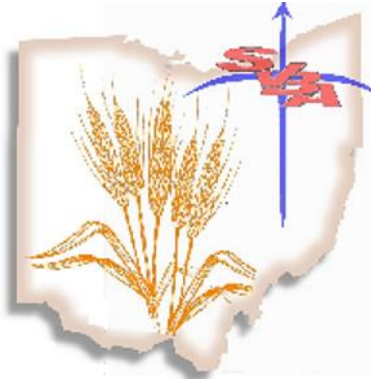


The Communicator



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Upcoming Events

Administrative Meetings

January – 7th – 10am – Assoc. Office

February 11 - 10am - Assoc. Office

Missions and Ministry Team Meeting

January 6 – 6pm – Assoc. Office

Church Strengthening Team

January 30th – 10am – Panera Bread – Elm Rd

Executive Board Meeting - January 12 – 6pm – Cornersburg Baptist Church

Pray Ohio

Simultaneous Prayer Meetings May 18th

In Each of Steel Valley's Counties

(More information to come)

New Ladies Bible Study Available:

Memorial Baptist Church has graciously offered to allow anyone would would like – to borrow an Angela Thomas Bible Study. The study is “Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask” It is a 7 week study with videos and several books that the church would like to give to the next users. Please contact Lisa if you are interested: 330-219-2092 or llbannister@hotmail.com

Timothy Leadership Institute – Next Course will begin on January 24th

\$10 – 4 weeