregants are also becoming actively involved in the community.

The next area of outreach simply requires letting the people of Ashland know we are here. This could involve sentiments as simple as engaging in friendly conversation with a waitress at a restaurant or talking to a cashier at Walmart. It could also be manifested in larger works such as a mass giveaway at a local festival. If no one knows we're here, we can't expect them to show up on Sunday!

The biggest part in reaching our community involves letting people know that we care for their needs. After all, isn't this how **Jesus** reached the people? The whole purpose for performing so many miracles was to reach people in their need and show them He cared. That's why our outreach at Compassion Church involves meeting needs; this may involve washing someone's car for free, raking their leaves for no charge, offering a free haircut, or just giving people a cup of coffee on a cold February morning. When you meet a need in your community, you are reaching hearts! And that is what outreach is all about.

Thank you for continuing to partner with Compassion Church as we constantly strive to reach more for Christ here in Ashland.

In Christ's service,
Travis McKenzie

CANAAN (CAPITAL CITY)

Spring is a glorious time of the year. It's the time when new life appears on the trees and springs up out of the earth. What a beautiful picture of the new life in Christ we enjoy because our Savior rose from a borrowed tomb so we could be redeemed. He truly does make all things new!

Spring has sprung at Canaan. As you are reading this, we have just wrapped up our annual Camp Meeting at Canaan. We are so thankful for the preachers who challenged us with wonderful messages and the special singers who blessed our hearts. What a wonderful time of encouragement and restoration. Thank you to Pastor Mike for providing specific messages and teaching for the past few months to prepare our hearts to receive and enjoy the blessings of Easter and Camp Meeting.

Thank you Lord for those folks in our church who minister faithfully to our community and church members all year long. Our Master's Men group has been busy meeting a variety of specific needs: Building handicap accessible ramps, cleaning up after tornado damage, and painting and remodeling different areas of the church. New leadership has begun within our nursing home ministry. We are so appreciative of the calling to this ministry that Tom and Joyce Rouse have served in for so many years. We pray special blessings for Jarid and Katie Mika as they assume their new role. Thank you Lord that there is joy in serving you!

Mike Gladson, Pastor
Lisa Justice, Reporter

OPEN DOOR (CORNERSTONE)

We sing, "*There Shall Be Showers of Blessing,"* but do we really believe it? How do we perceive God's blessings? Are they simply something good that happens to us that we like? I think not. We are given the blueprint for these blessings; where to find them and what to look for, so we do not miss them. It is called the Holy Bible. It isn't just a reference book or what we need to read for devotion. It is so much more, and I think a vast majority of Christians do not know its full power as the living Word of God. Only through its daily study can God use it to give us insight and help us to recognize His blessings in our lives. It is always fresh, new and applicable.

Today I read John 10:18, "*No man taketh it (life) from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."* The reality hit me that **Jesus** came to earth as a man with the ability (power) to give His life for man or take it and return to Heaven. His Father gave Him that choice. At any time, when the going got rough, **Jesus** could have said enough and returned to the Father. But He didn't. He went through all that suffering and cruelty of the cross and chose to lay down His life that I might live with Him eternally! Now that's a blessing!

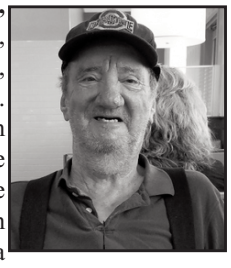
Willie A Booth, Pastor
Liz Baker, Reporter

Condolences

Andrew "Andy" Sissel Jr. 91 of West Portsmouth died January 12th at his home. He was born August 6, 1927 in Portsmouth to the late Andrew Sr. and Pearl Cooper Sissel. He was retired from Portsmouth Ready Mix with 42 years of service. He was a WWII United States Army veteran. He was also a member of Turkey Creek FWB Church where he was Sunday School Superintendent for over 27 years. He was a Lifetime Member of the NRA. He also enjoyed farming and was an avid Coon hunter and Turkey hunter. Andy enjoyed his nightly dinners brought to him by his grandson Michael Sissel II.

Beth King, Age 58, of Portsmouth, went to be with the Lord March 29th, at SOMC Hospice. She was born October 10, 1960 in Portsmouth to Wendell "Hank" and Barbara (Yeley) King. She graduated from Portsmouth East High School in 1979 and took a two-year medical lab tech course through Mercy Hospital. She then worked for 20 years at Mercy and 17 years at SOMC as a medical lab tech. Beth was a longtime member and very active at Porter FWB Church where she taught the Sunday School primary class, was the youth group teacher, and sang in the choir. She considered her fellow church members a big part of her family. Beth was the vice president of PWAC and the Ohio Ladies District President. She is survived by her mother, Barbara King and sister, Rhonda King, both of Wheelersburg; her best friend, Lena Ruth Grice of Wheelersburg; many special cousins and church friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Wendell "Hank" King.

Her funeral services were held April 1st at D.W. Swick-Nelson Funeral Home in Wheelersburg with Pastor Mark Price officiating.



Donald Jean Young, age 82, of Heath, OH., passed away on April 9, at Laurels of Heath. Donald was born January 16, 1937 to the late Charles and Tessie (McGill) Young in Columbus, OH. He is a retired Mechanic and enjoyed working on classic cars. Donald is survived by his sons, Don (Holly) Young, Jerry (Lisa) Young, Dwayne (Angela) Young; his grandchildren, Jessica (Kyle) Topy, Teresa (Zachary) Tabler, Donald DJ (Raina) Young, Jerry (Michelle) Young, Richard (Samantha) Young, Rosellen Young; great-grandchildren, Chayse, Landon, Abram, Jonas, Carley, Lillian, Evelyn, Madison, Gage, Hunter; brother, Ernest (Marilyn) Lavey; sister, Betty Crago; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Levi Young, John Young, Buddy Young; and sister, Rosalee Young.

His funeral service was held April 12th with Pastor Bill Hayes and Pastor Kyle Topy officiating.

Terry Lynn Stephens, age 51, of Marysville, was called home to be with the Lord March 28th. She was surrounded by her family at the home of her daughter following a ten-month battle with cancer. She was an associate of AVI food services at the Scott Miracle-Gro corporate office. She was also a former associate of UpTown Cleaners in Marysville for more than 20 years. She attended Fairborn HS and was a member of Marysville FWB Church. She had a passion for helping with her church's children's ministry. She loved scrapbooking, arts and crafts and was skilled at sewing. She also enjoyed camping with her family. Above all, she was a deeply loving and devoted mom, grandmother and sister. Those who knew her well will miss her bright smile. She was born September 24, 1967 in Xenia, Ohio to the late Raymond and Evelyn Kimmey Teague. She was also preceded in death in 2000 by her husband Kirk Stephens. She is survived by her children, Amber (Tim) Mercer of Marysville, Cody Stephens of Cincinnati, Courtney (Teras) Grow of Urbana and Reese Allen of Marysville; four grandchildren, Alex, Evan, Charlotte and Carter; her siblings, Marilyn England, Carolyn (Will) Morgan and Ed Bailey of Fairborn; and many other relatives and friends, including her beloved companion, Danny Allen and her very dear friends, Bob and Juanita Allen.

Funeral services were held April 1st with Pastors Paul Bogenrife and Jason Jones officiating.

Rev. **Howard Hubbard**, age 88, of Oak Hill, passed away Thursday, April 11th at Oakwood in Jackson. He was born May 5, 1930 in Floyd Co. Kentucky to the late Mallory and Eva (Hurd) Hubbard. Howard served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Oak Hill FWB Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Danny G. Hubbard and brothers, Malcom, Archer, Adrian and Arthur Hubbard.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nancy L. Hubbard; children, Jeff (Rhonda) Hubbard, Susan (Tim) Wilson and Mary Jane Parsons; sister, Jan Stover; former daughter-in-law, Ellen; 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and several cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held April 15th with Pastors Danny Boggs and Allen Simpson officiating.

Mary F. Webb, age 91 of Dayton, OH went to be with her Lord March 17th. She was born August 9, 1927 in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee to Carr and Lillie (Bockman) Smith. Mary was a caring and loving Christian, actively involved her entire life with various churches, and most recently a member of First Dayton FWB Church for 40 years. She was for many years the director of senior citizen activities as well as a Sunday school teacher. Mary enjoyed gardening, ceramics and reading her Bible. She enjoyed traveling and one highlight of her travels was a trip to Jerusalem with her church group. Most of all, Mary loved her family and will be greatly missed by all.

Mary is survived by a daughter, Linda (Kent) Anspaugh; a son, Charlie Palk; a step-daughter Sandy (Neff) Marker; a daughter in law, Vicky Neff; nine grandchildren, Tracy Deans, James (Jody) Neff, Denny (Jenny) Smith, Sarah Thompson, Carrie (Matthew) Mancuso, Heidi (Mickey) Lovely, Shawn Davidson, Shane Davidson, and Brandon Davidson; numerous great grandchildren, Jordin and Kenny Luke; Emilee Smith; Kayla, Kendra, Kyle and Stefanie Smith; Ethan, Ava and Henry Arnett; Noah Fineman, Mickey and Caleb Thompson; and three great-great grandchildren, Jameson Isaacs, Scarlett and Olivia Hicks; special family and friends Maude Taylor, Tina Weber, JoJuana Day and Neil Arnett; her furry friend, Buckeye; nieces, nephews and other numerous family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; her late husbands Joe Palk, Emmertt Neff and Daina Webb; son and daughter-in-law Bordley and Elizabeth Palk; a step son, Daryl Neff; grandsons Kevin Smith and Rodney Palk; her brothers Lloyd and Estelle B. Smith.

Her memorial service was held, April 6th at the First Dayton FWB Church.

NOYC!
NORTHERN OHIO YOUTH CAMP

The Northern Ohio Youth Camp is very thrilled to announce our 2019 theme for summer camp as we celebrate 10 years in ministry! This year we will take a look at how to endure life no matter what trials, tragedies, or temptations come through our theme "Shattered: for when I am weak, He is my strength." We are very excited for what God is already doing through this theme and even more excited to see what He has in store for NOYC 2019!

Registration is still currently open for all youth groups, churches, and individuals who wish to attend the Northern Ohio Youth Camp. We offer three methods of registration including: registering online at www.thenoyc.com, downloading/printing a copy from our website, or requesting a registration form be mailed to you by calling 419-271-4788. Details of all the great fun and amazing God-filled experience you will enjoy at the NOYC can be found on our website or on Facebook at "The Northern Ohio Youth Camp." The deadline for registration is May 19th, 2019. We are highly anticipating a mighty move from God at this year's camp, and it's not too late for you to get in on what He is doing!

The Northern Ohio Youth Camp is a fun-filled week that will leave you spiritually strengthened, renewed and challenged. The NOYC is great for all ages and people of all backgrounds. While we could easily go on and on about "God's camp," take a look at what attendees from past camps are saying:

"This week is a great way to 'disconnect' and grow closer to God. The NOYC finds many ways to challenge you spiritually to get inside yourself and closer to God." --Patty M.

"I've never experienced anything like this. Not just the youth but also the adults are making connections maybe not possible without camp. We are embracing one another, leaning on and learning from each other and growing in the Lord together" --Daniel S.

"Truly a Spirit-led church camp! Had a great week watching all of my kids worship the Lord and especially seeing my two youngest being saved. Worth every moment!" --Kimberly B.

"Church camp to me is a place to grow closer to God and learn more about Him. A place to meet new people and make new friends. Church camp is a place to make memories and it's a lot of fun. But most importantly it's about God. It's a time to worship God with your friends. Church camp is where I first felt the Spirit of God and came into contact with Him." --Brian W.

"Before camp I was praying hard to feel God's Spirit again, during services and devotion class, I really got to focus and praise Him." --Kayleigh H.

"In all ways I feel like I am so much closer to God. The whole day is just amazing and so well organized." --McKayla T.

MCGUFFEY (NORTH & WESTERN)

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps 118:24

Greetings from McGuffey FWBC. We are rejoicing because spring has finally arrived! We are looking forward to several activities at our church in May and June. We had a family memorial day on May 5th, remembering all our loved ones who have already gone to their final resting place. We will celebrate Mother's Day on May 12th.

Saturday night, June 1st, the **Fishermen** will be singing for us. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy with us. On June 8th we will be having a gathering at the pastor's house for our annual food and fellowship evening. June 16th is Father's Day and we will be honoring a great group of fathers in our church!

We continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in our church and our sister churches, who are battling serious ailments or minor ones.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Don Webb, Pastor
Sue Smith, Reporter

Ohio General Board Meeting, 10am Thursday, June 20th Heritage FWB Church

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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.

Baldwin Family Bluegrass Singers, Rosedale, Call Chuck Baldwin (937) 926-3177 Baldwin777@roadrunner.com
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
Cross Pointe Trio, Lancaster, Call Bill Pitts (740) 438-7750 wpitts@columbus.rr.com www.crosspointetrio.com
David Giddens, Marysville, (937) 642-2121 jgiddens@urec.net
Day 3, Scott & Sheri Noel (740) 574-6635 sdnoel07@yahoo.com
Enabling Grace, Woodstock, (Country and Bluegrass Gospel) (937) 717-8783
Faith Gospel & Contemporary Christian Music, Sidney, Call Pam Moorman (937) 492-1059 ladypam@bright.net
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
God's Ambassadors, Gahanna, Call Judy Spires (614) 475-4689
Gospel Ambassadors, Rittman, Call Greg Marcum (330) 927-9057
Ethan Hutchinson, Somerset, (740) 892-4001 www.ethanhutchinsonofficial.com/fr_home.cfm
Jerry Branscomb, Chillicothe, (740) 637-1228
Justifyed, Lancaster, 43130 (614) 271-4599 robertk14@mail.com Facebook under group name: Justifyed
Just Forgiven Singing Ministries, Dayton, (Southern Gospel) (937) 280-3840 or (614) 309-2512
Headed Home-Singing For The Lord, Oak Hill, Call Jim Evans (740) 682-6109 or Robert Gamble (740) 682-0042
Lord Willing, Wellston, (740) 395-7728 lovdaisynewf@gmail.com
Mike Blanton & Evidence, Grove City, (614) 871-2795
Mike Kisling, Hillsboro, (937) 393-2084
Nina Nash, Leesburg, (Southern Gospel Sound Tracks) (937) 780-6865 gnash2@cinci.rr.com
New Covenant Trio, Columbus, Call Gary Preston (614) 774-3109 or (614) 774-3039 gppreston@columbus.rr.com
Ounce of Hope, Delaware, (Southern Gospel) (740) 363-4576
Paul James Sound, Columbus, (614) 668-8916 paul@pauljamessound.com www.pauljamessound.com
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Rob Goodman, Newark, (740) 345-3233
Rowena and George Walker, Dayton, (937) 258-8317
Steve Russell, Marengo, (740) 972-6729 steverussell@muscian.net
Steve Fyffe, Xenia, (937) 374-9032 stv4314@aol.com
Sword Family, Middleburg Heights, (440) 747-7436.
Terry Collins & Victory, Hillsboro, (937) 840-9808
The Castle/Maxwell Project, Grove City, Call Dan Castle 614/746-4982 or email castle.maxwell.project@gmail.com
The Blankenship Family, Mount Sterling, (740) 869-2423
The Family of God, Logan, Call Steve E. Goss (740) 603-1583
The Hambys, Dublin, (Southern Gospel) (614) 873-1215
The Spiritual Echoes, Circleville, Call Rick Moore (614) 595-9776 or Delores Moore (614) 491-9502
Violet Maynard Family, (614) 496-1618, violetmaynard@yahoo.com www.violetmaynard.com.
Undivided, Grove City, Call Mike or Sheri France (614) 352-3368 Undivided96@aol.com

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*.

WELLINGTON (CUYAHOGA-LORAIN)

Greetings from Wellington FWB Church. Hope everyone had a glorious Resurrection Sunday. We had 113 and a lot of children. The 60 and older group hunted candy filled eggs. I think everyone had a wonderful time, I know I did. Pizza was good also.

Thanks to Mark and Becky Casto for all their hard work and planning and hiding anywhere from 2-3 thousand eggs and the teens helped with hiding all those eggs also.

We've been doing a lot of sprucing up at the church. Our wonderful pastor **Willy Bias** is such a hard working, Godly man and we appreciate his wife Marsha, also for all she does and for giving up time with Bro.Willy.

We had a few new people who came to worship with us. We thank God for them and hope they enjoyed themselves. We pray and hope they come back.

If you're looking for a bible based, truth preaching pastor then Wellington FWB church is for you. I promise we will welcome you and make you feel loved.

We have connect classes for all ages at 10am, jr church for the younger children, worship service at 11am, Wednesday evening studying different topics at 7-8pm.

Pray for all who don't know **Jesus** that they'll come to know Him. That should be all our mission is to tell everyone about Christ. With love in Christ,

Willy Bias, Pastor
Marilyn Thompson, Reporter

VICTORY (CAPITAL CITY)

HE HAS RISEN, INDEED! He conquered death, hell, and the grave! Our Easter services started on the 19th of April with a communion and feetwashing. The kids enjoyed the egg hunt on Saturday the 20th, and the most important service was Easter Sunday. **Michael Gillen** preached a wonderful message on the resurrection of our Saviour! He is our salvation.

Our church supported our associate pastor, **Michael Gillen** in revival at the North FWB church on April 5th. What a blessing it was to worship with the North Church.

We are looking forward to Mother's Day and Father's Day to honor our parents that God gave us. We should respect and care for them as long as they live, which is the first commandment with promise.

Please continue to pray for the shut-ins, the lost; our government, and our president. God is good all the time!

Until next report, have a wonderful summer!

Jim Thompson, Pastor
James Cantrell, Assistant Reporter

LOCKBOURNE (TRINITY)

Greetings from Lockbourne FWB Church. We're so happy that spring is here and God's handiwork is a wonderful reminder of that Easter morning when our Lord arose from the grave. Death could not hold Him and that is why we as Christians have that blessed hope that we will spend eternity with Him. We had wonderful Easter services beginning with our sunrise service where Bro. **Lance Stilling** preached, followed by morning service where Bro. Leon preached and Bro. **Sammy Stambaugh** sang, as well as **Ella Gregory** who blessed us with her anointed singing. The kids enjoyed a great Easter egg hunt afterwards and we say a big thank you to Brandie and Jimmy Dommer for this nice event.

We've been showered with blessings from above. Over the last several months we have seen nine first time conversions and three rededications. In April, we were blessed to have six people follow our Lord in baptism. God has truly been good and some of us have continued to agree in prayer that God will continue to trouble the waters so that needs will be met. Faithful is He that promised.

We send our love and prayers to Sis. Doris Calhoun on the loss of her brother Henry, Sis. Occie Harris and Nettie Hane on the loss of their niece, Brenda and to Bro. Dick Moore on the loss of his brother, Willie. Our prayers continue to be with them during this time of loss.

Please continue to pray for Lockbourne church as we labor together in the Lord.

Leon Stevens, Pastor
Janelle Sagraves, Reporter

SAMANTHA (FRANKLIN)

Greetings once again brothers and sisters in Christ.

Welcome spring! Becoming a new Christian reminds me of spring. The old dies out and the new begins. We become new creatures in Christ. (I Corinthians 5:17).

On March 10th we had the pleasure and privilege of celebrating our pastor's 87th birthday. It was an evening of merriment and good food to eat. We give God the glory for allowing us to have Bro. Wiley another year. He has been at Samantha a total of 47 years.

Bro. **Edwin Hayes** was guest evangelist for our revival on March 27-30th. Special singing was by **Blood and Water** of Bainbridge, Ohio and members of our church family.

I will attempt to give a brief summary of each night's sermon subjects and Scripture texts. On Wednesday we heard, *"Salvation is so Simple a Child can Receive it"*-Luke 19. Thursday the message was, *"Who Do You Say Jesus is?"* from Matt 16:13-19. Friday we heard about "*Facing Difficult Times"* we need to focus on His Love, Power and to Believe in Him. On Saturday we heard a message about being *"Careless"* from Luke 2:41-49 where we sometimes leave **Jesus** behind.

We were blessed with four spiritual thought-provoking messages. Thank you for coming to Samantha, Bro. Hayes and may God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

We celebrated Easter and we were reminded, *"...he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him."* Mark 16:6

In summarizing my report, the men and women had their monthly prayer breakfast and on March 28th we had **Mullins and the Radio Ramblers** in concert.

Wiley Perkins, Pastor
Elanor Cumberland, Reporter

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WESTERVILLE (FRANKLIN)

Greetings from Westerville!

The Master's Men had their annual chili cook-off on Sunday, March 17th after our a.m. service. There were several different kinds with all the trimmings; cornbread, crackers, cheese, etc. It was very good and enjoyed by all. Bro. Gene Castle was judged as the most likeable. Congrats to him!

Our youth have been practicing very diligently in different categories: won on the state level and will be in competition at the National Association. We ask for your prayers.

On Palm Sunday we had special guests worshipping with us, Bro. Paul and Sister Mary Etterling. It's always a pleasure when they visit with us. They are our pastor's parents.

Our Christmas in March was much fun at Der Dutchman in Plain City. We had great fellowship and good food that was enjoyed by all. Secret Sisters were revealed at this time and new ones chosen.

We had a community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20th on the church grounds. A huge number of children attended.

Our WWAC are busy planning a service project and a fundraiser in the near future. We're already looking forward to our retreat in September in Berlin, Ohio.

We're having good attendance at our meeting. We have dedicated ladies!

Remember our church in your prayers and we'll be praying for you. God bless!

In Christ's love.

Paul Etterling, Pastor
Grace McKinster, Reporter

PURITAN (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

The spring season is upon us and everything is coming to life! It was so great celebrating the resurrection of our **Lord Jesus Christ** on Easter Sunday. Our church also had an Easter drama, *"The Three Nails"* on April 20th and the spirit was felt in the play among not only the congregation, but the cast as well. It took lots of hard work from everyone to make the play a success!

We also enjoyed a revival with **Billy Huddleston** and **Jackie Grimmett.** They gave powerful messages and singing all week and the church was revived.

We have started having our evening services at our shelter the last Sunday of each month for the spring and summer and we had a great time on April 28th with **Jamie Tolley** singing in our service and fellowship afterwards.

Continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in prayer. We have several that have had surgery and a few fighting cancer. Our God is an awesome God and can take care of all our needs!! We pray you have a blessed spring season!

God bless.

Jamie Fortner, Pastor
Rhonda Fortner, Reporter

UNITED (CAPITAL CITY)

Blessings from United FWB Church in Massillon. We're glad that spring has finally arrived.

Join us in prayer for our sick, especially those with serious illnesses. As **Jesus** said in Matthew 21:22 *"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."*

For Palm Sunday, Lisa Werstler and Sue Noble brought in palms and a few of the ladies made crosses from them for the Sunday school classes. At our Maundy Thursday service, we took communion and had feetwashing. John 13:5 *"After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet…."* We had a beautiful Easter Sunday. Our youth blessed us with songs and God gave pastor a great message

to take with us as we spent the day with our families.

In May we are planning a youth bowling event, and in June a family picnic with swimming and games.

We ask the Lord for his guidance and ask you for continued prayers in our need for a larger church building. We pray for a building large enough to hold our growing congregation, Sunday school classes, and fellowship area to seat every one. Matthew 18:20 says *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

Prayers and blessings to all.

Randy Keffer, Pastor
Linda Webb, Reporter

NEW HOPE (CORNERSTONE)

We are so thankful for God's love and comfort. We have several members ill in our church and we are thankful for answered prayers. One of our sisters is going through rehab after suffering a stroke and another sister is going through radiation treatments for cancer. We are so glad that God is in control.

We are looking forward to a special song service on Mother's Day, May 12th in our A.M. service with the **Homelighters.** Then on Father's Day, June 16th we will be having Bro. **Dan Widdig** preaching in our A.M. service and special singing by the **Spiritual Echoes**.

We have had a couple new families visiting and they have been such a blessing to our church.

Until next time, stay safe and have a wonderful summer. May God bless you all.

Wendell F. Combs, Pastor
Linda Combs, Reporter

COMMUNITY SOMERSET

Greetings from Community FWB Church! We are excited as warm weather approaches to see what God has in store. We've faced some challenges but we have stayed strong. Isaiah 54:17 *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn."*

We want to thank **Talo Teo** and **Patrick Blevins** for filling in for Pastor Scott while the family was visiting their daughter in Colorado.

The pastor's son **Ethan,** and daughter-in-law **Emily Hutchinson** have answered the call to missionary work in Uruguay. They will be leaving in January 2020. They are currently visiting other churches to share their hopes and plans and to raise money for the trip. If you would be interested in having them visit your church please contact Ethan @ **ethanministries@gmail.com**.

We had our annual 9 mile Cross Walk on April 20th and God blessed all of us with beautiful weather for the Son Rise Service. **Talo Teo** preached for us from 2 Peter 1: 18-19. Praise God for His mercy. Mercy that we don't deserve. We want to thank the ladies for the delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Until next time, keep us in your prayers as we pray for you.

Scott Hutchinson, Pastor
Beverly Hattery, Reporter

SOUTHWEST (CAPITAL CITY)

We send greetings trusting God is blessing our churches with souls being won to Christ.

We were blessed to have **Edwin Hayes** preach for us Sunday morning, March 3rd. Also, the ladies fellowship group enjoyed their ladies' retreat Friday evening, March 22nd at the church fellowship hall.

David Epps preached with great anointing in our spring revival with many coming forth for prayer. Our communion/feetwashing service was special with our church family Sunday evening, April 14th. Our Sunday School had our annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th even though it was a cold rainy day, the children enjoyed all the activities.

Our Easter services began Sunday morning, April 21st with the sunrise service at 7am followed by a breakfast prepared by the Master's Men and we finished the day with our Easter celebration service at 11 am with one saved. Our Pastors **John Sr** and **John Jr** preached great messages on the true meaning of Easter.

We will have a special day May 12th as we honor the mothers during our Mother's Day service. Pastor **John** and **Carolyn** will celebrate 48 years of marriage May 15th and we will be hosting the Capital City Conference May 18th.

June begins with **Jimmy Howson** singing Sunday morning, June 2nd followed by our youth graduation service that evening. Pastor John will be celebrating his 67th birthday June 5th followed by Pastor **John Jr** and **Patty's** 16th wedding anniversary June 7th. Our VBS will be the week of the 10th, Monday-Friday followed by our Father's Day Service, June 16th. We close the month with **Mike Blanton & Evidence** singing and preaching our summer revival, June 23-26th. Please pray for us as we are praying for you.

John Meade, Pastor
Anita Stanton, Reporter

SOUTH COLUMBUS (TRINITY)

Greetings from South Columbus FWB Church.

We are happy that spring is finally here. April was a month with spirit-filled preaching and singing by different preachers and singers each week. We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a communion and feet-washing service on Good Friday. Our sunrise service was very moving, and our pastor delivered a stirring message Easter Sunday morning. Pray for those that attended Easter Sunday who may have been lost.

Congratulations to Jack and Amanda Calhoun on the birth of their son Jeremiah. Congratulations on the upcoming wedding of our pastor's daughter Kerstin Stevens and her fiancee Bleu Molinar. Pray for them as they start this new chapter in their lives. Congratulations to Kerstin on her graduation from OSU for Animal Science.

The Lord has blessed our church with healing of many of our members, continue to pray for those who still aren't feeling their best. Sister Connie Mabry is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Pray for Bro. **Richard Hensley.** He spent time in the hospital with a lung infection, the Lord gave him a message that we are anxious to hear when he is able. Pray for Sister Pat Myers' family. Her husband, Tim went to be with the Lord in April.

Our condolences go out to Jim and Libby Hauser on the loss of their son-in-law Keith Chapman. Pray for his family during this difficult time.

The Trinity Conference met May 4th. Pray for the churches in the conference.

Tim Stevens, Pastor
Kathy Messer, Reporter

FELLOWSHIP TABERNACLE (LITTLE MIAMI)

Greetings From Fellowship Tabernacle.

Since our last report, we took in two new members.

Every first Sunday each month after the morning worship we have a luncheon and enjoy good fellowship. We are thankful for everyone who has a part of the luncheon and bring food.

We are thankful for everyone who came to preach for us and present ministry in songs.

Remember those that are sick and those that have had a death in their family.

March 16th and April 20th we had song fests. We had very spiritual services and the Lord is sure blessing in His special way. March 16th the **Redeemed** sang. We have a song fest every 3rd Saturday each month @ 6PM. Everyone is welcome.

Mar 24th we were blessed having our new pastor **Jim Conley**. We love and appreciate Bro Jim and Sis. Sandy and family. They are a blessed family. Please pray for Jim, his family, the church and church family. Pray also that we will see more people come to church and see many souls get saved. We need revival very much.

We love and appreciate everyone of our church family.

We had sunrise service Easter Morning, April 21st we had very good singing and preaching and the Lord surely blessed His children. In the morning worship service we had the **Homegates** and they did a wonderful singing. We appreciate their ministry in songs. Bro. **Roger Williams** preached a powerful message and the Lord blessed him in His special way.

After the morning services we had an egg hunt for the children. We are thankful for everyone who made it possible. Thank you precious Jesus for resurrection morning.

Until next report May God richly bless you and your family.

Jim Conley, Pastor
Dean Lewis, Reporter

REYNOLDSBURG (FRANKLIN)

We are headed into May and June excited to be growing in strength and knowledge. We are having Bible study on Wednesdays and we just completed an excellent women's Bible study.

The Sunday school and youth programs remain dynamic and challenging for our young people. At our Easter egg hunt, we were able to share the true message of Easter with approximately 100 children and their families. We know God's word always makes a difference when it is heard. We are trusting in that promise.

We will honor both mothers and fathers in these next two months. Is there a greater responsibility on this earth than to lead our children to the saving power of Christ? Be sure to thank your parents or honor their memory on these special days. Friends and family join us for this celebration.

Our 47th annual homecoming was May 5th. **Edwin Hayes** preached.

We had one baptized since our last report. Shea Wiley was baptized on April 28th. Shea is the grandson of the late former Pastor **Phil Wiley.**

Jerry Sargent, Pastor
Kim Wiley, Reporter

FREDERICK FWB (PINE CREEK)

During the last few months we have been blessed with several special services. In March we held a 4-night revival with **Chris Oiler**. His sermons were both inspirational and challenging. Special music was provided by **Almost There, Covered By Love, Dee Grant** and members of our congregation.

We have also enjoyed preaching by Pastor **Rusty, Ron Henthorn** and **Don Meadows.** On Easter Sunday we had a special visit from Simon Peter, (portrayed by Pastor Rusty) who blessed us with his personal story during the arrest, crucifixion and resurrection of **Jesus Christ.** Following the morning service, we had an Easter egg hunt for the children, while the adults shared fellowship time with coffee and donuts.

Don Meadows, our Sunday School teacher, has been leading us in some interesting studies. We studied the book of *"Esther"* and are now studying "*End Times",* based on several Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments.

Our Bible studies on Wednesdays have been very interesting and inspiring. We just finished a six- session lesson on "*The Last Days of Jesus".* In June we will begin a 6-session study on *"The Old Testament Tabernacle"* and how it points to **Jesus.**

We have started a Movie Night on the last Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. We share snacks and see inspirational films. We invite everyone to came and enjoy these movies with us.

On March 30th, we helped Clarence and Edna Shuff celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We are thankful that they are a part of our Frederick family and wish them more happy years together.

We request your prayers for some of our members who are ill. Glay Cameron and Clarence Shuff are both hospitalized. Also, Jr and Etha Howard are having health issues and have not been able to attend services.

Consider these words from James 5:16, *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

Rusty Larter, Pastor
Janet Meadows, Reporter

MOUNT STERLING (TRINITY)

Greetings from Mt.Sterling FWB Church.

It is good to see all of the beautiful spring colors that the Lord has blessed us with.

We have lost another beloved member of 16 years Gloria Johnson. Our loss is heaven's gain. Please keep her family and our church in your prayers.

On March 17th our High Teen class had a reunion. What a turnout they had. It was good to see the faces of so many young people that grew up in our church again.

On March 24th we were blessed with a special singer **Sammy Stambaugh**. His singing was enjoyed by all.

On April 19th we had our Good Friday communion and feetwashing service it was a joyful time in the Lord.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated Christ's resurrection with a sunrise service. After our youth made us a good old fashioned breakfast before Sunday school and our regular church service.

Saturday May 11th at 6pm we will be having a songfest. **Sammy Stambaugh** and **Dee Storts** will be singing. We would love for you to come and worship the Lord with us.

In June our youth will be traveling to Williamstown, Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter. What an exciting exhibit to see. They are really excited!

If you are ever in Mount Sterling we would love to have you stop in and fellowship with us.

JD Bowman, Pastor
Brandi Graham, Reporter

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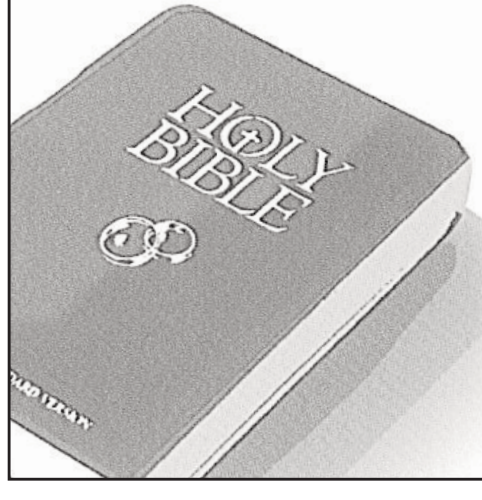

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Missionaries to Erie, PA

Feasibility Study in the Works

It has been a SLOW process as we've tried to patiently wait on the Lord regarding our building situation. However, recently we have made some progress in the next steps toward a new building becoming a reality.

We are currently in the process of getting a "Feasibility Study" done. This study will provide us with the following:
*Colored Master Site Plan
*Colored Floor Plan
*Colored Exterior Elevation
*Opinion of Probable Cost

Please continue to pray with us about this important need. While I am continuing to pray that God would provide a different building without requiring us to build, thus far nothing has opened up. Therefore, we are moving forward with the plans to build on the corner of West 34th Street and Washington Ave. Please ask God to continue to give us wisdom about the timing and help us be good stewards of His provision.

As a reminder of the importance of our building need I want to tell you about Richard. Richard attended Flagship regularly until his health took a turn for the worse. As a result of his deteriorating health he was no longer able to navigate our stairs. Richard had to quit attending church with his wife because our building is not handicap accessible. There have been others whom have had difficulty with our building. We do not want to have to turn people away! This is ONE of four reasons why we desperately need to move. The other three issues are: space, parking and location. Please continue to stand with us and give to our building fund so we can focus on reaching Erie for Christ as well as have an adequate facility to minister to our congregation.

MISSION TEAM NEEDED!

Each year our church hosts a huge outreach event. This year the date for our Block Party is July 12th. We are in need of a small mission team to come up and help us July 8-13th to set-up and prepare for this outreach. If you or someone you know would be interested in bringing a group please contact me ASAP. You can e-mail me at **alightinerie@gmail.com** or call/text **(814) 572-2265**.

We are also looking for some people who would be willing to share their testimony "on stage" during the Block Party. The last two years our outreach event has attracted more than 300 people and it is a great opportunity to share God's love with our community.

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Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement
News Release

Board of Retirement Partners With ECFA

Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement is pleased to announce a new partnership with Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). ECFA is a leading organization in equipping churches for financial integrity.

In partnering with ECFA, we're excited to share with you ChurchEXCEL. ChurchEXCEL is comprised of FREE church financial and administrative resources to assist your ministry. From financial policies to eBooks to webinars, these resources are designed to help you save time and model integrity.

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*Minister's Housing Allowance
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*Financial Questions for Boards
*Internal Audit Guidelines
*Dozens More!

You can find these FREE resources at **ChurchEXCEL.org/FWBBOR**. We hope you find these valuable resources a help to your ministry. As always, let us know how we can assist you in "preparing for your future ministry."

Seventh Circuit: Housing Allowance is Constitutional

by Chris Compton

In a much anticipated decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled Friday afternoon that a law giving ministers tax-free housing allowance is constitutional.

The Seventh Circuit's unanimous decision in the case Gaylor v. Mnuchin overturns a lower court ruling in 2017 in favor of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF). As previously reported, Judge Crabb of the Federal District Court of the Western District of Wisconsin held that the cash clergy housing allowance under Internal Revenue Code Section 107(2) is unconstitutional, as an impermissible preferential treatment of religion under the Establishment Clause of the Constitution.

Seventh Circuit Decision

Judge Michael Brennan, who authored the opinion of the three-judge panel, wrote in his opinion Friday that "Congress has enacted federal tax exemptions for religious organizations as far back as 1802." "We conclude § 107(2) has a secular legislative purpose, its principal effect is neither to endorse nor to inhibit religion, and it does not cause excessive government entanglement," he wrote.

Judge Brennan dismissed FFRF's claim the minister's housing allowance violated the Establishment Clause. "FFRF claims § 107(2) renders unto God that which is Caesar's. But this tax provision falls into the play between the joints of the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause: neither commanded by the former, nor proscribed by the latter. We conclude § 107(2) is constitutional. The judgment of the district court is REVERSED," Brennan concluded in his opinion.

What This Means To You

The FFRF, among many options, could ask for the full panel of the Seventh Circuit to review the case or appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. The Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement expects continuing challenges to the Minister's Housing Allowance, as it has been for the past several years. Churches and ministers should be prepared and make plans were the benefit to ever go away.

For now, the minister housing allowance remains intact. Churches designating a housing allowance can continue to do so as before until further notice.

The Board of Retirement will continue to monitor future cases and will update our Free Will Baptist family of any future developments.

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We are thankful and so blessed of the Lord! The Lord is daily leading the way for us. We thank God for His love, power, and evidence in our daily lives! I am continuing to learn the "new normal" with the Parkinson's Disease. The Lord has definitely placed the individuals in our lives that are tremendous blessings to us. We experience His blessings every single day and we give Him glory and honor!

On Easter Sunday we had the privilege of preaching and sharing the message of Our Lord and Savior! We were honored and blessed to be with Pastor **Ed Colegrove** and the Edison Enterprise Baptist Church in Edison, Ohio. This Pastor is doing an outstanding work for the Lord at Edison. If you want to see what the New Testament Church resembles, just visit the Edison Church! This is a remarkable church that reaches their community with the gospel!

Please continue to pray for Terry and me as we work through the "new normal" for our lives! We are trusting totally in the Lord! For the past 16 years we have lived by total faith, and we daily continue to follow this proven principle for our lives! Please continue praying for us! We appreciate and thank you for all you do for us!

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

State Meeting Program

June 21-22, 2019

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 Conference (CTS) Board
10:40 AM	Report of the Board of Directors
	Report of the Promotional Secretary
11:00 AM	Worship in Giving
	Ministry in Songs: Mike & Sandy Mounts
11:15 AM	Message: Rev. Mike Martin Pastor, Calvary FWB Church, Ravenna, OH
	"Standing As One-*Loving the Same Lord*"
Noon	Adjourn for Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:15 PM	Devotion: Rev. Aaron Justice
1:30 PM	Report of the Ohio Women Active for Christ
1:35 PM	Report of the National Women Active for Christ
1:40 PM	Miscellaneous Business
	2018 National Convention Report
	Appointment of Delegates to National Association of FWB
1:55 PM	Report of the National Executive Department
2:10 PM	Report of Randall House Publications
2:15 PM	Report of Welch College
2:20 PM	Report of the International Mission Department
2:25 PM	Report of the North American Ministries Department
2:30 PM	Report of the FWB Foundation
2:35 PM	Report of the National 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
7:25 PM	Ministry in Songs: Undivided
7:40 PM	Message: Rev. Tim York Moderator of the National Assoc. of FWB
	"Standing as One-*Believing the Same Word*"
	Adjourn

Saturday Morning

9:00 AM	Prayer Session Meets
9:30 AM	Devotion: Rev. Kyle Chadwick
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	Report from the Nominating Committee
	Election of Officers
	Appointment of Prayer & Registration Committee Chairpersons & Nominating Committee for 2020
11:00 AM	Worship in Giving
	Ministry in Songs: Bryon Justice
11:15 AM	Message: Rev. Mark Bailey Pastor of the Mansfield FWB Church
	"Standing As One-*Serving the Same Team*"
Noon	Adjournment

Friday Lunch at the Ohio State Association Meeting will be provided by the *Ohio Women Active for Christ* on a free will offering basis.

*All nominations **MUST** be submitted to the **Nominating Committee** by 1pm Friday, June 22nd.
*All submissions to the **Resolution** or **Appreciation Committees** **MUST** be submitted by 7pm Friday, June 22nd.

OHIO STATE MINISTRY OFFERING

Friday, June 21, 2019

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OBITUARIES

If you know of anyone in your church who has passed away since our last State Meeting, please give that person's name *(and picture if possible)* to the Ohio State Office by June 1st.

LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES THAT_____ is a duly authorized delegate to the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

from_____ **Church**

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FIRST SPRINGFIELD (FRANKLIN)

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which will feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15.

Hello everyone.

After serving our church for over 34 years Pastor Mark is retiring. He has been such a big part of all of our lives in the church. We love him and will miss him being our pastor and we will miss the wonderful sermons he preaches with power from the Holy Spirit. He has made this decision with his wife Patsy. They will continue their membership with our church.

Easter Sunday was our Rally Day and we saw a lot of new faces. We pray that God touched their hearts and we will see them in our next service.

We had an Easter egg hunt for the kids after the service. Our Rally Day banner was won by Dan Cordel with the slogan " *The Greatest Love I have ever seen, Praise the Lord in 2019*".

Mark Rucker, Pastor
Linda O'Neal, Reporter

WOODSTOCK (CENTRAL OHIO)

Greetings from the Woodstock FWB Church! We are still busy for the Lord. Our *"March For Jesus"* revival in March was well attended and we heard some inspiring messages. We thank all that attended. We still do not have a pastor but we have men of God that are willing to help spread the gospel. We have recently had Rev. **Clay Baldwin,** Rev. **Ray Boggs,** Rev. **Carl Hartman** and Rev. **Bill Moore** bringing us God's word. We appreciate everyone that has a part in the services.

Our annual homecoming service will be June 9th, service starting at 10:30am with dinner to follow. All are invited to come.

Until next time keep witnessing to the lost until the trumpet sounds and we will be going home!

Virginia Jones, Reporter

NEWARK (FRANKLIN)

Greetings from the Newark Church.

Since our last report, we have added four new members; Jamie and Josephine Montoya, and Pat and Judy Sullivan to our church.

The church held a Good Friday Service on April 19th, along with our annual Easter Sunrise Service, both preached by our interim pastor Rev. **Johnny Ray Davis**. Both services had a great turnout and even a few new visitors.

Our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was May 4th. The theme was "*The Power of a Praying Woman."* Our guest speaker was **Kelly Hutchinson**, wife of Pastor **Scott Hutchinson** of Community FWB Church in Somerset, OH, along with her daughter Emma and daughter-in-law, Emily as the special singers.

We are still searching for a permanent pastor, and we thank everyone for your continued prayers during this time. We know it is all in God's hands and that God will bless us with the right leader.

Johnny Ray Davis, Interim Pastor
Drema Hughes, Reporter

DAILYVILLE (FRANKLIN)

The Master's Men group made and sold Apple Butter at the Piketon Dogwood Festival in April. It gave us opportunity to witness and spread the good word of God and inviting visitors to our church. God is truly blessing our church in Waverly, Ohio!

Pete Dunn, Pastor
Jim Henry, Reporter

ST LOUISVILLE

Greetings in the name of the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

Spring has finally arrived and some of those who have been ill, have been able to return to the church. It is great to see them!

We have had several visiting preach for us. On April 7th, Bro. **Corey Caroll** and our pastor preached together for the first time. Wow! What two "fireball" preachers. Many souls were blessed.

On April 21st we had our Easter service. The children did an Easter program for us. Pastor Owens preached on the resurrection. One precious soul was saved and two people raised their hands for prayer. We also had an Easter egg hunt for the children.

God is still saving folks.

On October 25-27th we will be having a revival with Bro. **Corey Caroll,** Bro. **Kevin Bowling** and Pastor **Jerry Owens.**

Please try and attend, old fashioned, Holy Ghost preaching. There will be special singing each night.

Until next time, please pray for our church.

Jerry Owens, Pastor and Reporter

Remember to honor your Mother on Mother's Day, May 12th and your Father on Father's Day, June 16th

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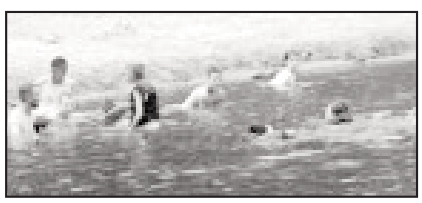

Newly built, fully furnished kitchen and dining area (2012), as well as the huge pond is now available for swimming and pedal boats! A Pastor from a camp in 2012 was so impressed with our improvements in these areas that he said he wished other FWB churches were aware of our new (Kitchen/Dining hall) and improved (the Pond) facilities.

For leasing and information on the above camps call **Larry Glenn (937) 478-3815, Donna Glenn (937) 475-2710, Rev. Steve Nickels (937) 478-1182, Pastor Tim Hamilton (937) 559-1966**
or E-mail us at **timham@reagan.com**.

2019 Camps
July 7–12: Sr. Co-ed Camp (Ages 13-20 boys/girls) July 14-19: Jr. Boys Camp (Ages 8-13)
July 21-26: Jr. Girls Camp (Ages 8-13)
Please let us know if you would like to view a camp presentation.

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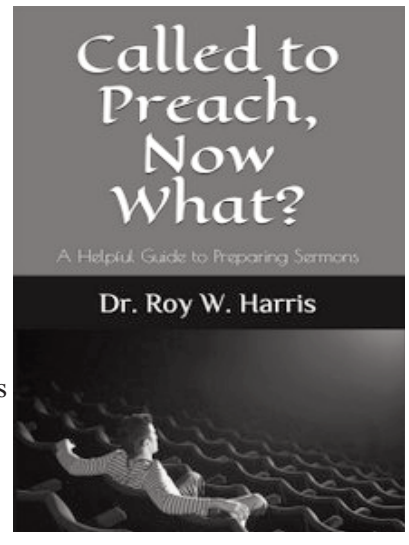
NEW BOOK ON SERMON PREPARATION

By Dr. Roy W. Harris



With the call to preach, comes the responsibility to prepare. The Bible is filled with examples of the need for study, training, preparation and education. *Called to Preach, Now What?* Can be a tremendous aid to both rookie and veteran preachers.

The book is filled with practical suggestions, helpful ideas and great resources for preparing powerful, doctrinally sound, life changing and interesting sermons. Topics like: How to know if you've been called? How to interpret passages of Scripture and develop them into sermons? Learning the craft of sermon building, giving captivating introductions and using the invitation to draw the net.

There is a list of helpful sermon ideas, themes, suggestions on preaching series sermons and several series sermon subjects. There is also a chapter on good pulpit etiquette and how to be effective while in the pulpit.

Roy Harris is a veteran preacher with over 48 years in the ministry. He has an extensive ministry of training and equipping several hundred pastors in East Africa and has spoken in a variety of venues in 38 U.S. States, Europe, Israel, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda. Roy has devoted much of his life to training, encouraging and mentoring young preachers.

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Thought for the Month

"And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel." **Nehemiah 8:1**

CENTERBURG (CAPITAL CITY)

It's that time of year where life gets hectic. That time when sports seems to rule our lives taking our children away from church on Wednesday and Sunday. I've noticed more lately when driving by the ball fields on my way to church on these days, how crowded they are. So many people that they have to park down by the roads. If only our church parking lots were filled to that capacity! What's wrong with playing sports on the other days of the week? As Pastor Mark always says " If you're to busy for God, then you're too busy". Let's slow down and enjoy the life the Lord has blessed us with!

We have seen six souls saved, God is good! We have had 14 new members since our last report. We can't thank God enough for His mercy and grace!

There are people in our congregation that are in need of a miracle in their lives. Whether it be one of healing or of a life changing experience. Pray with us for those who are seeking a miracle from God. He is still able!

We had our communion and feetwashing service on April 18th. It was such a wonderful service. Our Easter egg hunt was that Saturday, where we had over 5,000 eggs! There was a good turn out of over 250 people. April 21st we had our SonRise and Easter Service, with a great turnout where three souls were saved!

We had a surprise birthday party for Pastor Mark on April 26th. He turned 50 on May 1st! We love our pastor and his family!

On April 28 we had the privilege of having **Ethan** and **Emily Hutchinson** in our morning service. They ministered to us in song and then gave a presentation of their upcoming mission trip to Uruguay. Please keep them in your prayers as they step out to do God's service.

Please continue to pray with us for our upcoming events and also a youth pastor, our youth camp and VBS, both in July.

We pray for the Lord's blessings on each and everyone of you!

Until next time, if the Lord should tarry!

Mark Tuggle, Pastor
Sandy McDowell, Reporter

COMMUNITY (CENTRAL OHIO)

Spring has come and the excitement of summer here too. We had great services to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We hosted the conference May 4th. Bro. Jerry preached and the church choir sang. It was a day of worship and good fellowship. We have more events coming up for the congregation to enjoy in May.

We will be celebrating graduations, weddings, and retirements with our church family. On May 19th Executive Secretary Bro, **Edwin Hayes** will be our guest speaker in the morning worship service.

Our church has an amazing youth group. We have two fine young people graduating in the Class of 2019! Our young lady is Miss Sandra E. Moser, her proud parents are Chip and Sonya Moser. Sandy will be graduating from Jonathan Alder High School May 26th. Sandy is the Valedictorian of her class! Sandy will be attending Duke University in NC majoring in mathematics. Sandy, God continue to bless you sweetheart. We love you. Our young man is Mr. Matthew Pieper. Matthew will be graduating from Central Crossing HS June 1st. During his high school career Matthew was a part of the Culinary Arts program. Matthew will be attending Columbus State in the fall. We are very proud of both!

Now for the other end of the spectrum: retirement. Our pianist and choir director, Mrs. Caryn Jackson will be retiring from Tolles Career and Technical Center on May 24th with 24 years of service. Caryn, God bless you as He opens new opportunities for you and your family.

As we move into June, Bro. **Robert Legg** from the Family Ministries will be joining us June 9th as our guest speaker for the morning worship service. This ministry is a vital part of the Free Will Baptist's outreaches.

We would like to wish all Mothers, Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day too, Dad's. See you at the State Meeting.

Jerry Newman, Pastor
A. Friend, Reporter

NORTHRIDGE

Blessings from Northridge FWB Church! We just came out of a wonderful revival. One soul was saved and many people were refreshed and revived.

On Saturday, May 11th, the men of the church will be fixing breakfast for the ladies of the church in honor of Mother's Day. In June, our ladies will return the favor and fix breakfast for the men of the church for Father's Day.

Our VBS begins on June 3rd, and teachers are excited and putting their lessons together. Our church camps take place in July and workers have been down at the camp working and getting it ready for this summer's camps.

We continue to have members of the church going overseas on missionary trips as the Lord directs. The Lord tells us in John 9:4 to *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."* We are only too glad to do all we can for God after all He has done for us.

Please pray for the lost that they will give their heart to the Lord before it is eternally too late. Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ that they will be strong in the Lord. Please pray for our missionaries and members who continue to go to other countries to win souls for Christ.

Tune in to our weekly radio ministry on Sunday at 2:30pm (Station WGNZ 1110 AM and 104.3 FM)

Join us in service on our church web page – www.northridgefwbc.org and click on live streaming

In His service.

Tim Hamilton, Pastor
Corky Coomes, Reporter

GAHANNA (CORNERSTONE)

Happy spring!

God has blessed us with the chirping of the birds and the beautiful flowers and trees that are in bloom. God is good all the time!

Our Easter sunrise worship service was at 7:30am. The church was filled with the aroma of Easter Lilies. The lily represents the spiritual essence of Easter.

The **Hamilton Road Quartet** was in our morning service March 31st. They are always a blessing to our church. They are a very spiritual group of young men.

The Cornerstone Conference was held at Gahanna, April 22nd. We were blessed in song from the choir and Bro. **Edwin Hayes** brought a great message followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

Please remember Pastor **Curtis Booth** and his wife **Pat.** She has been in the hospital and rehab after falling and breaking her hip.

Several of our members have experienced the loss of a loved one. Remember them in prayer as they mourn their loss.

Curtis Booth, Pastor
Bonnie Justice, Reporter

HERITAGE (CAPITAL CITY)

Hello from Heritage!

It's been a busy spring season here at Heritage! Our annual homecoming service was on Sunday, April 7th and it was an honor to have our former youth pastor, **Chris Mitchell** and his family here with us. Pastor Chris preached a great message and it was a joy to see them all again! We are thankful for the many that returned and joined us for the celebration.

Our Palm Sunday service is always special as our church deacons and ministers serve the Lord's Supper. This year was one of the best we have had!

Easter Sunday our day began with a sunrise service, breakfast, Sunday School, Easter worship & cantata, and ending with an egg hunt for the children with over 4,500 eggs!

It was a privilege to have Dr. David Gibbs, Jr. from Christian Law Association with us on April 28. He delivered two great messages that day!

We are also wrapping up another season of Life Groups at Heritage! We have added another group this session and it's wonderful to see the groups grow and engage in friendships while studying God's word together.

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you at the Ohio State Association in June!

Tim W. Stout, Pastor
Stephanie Wolfe, Reporter

GRACE

Hello from Grace Free Will again. We hope all is well with everyone. We here at GFWB had a wonderful Easter service, we were blessed to have the Booth kids with us. We trust all of you had a blessed Easter also. We are so thankful to our Lord and Saviour **Jesus Christ** for His great sacrifice given for each of us.

We are so happy for spring, to see the trees getting their leaves and all the flowers blooming. God does beautiful work.

We ask your continued prayers for our church as we continue to seek a new pastor. We are very blessed with the preachers who have came to help us out. Bro. **Wayne Altman** and his wife **Kim** have been such a blessing to us as well as Bro. **Bill Alford** and his wife **Jewel**. Please pray for Bro. Bill, he's recovering from surgery, also Sis.Kim she's also recovering from surgery. We know the Lord is with them.

We continue to pray for all of you and ask your continued prayers for our church and members also. If we aren't able to do anything else for someone we can always pray. Prayers can do so much. God is always listening to our prayers wanting to help us. Our God is so good all the time. Let's also pray for our country and its leaders, the sick and the homeless.

We invite you to come visit our church and worship with us, we would love to have you. Sunday school is at 10:00 a.m. and worship is at 11:15 a.m. Many blessings to you all.

Blessings from Grace FWB Church.

Elaine Booth, Reporter

SWAUGER VALLEY (PINE CREEK)

Greetings from Swauger Valley!

We are happy to report on a wonderful camp meeting in March with **Mike Blanton, Mike McCoy** and **Shawn Beauchamp**. What a blessing to worship with many friends old and new! God is good all the time and His blessings are beyond measure.

Join us in prayer as we prepare and look forward to many upcoming opportunities to be the hands and feet of **Jesus** and minister to both the body of Christ and those who still need Him.

The annual Mother Daughter ladies banquet will be May 14th. VBS will be June 3-7th at 6:30pm and we will be kicking that week off with our annual Sunday School Picnic following the morning services on Sunday June 2nd. A special youth service will be held June 23rd during the evening service at 7pm.

Also join us in prayer for our youth as they plan their summer mission work for this year at the Oaks Center in Tennessee.

Mike Simpson, Pastor
Laura Simpson, Reporter

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FAITH (SOUTH CENTRAL)

Greetings from Faith FWB Church!

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

On March 17th, we celebrated Pastor **Tony Vanover's** 10 years of dedication and service as our pastor. He was presented with a plaque and a gift card, as well as refreshments after Sunday evening service. We are thankful that God has given us a pastor that loves his congregation enough to preach the truth.

On Sunday, March 24th, we had Teacher Appreciation Day. Our teachers were given a Certificate of Recognition and a small gift. We enjoyed fellowship and a potluck following the morning service.

We had a wonderful Easter weekend. Our Good Friday service started out a little rough. We lost power right before service, but we still had His power! It turned into a relaxing, spirit-filled service. Easter Sunday started out with a sunrise service with Rev. **John Dunn** bringing the message. Thank you to Sue King and the choir for providing special singing. After the sunrise service, 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 took time the remainder of the day to be with our families.

The ladies of the church are planning to come together on May 13th at Golden Corral in celebration for Mother's Day. This will be a good time for all the ladies to enjoy fellowship and reflect on the blessings of motherhood.

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

FIRST DAYTON (LITTLE MIAMI)

Time is speedily passing. May is upon us.

March and April brought us sadness and great joy. This verse best describes Romans 12:15 *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn."*

Bro. Joe Williams left us in March a very dedicated to our church for several years. He maintained the sound system. In April Sister Mary Webb is celebrating in heaven as she left this world. We celebrated her life with family and friends what a great person. Mary was a special lady to so many in our congregation and had impacted so many lives.

We have had new people joining our congregation and overjoyed that the Lord is still working.

Our young adults enjoyed bowling activities. We had a movie *"War Room"*. Everyone enjoyed movie and the food prepared by Regina Long. At Easter we celebrated the resurrection of **Jesus** from the dead and several took part in communion. Angela and Lisa Creech prepared a cantata.

Pastor **Mark Long** participated in Rock Roll Marathon in Nashville and completed with encouragement. Please continue to pray for our church we have so many ill, in homes as well as nursing homes.

You can hear Pastor Long's sermons and special singing on Facebook. WWW:facebook.com/FirstDaytonFreeWillBaptistChurch/. Don't forget, Pastor Long hosts a weekly radio program called *"Sunday Mornings with Jesus"* WGNZ 104.3FM/1110AM, 8:00-8:30a.m.

Mark Long, Pastor
Marcella Keeton, Reporter

FOREST VALLEY (LITTLE MIAMI)

Greetings from Forest Valley FWB Church.

Our 9 year old, with stage 4 liver cancer, Barrett Fitzsimmons, is not doing well at all. He has been in and out of the hospital a lot and is in so much pain. Please pray that the Lord's will is to heal this child and help his family. Pray for Izzy and the others we have been praying for.

We had a really good turn out for our Chair Volleyball Tournament. We had eight teams and had a lot of fun and good food.

One of our dear friends, who had been a regular at our church for several years, Keith Britton (88), died on February 28th in Colorado, where his daughter and family were overseeing his care. His memorial service was May 4th, at Grace Bible Church in Springfield, OH.

We had a great turnout for our communion and feetwashing service at our Palm Sunday evening service.

On April 28th, we had five people join our church.

May 5th we baptized three people in our evening service. In our morning service, we are acknowledging six young people graduating from high school and two graduating from college. Del gives out new Bibles to our high school grads. Shelby McHenry is graduating with honors. D.J. Jent, Skylar Siebold, Shelby's boyfriend, Josh and Macy's boyfriend, Caleb are all graduating this year. Del's daughter, Macy, is graduating valedictorian of her class.

His other daughter, Ashley, is graduating from Wright State, majoring in engineering. She will start her new job on June 1st. She and her husband, Kyle, have recently become our youth leaders. RaeAnn Jent is only 20 and is graduating from Cedarville College. Those are major accomplishments and everyone of them are Christians.

Del Wallace, Pastor
Jeanne Hauf, Reporter

ANTIOCH (CENTRAL OHIO)

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

God is so good to us! So thankful to be a Christian.

God has been blessing at Antioch. In April we had one young girl saved, we praise God for her and our prayers are with her.

On Easter Sunday we had a full house. Anywhere from 155 to 160, were in attendance. But we were blessed most of all because God showed up too.

We've been busy with Vacation Bible School meetings. Our VBS will be June 3-6th. Times are 6:15 to 8:30pm. Our kids are already looking forward to it.

At last writing I asked prayer for my daughter, she had her foot broken in an accident. She didn't have to have surgery but was in a boot and a knee scooter for 8 weeks. She is now in a walking boot, and hopes to try pressure on her foot next week. Continued prayers are appreciated.

On May 19–23rd, Lord willing Jim and I will be traveling to Thelma KY for Camp meeting to be held at the Thelma FWB Church. Please pray for that meeting.

One more date to remember August 11th, will be our 40th homecoming at Antioch!

God bless till next time.

Jim Blankenship, Pastor
Linda Blankenship Reporter

ZALESKI

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2

It's so good to know that the Lord is always there to help us with our burdens and He give us the strength to go on. He is so good to us. We would like to give the Lord all the praise for the blessings He has given our church. Please pray for our pastor, **Mark Rood** and his wife, **Teresa** and children. She blesses our hearts with music and Mark feed our souls with the word of God.

We had Missionary **Jonathan Echor** at our church March 3rd. He told us about the churches he is helping in the Philippines.

We are planning VBS in June. The theme will be, *"Giddy Up Junction"* taking God's love to new frontiers. We are praying the Lord will send the youth so they can learn of Him.

Our church helped with the community egg hunt. We invited the Gideons to help us pass out Bibles to all the youth who attended. A good time was had by all.

Our youth held a game day April 27th. Games were played including Biblical versions of "Cranium and others. They enjoyed pizza and good fellowship. They are planning a night of filled with Ecuadorian food as they learn about the country, culture and its religion.

Please remember one of our members, Laoto Storms family. She passed away recently. Also, Thema LeMay's family as she has passed away.

We need to uplift all our pastors and their families in prayer as Satan is out to destroy everyone he can.

Pray for our nursing home ministry, our nation, leaders, our moms and dads, Nancy Rood and her sister Gail. We'll remember you in our prayers. Tell some one you love them and really mean it!

Mark Rood, Pastor
Linda McKibben, 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.

I pray everyone had a Happy Easter.

We had a nice young lady named Kristin come to our church on Saturday, April 6th, and talk to us about growth. We had our meeting the fellowship hall and had coffee and doughnuts. We had a good turnout of people ready to do work for outreach and growth.

We had our youth Easter egg hunt the week before Easter and had a great turn out.

We were glad to have Bro. Luthy preach our Good Friday service. After sunrise service on Easter, we went to breakfast at Fritch's.

Some of our members went to Two Rivers Restaurant at Butler and had a great time.

Bobby Courtney, Pastor
Nancy Reiber, Reporter

PORTER (PORTER)

What a beautiful spring we are having here at Porter! The choir celebrated Easter by presenting the cantata "*This Changes Everything"* directed by David Chamberlin and accompanied by Deena Armstrong. We are very thankful for all of the hard work that the choir does to present us with such a blessing.

We began our celebration of the Passion Week with our Wednesday evening service. Our Maundy Thursday service included feet washing and communion. As always it is a humbling service and a time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. Resurrection Sunday began with our sunrise service led by **George Grice.** This was followed by a great crowd for our Easter morning service.

We began our annual men verses women contest for the World Mission Offering. After we announce the victors of the competition, the losing team will provide dessert for a Sunday evening fellowship in May. We have a great deal of fun with this competition and are able to raise money to reach those that may never hear the Word of God otherwise.

Roar! is our VBS theme this year. This theme teaches that when *"Life is Wild, God is Good."* VBS will take place June 24-28th. 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 visit Porter!

Mark Price, Pastor
Tehra Clevenger, Reporter

SPRINGFIELD (LITTLE MIAMI)

Galatians 6:9,10 *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*

Hello from Springfield.

Nature is springing to life again with colors popping everywhere. God's master plan is so awesome!

Bro. **Jim Hartman** visited us a couple of times and preached wonderful messages. We thank God for him.

Bro. **Robert Legg** from Family Ministries came and gave us a update on the work being done at the FWB Children's Home and preached a soul searching message. There is no place to quit in God's service, we have to reach as many souls as we can.

We also had a blessed Easter service. Pastor Charlie brought a great message, *"The Day Is Far Spent"* and there were treats for everyone.

Until next time, keep walking in His light

Charles Crider, Pastor
Kristen LeMaster, Reporter

BLACKFORK (JACKSON)

Greetings from Blackfork.

What beautiful weather we have been having. We are so blessed and thankful for all the Lord has done. We are still trusting He will send us a pastor. In the mean time, we want thank all the preachers who take time to come and preach at Blackfork. We love and appreciate each and every one of them.

Thanks go to Brothers **Steven Blagg, Greg Gullum, Billy McFann, Dale Henson, Paul Bartrum, Mike Bevins, George Cade** and **Nathan Boggs.** These men have come to preach for us in March and April. Thank the Lord for them!

We are looking forward to great things from the Lord. If you have no home church, we invite you to come to Blackfork. You'll be glad you came.

Joyce Ann Kiser, Reporter

Hospital Update

Porter FWB Music Director **Dave Chamberlin** was undergoing major surgery on April 2nd at Ohio State University Hospital and found out that he had no sign of cancer! They did not have to do all the extensive surgery they were planning! He was released from the hospital April 4th.

Former Williams Road FWB Pastor **Larry Sparks** was released from Riverside Hospital after suffering a massive stroke on March 8th. He has improved and is going to rehab.

Former South Columbus FWB Pastor **Richard Hensley** was in Mt. Carmel West Hospital and is now home on oxygen.

New Hope Pastor **Wendell Combs** was in the hospital in Chillicothe in March with heart problems. He went back to the hospital for a series of tests April 22-24th.

Gahanna FWB Pastor **Curtis Booth** had back surgery at Riverside Hospital in February and is home recovering.

Gahanna Pastor Curtis Booth's wife, **Pat Booth** had a fall after her first hip surgery and had to have a partial hip replacement on her other hip in March.

Fredia Street wife, of Former Woodstock Pastor Russell Street is doing great. Her numbers were in the normal range for the first time since she was diagnosed with AML leukemia 22 months ago. God has been so good and Fredia is now strong enough to return to work, which is a miracle especially for someone who has had AML. She started work March 4th and desires your prayers. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this time. God bless!

Austin Drakulic, son of Missionaries Tony and Marie Drakulic assisting Daryl Grimes in Erie PA has been very ill with seizures and severe reactions to medications. He is at home. Austin is also the great grandson of my sister and Ambassador Bookstore Bookkeeper Ruth Ann Castle and her husband Davey from the Columbus First Church. He is the grandson of David and April Castle from the Westerville Church.

Karen Dunn, wife of Dailyville FWB Pastor Pete Dunn was in the hospital for several days in April. She has been released and improving.

International Missionary **Cathy Crawford** has entered the Hospice Hospital in southern Ohio.

Barrett Fitzsimmons, 9 year old, with stage 4 liver cancer has been in and out of the hospital a lot and is in so much pain. He is from the Forest Valley Church.

MARYSVILLE (CENTRAL OHIO)

"O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Psalms 47:1. We had two people join our church since our last report.

Sister Terry Stephens, age 51 was called home to be with the Lord March 28 following a battle with cancer. Sister Terry was a great worker in the church, and was very active in the children's ministry. She always had a smile, and is missed by everyone.

May 12th at 10 am, we will be having a special Mother's Day service, honoring all mothers. Muffins with mom will be served at 9 am.

June 9th at 10 am, we are having a pre-revival service. We are getting our hearts prepared for revival week. We will be having special preaching and **God's Messengers** will be singing. Lunch will be served after the service.

June 11th and 12th Revival will start at 7pm preaching with Evangelist **Corey Carroll**. **God's Messengers** will be singing. June 13th and 14th at 7pm preaching with Evangelist **Mike Blanton** and **Evidence** will be providing the music. We are praying that lost souls will be saved, and everyone will be lifted up and refreshed; that we can rejoice because of Christ's great love.

June 16th at 10am, we will be having a special Father's Day service, honoring all fathers. Donuts will be served at 9am.

Paul Bogenrife, Pastor
Helen Murray, Reporter

WAKEFIELD (PORTER)

Hello from the little church by the side of the road in Wakefield. I'm happy to report that we are still in love and fellowship and loving and serving the Lord.

Not a lot of news to report at this time. Sister Disa was in the hospital for a week with A-fib. They were able to shock her heart back into rhythm and she is doing pretty good now. Sister Sharon finally got to come home after a long hospitalization and then therapy in a nursing home after a bad broken ankle.

The new converts are still attending faithfully. The three new converts, Duke, Matthew and Melissa Alley and Gail, Duke's wife who was renewed all were baptized April 7th. A blessed time for sure. Bro. Lowell and Disa celebrated their 59th anniversary on April 13th.

We had our communion and feetwashing service the 17th of April. On Easter Sunday we had sunrise service with breakfast afterward and regular service later in the morning. We are so blessed to have a wonderful Savior who loves us in spite of our faults and failures. God bless all our sisters and brothers in the Lord.

Lowell King, Pastor
Barb Conley, Reporter

COALTON (JACKSON)

He lives! Here at Coalton we have been rejoicing in the resurrection of our dear Lord.

We rejoiced in revival services the week prior to Easter with Bro. **Dave Schug** delivering the message each night. We were uplifted in songs by **Covered by Love, Jimmy Howson** and the **Little Family.** We then had Easter sunrise service and our quarterly conference meetings. God's Spirit was felt in a mighty way. We even held revival services in our nursing home ministry. We are thankful for all those who participate in our services to uplift the name of Christ.

We also appreciate the men who stand and deliver God's word to us and this includes Bros. **Tim Simpson, Rob Fulton, Robert Fulton, Rich Bishop** and **Buck Smith**. God's blessings to you all as we continue His work.

Tim Simpson, Pastor
Sandra DeHart, Reporter

Greetings from the Ohio Women Active for Christ State Board.

Ohio Women Active for Christ

News and Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars...

Looking Forward…

2019 is a big year for OWAC. As you're planning your calendar this year please plan to be with us at our state meeting this year on June 20, 2019 at Heritage Free Will Baptist Church.

Have you ever considered being an Ohio Women Active for Christ State Board member? We are currently filling some positions for the upcoming elections. If you are interested in the office of President you will need to answer the following questions and send them to the head of the nominating committee Rae Ann Mahaney at ramahaney59@gmail.com. Please note you must be a member of OWAC to apply.

1. As a candidate for President, what qualifications do you possess that will assist you in the position?
2. How will you lead OWAC into the future as it applies to sharing OWAC's mission and purpose with FWB churches across the state, and by looking for ways to involve our young members?
3. Are there any current issues that may prevent you from fulfilling your duties as President?
4. Since WNAC is a national department, we are the women's ministry department for ALL women in FWB, not just the paying members of WNAC. How will you work to bridge the gap between the active members and the women who are not involved but attend a FWB church?

Your OWAC board also covets your prayers in two areas:

1. Would you be in prayer for our 2019 National Association of Free Will Baptists? It returns to OH this year. Pray that we can be a light to Cincinnati. Pray that we would strive to God's business. Lastly, will you pray that we as women can set an example to help our young women to be servants after His own heart?
2. Would you be in prayer about how your women's group might be able to contribute to the OWAC state project this year? If you would like to know more about our state project please contact me at the email below and I will be happy to get your group more information.

Your sister in Christ,
Jessica Musetti, OWAC Secretary
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Welch College Athletic Director Inducted into Hall of Fame

Welch College Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach **Greg Fawbush** will be inducted into the National Athletic Association of Private Schools Hall of Fame on March 29, according to Welch President **Matt Pinson**.

"We're very proud of Coach Fawbush achieving this honor," Pinson said. "The Hall of Fame is for private school coaches, players, and athletic directors who help build and advance the cause of private schools."

Fawbush coached at Seffner Christian Academy in Florida for 22 years before coming to work at Welch in 2017. On January 26, 2019, Fawbush achieved his 400th win at the Welch vs. Georgia Northwestern Tech game (104-71). Since his start at Welch, Fawbush has added soccer (men's and women's) to the college sports program and has led the school to rejoin regional play in NCCAA Division II.

For more information on Welch College athletics, go to **welch.edu/athletics**.

Welch College Announces Sumner Regional Medical Center as Naming Sponsor for Strong and Courageous Event

Welch College is delighted to announce that Sumner Regional Medical Center will be the Naming Sponsor of the second annual Strong and Courageous banquet on May 13.

Sumner Regional has provided quality healthcare to the Sumner County community for 60 years. Their partnership with Welch College for the Strong and Courageous event is a significant way for them to recognize local people of faith who continue to make an impact through excellence in their work, their neighborhood, and their community displaying strong kingdom values.

Dr. **Charles Lea,** Special Assistant to the President at Welch, said, "Sumner Regional Medical Center and their HighPoint partners provide outstanding healthcare and contribute in many ways to the physical, moral, and spiritual health of the greater Sumner County community. We are extremely pleased to welcome Sumner Regional as our naming sponsor this year."

Strong and Courageous 2019 presented by Sumner Regional Medical Center will be held on the Welch College campus on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an exciting evening of entertainment, inspirational speaking, and the presentation of the 2019 Strong and Courageous award.

For more information or for tickets to the event, please contact **Derek Altom at 615.675.5262** or go to the event website at **welch.edu/strongandcourageous**. Proceeds from the event will support student scholarships at Welch College. For more information on Sumner Regional Medical Center, visit **mysumnermedical.com**.

2019 Commencement Speakers Announced

Dr. **Mark Stripling** and Dr. **Bruce Ashford** will address the Welch College class of 2019, according to President Matt Pinson. Stripling, Senior Pastor of North Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas, will present the baccalaureate sermon Thursday evening, May 9, at 7:00. Ashford, Provost and Professor of Theology and Culture at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, will address the graduates at the 10:00 a.m. commencement ceremony on Friday, May 10.

Stripling, who has served Free Will Baptist churches in a number of capacities for 36 years, has served at the North Little Rock Church since 1990. A Georgia native, he has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Executive Board of Arkansas Free Will Baptists and the Executive Board of the Central Association of Arkansas Free Will Baptists. He recently ended his second term as a member of the Welch Board of Trustees, serving most of his twelve years on the Board as its secretary.

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Ashford is well-known in Christian higher education circles, having taught at Southeastern Seminary since 2003 and provost since 2013. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, he is a well-known conference speaker and prolific author. His best known book is Every Square Inch: An Introduction to Cultural Engagement for Christians (Lexham, 2015). He is co-author of One Nation under God: A Christian Hope for American Politics (B&H, 2015) and editor of Theology and Practice of Mission (B&H, 2011).

President **Matt Pinson** said, "Commencement activities are such important events in the life of our college community at Welch, and especially for the graduating seniors. Commencement always highlights our mission 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 great speakers address the graduating class. We invite friends, family, and alumni to join us in this special time of celebration."

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

Porter Donation Helps Family Ministries

Rev. **Robert Legg** was permitted to give a report for Family Ministries and preach the morning service at the Porter FWB church where Rev. **Mark Price** pastors.

He was amazed at the beautiful choir and the special singing. Such wonderful people who love the Lord and love their church.

Then the icing on the cake. The ladies group at the church presented a check for $500 for FM, the congregation donated almost one thousand more, they donated about three hundred dollars worth of supplies AND an $800 touch screen computer.

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ROSEDALE (CAPITAL CITY)

Greetings from Rosedale. We are so blessed to still be able to worship in this great country of ours. God is still on the throne, and for that, we will forever be grateful.

We held communion/feetwashing service in April. One of our pastor's favorite services of the year. While a somber service, it is a blessing to take part in one of the most blessed services and also a "happy" time as well, watching each family take part and being able to show our love for each other that only God's people can do.

Our youth are gearing up for VBS and also getting ready for camp in July. If you don't have anywhere to attend for VBS we will be having ours June 10-14th, with the finale on June 16th, Sunday morning service. Always a great time and the kids and adults look forward to this with so much anticipation each year not only to learn more about God but to pray that many will give their lives to God during this week.

Our homecoming will be held May 19th with **Mike Blanton & Evidence** singing and **Mike Blanton** preaching. We will not be having an afternoon service. If you don't have a home church, please come join us. Dinner will be served along with great fellowship as well.

Our Sunday school graduation will be on June 30th, followed by a Sunday school picnic. We always include our annual "hat sale" which generates money for our school supplies for our youth and teens.

We've seen six saved in the past six months, we thank God for those that made this choice. Please keep them in your prayers always.

Please keep our pastors and their families in your prayers. We would not be who we are without the leadership God blessed us with and may we never take them for granted.

Jason Meade, Pastor
Bev Fraley, Reporter

SHELBY (NORTHERN OHIO)

Much of our time the past two months has been spent working on renovating our sanctuary. The youth group Todd Squad (toddler kids) did take time out for an outing to play putt putt golf while the adults helped clean up the church.

We have been blessed to be able to renovate our fellowship hall as well and have been holding services there until the sanctuary is complete. Our Easter services were scaled back this year due to the construction, but we still had more than enough room to celebrate **Jesus**, our risen Savior!

On Palm Sunday, our town of Shelby was hit by a tornado in the early evening. Several church members had damage to their property; thankfully, their homes were not touched. More thankfully, no one in the community was even seriously injured. Though there was some significant destruction from the tornado's path, God's protection was evident in that the storm missed most of the town and only hit on the outskirts. We are so grateful for God's mercies and compassion – still sparing souls and showing His great love for us. What an incredible, powerful, awesome God we serve!

Matt Pond, Pastor
Heather Brown, Reporter

TROY (LITTLE MIAMI)

"A child of God is always welcomed home." D.B.

Hello and blessings from Troy FWB Church. We have been busy the last two months. April 7th was our annual communion and feetwashing service. It was the largest turn out we have had. Praise God!

Bri M. and Charli R. received excellent marks at the state CTS Competition on April 13th.

They are on their way to National in July. Good job girls!

Palm Sunday we had our *"Just Us"* Easter cantata, directed by sister Mary Ann P. and music by Anna D. The choir told the Easter story through song and Scripture. Singing and praising our Lord is a great feeling!

Easter Sunday we were blessed by a young mother, Brittany N. rededicating her life to the Lord! There is power in prayer.

Bro. Frank and Sister Faye hosted a building fundraiser on April 27th. Who doesn't love fried chicken with all the "fixins?"

Sister Monroe sang and worshiped with us during the morning service of April 28th. What a blessing.

Coming up at 2:00pm on May 19th we are taking church to Sister Irene LeMaster at Garbry Ridge Assisted Living in Piqua. She is a dedicated Christian and is unable to come to church.

May 20–24th **Tim Southwood** is holding revival at our church. All are welcome.

Once again our annual June garage sale will be hosted by Bro. Doug and Sister Mary Hensley. Look for a lot of great bargains.

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

FIRST CHILLICOTHE (SOUTH-CENTRAL)

Happy spring from First FWB Church! We are so thankful that Christ has risen! Our church hosted the sunrise service for Easter while **Bud Lytle** gave the devotion. Afterward our church prepared breakfast for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who helped with this service.

On Palm Sunday our very own **Martin Denes** acted a Barabbas skit for our church. His depiction of Barabbas showed what Barabbas may have been thinking and feeling when they set him free instead of Christ. Thank you, Martin, for this insight.

Our youth on Easter performed a skit with sticks. This is the second generation of children to perform this skit and many enjoyed watching them do it. It was very moving.

Our youth group has also been very busy raising money for a convention that they are planning to attend in July. Last month they did a mystery dinner. The dinner consisted of clues for different items of the dinner. Your food, utensils and drinks were brought in stages in which you selected them. There were many laughs and surprises as you found out what you had picked. We appreciate our leader, Chelsea Irvin's efforts to bring all these dinners together.

On Wednesday nights we have a Bible study. We are currently learning about our spiritual gifts and how we can use those spiritual gifts in the church and in the world. We invite everyone to come out and join us, as you too can learn about your spiritual gifts.

Until next time, God bless!

Mitch Salyers, Pastor
Shana McGoye, Reporter

OAK HILL (JACKSON)

Greetings! We serve a great big wonderful God who loves and cares for us. We're thankful for all His many blessings.

On Easter morning, Bro **Danny Boggs** preached the sunrise service. We had a very good attendance for Sunday School. Our pastor, Bro. **Allen Simpson** preached. That night Bro. **George Cade** preached.

Our communion and feetwashing service was on April 14th.

Our church hosted the Jackson Conference on April 26-27th. Bro. **Rich Bishop** preached the 26th. He preached a wonderful sermon from Luke 22:31 and Matt. 26:69-75. The morning service on the 27th, Bro. **Jimmy Howson** blessed us with his songs and Bro. **Buck Smith** preached from Mark 5:1-17. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal after the service. That evening we had our songfest with special singers, **Covered by Love** and Bro. **Brian Baer** preached from Hebrews 12:1-2 about the "Author and Finisher."

We want to thank our visiting preachers. Bro. **Rich Bishop** on March 3rd preached on *"Enduring to the End"* from Matt. 24 and Philippians 3:13-14. Bro. **Steven Blagg** preached on March 10th from Matt. 7:24-27 on the subject, *"What are you Built Upon?"* On March 4th Bro. **Curt Maynard** taught a wonderful Bible lesson from Hebrews 6:1-8. We love each one.

Rev. **Howard Hubbard**, a member of the Oak Hill FWB Church passed away April 11th at the Oakwood Community Health Center. He was 88 years old. Our loss is heaven's gain. He will be greatly missed.

Until next time, may God bless you.

Allen Simpson, Pastor
Sandy Clark, Reporter

HILLSBORO (CORNERSTONE)

Hello from the Hillsboro FWB Church!

April has really flown by. We had an Easter egg hunt for our community. There were around 3,000 eggs filled with candy and we were blessed with 27 children to find them all. They seemed to have a great time with all the candy. Our youth group and the leaders hid the eggs for the hunt.

We are gearing up for VBS June 24-28th from 6-8pm. Our theme is *"Giddy Up Junction."* This year we decided to extend the age group to 4-14 years old. The whole VBS team is getting everything ready for it. The children will have a lesson, learn some new songs, make a craft, and get a yummy snack.

On Resurrection Sunday, Bro. Ray Back was baptized. In March Pastor **Richard Burns** turned the *BIG* 50, and Bro. **Gary Kyper** our Sunday School teacher turned 55. Also, in April our Youth Director **Ronnie Brown** turned 52.

God is really moving in the church especially with our young children. They are on fire for **Jesus.** It is wonderful to watch them grow, and testify of what God is doing in their lives.

Prayers and God bless you!

Richard Burns, Pastor
Jamie White, Reporter

STONEY RUN (PINE CREEK)

A warm hello from your friends at Stoney Run FWB Church in West Portsmouth, Ohio.

We want to thank God for this opportunity to share all of our wonderful blessings. This winter, we enjoyed another church-family game night and Bible trivia. Our youth activities director put together a fun evening of food, fellowship, and Bible "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" style trivia. It was a wonderful evening; we learned, laughed, and rejoiced in the Word. For Valentine's Day, our youth group had fun making Bible verse cards and bookmarks for the adults of the church.

Paster Crad is teaching on Revelation and is ready to enlighten new souls with God's word.

Our revival in April was just what our thirsty souls needed. During the revival, the preaching provided by **Donnie Smith** and **Roger Clark** renewed our spirit. Musical enlightenment provided by **His Singing Servants** and **Covered by Love.** On Easter, we had a great egg hunt with an abundance of eggs for the little ones. That evening the candlelight service and communion provided an important exercise in faith and obedience. We had the privilege of hearing the testimonies of transformation into God's children.

We will be planning more opportunities to fellowship and learn about our Savior. We are in the beginning stages of planning VBS, which is a great way to introduce the Lord to our youth.

If you are in need of guidance or knowledge, let our amazing Pastor Crad serve you.

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1-2

Crad Frye, Pastor
Erin Cox, Reporter

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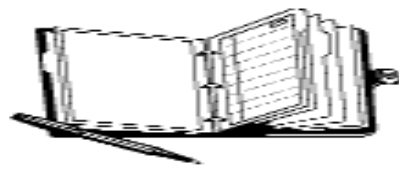
Coming Events

For Ohio Free Will Baptists



State Wide

June 20	Ohio General Board meeting at Heritage FWB Church
June 20	Ohio Women Active for Christ meeting at Heritage FWB Church
June 21	Ohio State Association State Meeting at Heritage FWB Church
June 21	Ohio Youth Conference State Meeting meeting at Heritage FWB Church
June 22	Ohio State Association State Meeting at Heritage FWB Church

Central Ohio

May 18	Capital City Conference meeting at Southwest FWB, John Meade, Pastor
June 8	Franklin Conference meeting at North FWB, Bill Chadwick, Pastor

Northern Ohio

May 18	Great Lakes Conference meeting at Akron FWB, Ron Bauman, Pastor
May 18	Northern Ohio Conference meeting at Bethel FWB, Larry Hill Jr., Pastor

Southern Ohio

May 11	South Central Conference meeting at McArthur FWB, Jim Henderson, Pastor
May 11	Pine Creek Conference meeting at Antioch FWB, Rick Henderson, Pastor
May 18	Porter Conference meeting at Bethesda Chapel FWB, Dan King, Pastor
June 23	Beech Grove, **Homecoming**, Joe Pinkerton, Pastor

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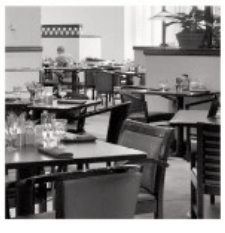
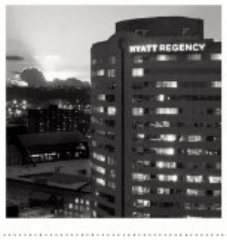
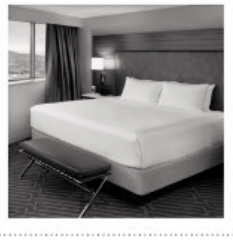
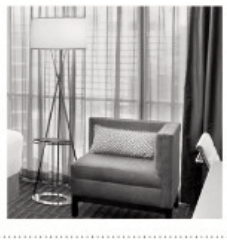
150 West Fifth Street
Cincinnati OH 45202
513-352-2100
Rate: $129
Valet Parking: $18
No self-parking on site





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151 West Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513-579-1234
Rate: $155
Valet Parking: $35
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1. Prepare Personal Information.
You will need the following:
+ Name(s), address, city, state, zip
+ Phone/email
+ Credit card information
+ Special requests: wheelchair accessibility, rollaway bed, or crib

2. Contact the Hotel.
+ Online reservations open on Monday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. EDT (9:00 a.m. CDT). Links to online reservations will be available at **www.nafwb.org.** No phone reservations will be accepted on this day.
+ Phone reservations will open Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. EDT (9:00 a.m. CDT). Online reservations are encouraged to avoid long wait times.

3. Things to Remember:
+ Hotels are instructed NOT TO ACCEPT reservations before opening day.
+ Hotel rates do not include 17.5% tax.

Reservation Cut-off Date: Friday, June 21, 2019

The first night's room and tax will be charged for any canceled reservations. The charge is non-refundable, but reservations are transferable. Available rooms may be posted at **www.nafwb.org** for transfer.

Note: Convention policies supercede hotel policy.

Visit nafwb.org for additional convention information.

Pre-Registration

2019 National Association of Free Will Baptists

NAFWB | V3 | CINCINNATI, OHIO | JULY 21-24

One Form Per Person | Register Online: www.nafwb.org | Name Badges Required for All Convention Events

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country **(if outside USA)** _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Church You Attend _____ Church City _____ State _____

National Association (All voting delegates must be members in good standing of a FWB church.)

Voting Delegates
- ❑ National Board/Commission Member
- ❑ Ordained Minister
- ❑ Ordained Deacon
- ❑ State Delegate (Authorization Required)
- ❑ Local Church Delegate (Delegate Card Required)

Non-Voting
- ❑ Attendee (All Ages, Including Infants and Toddlers)

Tickets

WNAC Laughter and Latté.....Qty_____ x $20 = _____
Monday, July 22, 8:30 p.m. ($25 onsite; limited quantity available)

Welch Alumni & Friends Luncheon.....Qty_____ x $40 = _____
Wednesday, July 24, noon ($50 onsite; no tickets will be sold between pre-registration closing and convention; limited availability onsite)

National Association Info: 877-767-7659 | www.nafwb.org

Vertical Three Conference

Preschool
- ❑ Ages 3-5, Attending Preschool Worship - $25 ($35 on-site)
- ❑ Ages 0-5, Not Attending Preschool Worship - NO FEE

Students: $25
Any student or competitor* attending any CTS competition or event MUST pay $25 V3 conference fee ($35 onsite).
- ❑ Grades 1-3
- ❑ Grades 4-6
- ❑ Grades 7-12

*Competitors must pay this V3 conference fee **in addition to** CTS competition fees already paid.

College Age | Adults: $20
Adults attending any competition or event MUST pay $20.
- ❑ Adult Attendee

Tickets:

ENGAGE Student Ministry Luncheon...Qty_____ x $30 = _____
Monday, July 22, noon

V3 Event: Outcast BMX.....Qty_____ x $13 = _____
Tuesday, July 23, 9:00 pm ($15 onsite/at the door)

V3 Information: 800-877-7030 | www.verticalthree.com

Register April 1- June 21, 2019 (postmarked)
No Refunds After June 21

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
+ Check (Payable to FWB Convention)
+ Visa, Discover, or MasterCard only (both debit and credit cards accepted)

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RETURN TO:
Convention Registration
PO Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011 / FAX: 615-731-0771

Convention Questions: 877-767-7659 | convention@nafwb.org

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OHIO TOGETHER WAY RECEIPTS

March-April 2019

	CO-OP	AMBASS	ST MISSN	ST ASSOC	OYC	SPEC MIN	NATL MINIST	TOTAL
AMBASSADOR	$ 371.00	$ -	$ 371.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 742.00	$ 1,484.00
ANTIOCH	$ -	$ 6.00	$ 20.00	$ 75.00	$ -	$ -	$ 30.00	$ 131.00
BEATTY	$ 388.31	$ 50.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 142.00	$ 580.31
BEECHGROVE	$ -	$ 15.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 15.00
BETHESDA CHAPEL	$ 150.00	$ 30.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ -	$ 100.00	$ 50.00	$ 430.00
BLOOM	$ -	$ 120.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 120.00
BUCYRUS	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
CALVARY-RAVENNA	$ -	$ 10.00	$ -	$ 20.00	$ -	$ -	$ 30.00	$ 60.00
CANAAN	$ 500.00	$ -	$ -	$ 200.00	$ -	$ 366.66	$ 2,175.00	$ 3,241.66
CANAAN LAND	$ 400.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,500.00	$ 200.00	$ 4,100.00
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	$ -	$ 20.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 400.00	$ 420.00
CLEVELAND	$ 56.00	$ -	$ 20.00	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ 90.00	$ 216.00
COLUMBUS FIRST	$ 398.10	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ 448.10
COMPASSION	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
CUYAHOGA-LORAIN CONF	$ 108.37	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 108.37
DOGWOOD RIDGE	$ -	$ 50.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00
EASTSIDE	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
FAITH-CLEVELAND	$ 150.00	$ 10.00	$ 35.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 55.00	$ 250.00
FIRST CHILLICOTHE	$ 1,019.67	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,019.67
FIRST SPRINGFIELD	$ 1,732.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,732.00
FOREST VALLEY	$ 1,930.29	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,930.29
GAHANNA	$ -	$ 300.00	$ 400.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ -	$ 2,000.00	$ 3,100.00
GARDEN CITY	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
GOOD HOPE	$ -	$ 20.00	$ -	$ 80.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
HARRISON	$ -	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	$ 300.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1,180.00	$ 1,780.00
HILLSBORO	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
HILLVIEW	$ 1,389.10	$ 10.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,399.10
LEBANON	$ -	$ -	$ 25.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00	$ 125.00
LIGHTHOUSE	$ 250.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 250.00
MANSFIELD	$ -	$ 25.00	$ -	$ 75.00	$ -	$ -	$ 384.00	$ 484.00
MARYSVILLE	$ -	$ 25.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 25.00
MCARTHUR	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ -	$ -	$ 250.00	$ 300.00
MOUNT CALVARY	$ 50.00	$ 30.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 80.00
MOUNT STERLING	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00
NEVILLE	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
NEW BEGINNINGS-MANSFIELD	$ -	$ -	$ 75.00	$ 35.00	$ -	$ 110.00	$ 225.00	$ 445.00
NEW HOPE-CHILLICOTHE	$ 314.90	$ -	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	$ -	$ -	$ 44.20	$ 379.10
NEW HOPE-LUCASVILLE	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ 570.00	$ 670.00
NEW ROAD	$ 870.00	$ -	$ 70.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 424.00	$ 1,364.00
NORTH	$ 1,434.38	$ -	$ 20.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 288.05	$ 1,742.43
NORTH & WESTERN CONF	$ 70.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ -	$ 500.00	$ -	$ 857.00	$ 1,627.00
OAK HILL	$ 150.78	$ 25.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 175.78
OHIO WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	$ -	$ 6.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 6.00
PINE CREEK CONFERENCE	$ -	$ 30.00	$ 15.00	$ 80.00	$ -	$ -	$ 150.00	$ 275.00
PINE GROVE	$ 100.00	$ 40.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 140.00
PORTER	$ 900.00	$ 60.00	$ 660.50	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 220.00	$ 1,840.50
PORTER CONFERENCE	$ -	$ 100.00	$ 50.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200.00	$ 350.00
PURITAN	$ 318.66	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 318.66
REYNOLDSBURG	$ 200.00	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 250.00
ROSEDALE	$ 830.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 830.00
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SCIOTODALE	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 60.00	$ 1,147.00	$ 1,207.00
SOUTH CHARLESTON	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00
SOUTHWEST	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200.00
SPRINGFIELD	$ 825.00	$ 60.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 250.00	$ 1,135.00
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ADVERTISERS	$ -	$ 96.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 96.00
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HAMILTON GLADES (PORTER)

In the words of the old hymn written by Mrs. A.S. Bridgewater *"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"*! There hasn't been a spring in my lifetime that I remember the flowering trees and spring flowers being so vibrant and bountiful.

Greetings from Hamilton Glades. Several from our church family have had surgeries recently. Our pastor had some minor surgery in March; and his mother had a double knee replacement soon after. Sister Shannon Hall had a hip replacement and was back in church very soon afterwards. Sister Leslie Toland had heart surgery and is well on the road to recovery. So thankful for the healing hand of God!

Brother **Bill Walk** preached a great message the evening of March 10th out of Joshua 1:9 titled *"Be of good Courage"*.

We had a wonderful week of revival meetings in April and the church was truly revived. We heard from many within the church that they gained strength. We had a fellowship dinner after the morning service on the last day of revival.

On the Wednesday before Easter we had communion and feetwashing service. We had a great attendance of over a hundred for Easter morning service. Our pastor brought a meaningful Easter message and followed up the next week with a message out of Acts chapter four chronicling the early church; and asking the question "*Where is the Power in the Modern Church"?* We need to continue to be diligent in our Christian walk.

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

Jim Dummitt, Pastor
Jenny Dummitt, Reporter

COLUMBUS FIRST (FRANKLIN)

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are thankful for all the blessings we have experienced so far this year, as we continue to grow in the Lord and build relationships within our community.

On April 7th, we welcomed a visit from **Robert Legg,** who shared with us many of the new and exciting improvements happening in Family Ministries. On April 14th, Rev. **Michael Sammons** of the Westerville church blessed us by preaching in our morning service.

Then on April 20th, we hosted the community Easter egg hunt for our local neighborhood association. Due to the rain, many children were flooding the inside of our building hunting for eggs. It was a beautiful sight to see our church full of young families. Please say a prayer for us as we continue to reach out to our neighbors with various events this summer. Further details on specific events can be viewed on our church Facebook page.

We are truly encouraged, as we see the Lord working this year. Several visitors have drifted in and out of our doors these last few months, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with each one. May the Lord bless you all as you work for Him.

Justin Feight, Pastor
Allison Feight, Reporter

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ONE Magazine Form
(February -March Issue)

*Registration Online
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Convention Housing Opens
May 13-Online
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*Hospitality Greeters
*Ushers
*Booth Workers
*Prayer Committee
*Youth Competition Judges
*Impact Cincinnati Workers

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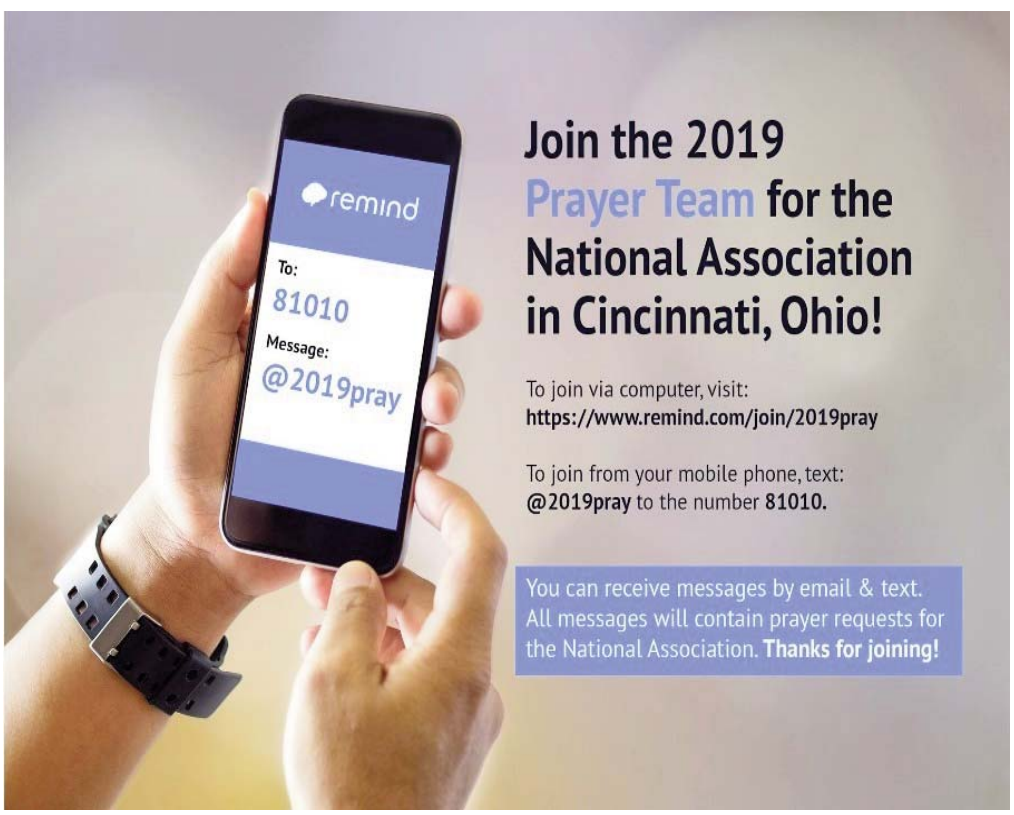

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2019 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CINCINNATI OHIO
JULY 21-24

2019 CONVENTION PRAYER LIST

1 Safety of travel for all those attending the convention

2 Good health and effective leadership of meeting planners and volunteers

3 A good working relationship and testimony with workers and citizens of Cincinnati (convention center personnel, security officers, hotel staff, vendors etc.)

4 Speakers at all convention worship services, seminars, and workshops.

5 Musicians (vocal/instrumental) leading worship for services

6 Interpreters (Spanish & hearing impaired)

7 Production team members

8 Participants in the V3 CTS Ministry Expo events

9 Impact Cincinnati and Serve the City service projects

10 Onsite Registration and the Exhibit Hall

11 Smooth, effective operation of the shuttle buses

12 Convention Business Sessions

13 A godly, positive, Christ-like attitude for all workers and attendees

14 Churches while pastors are away

THE EFFECTUAL, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.
JAMES 5:16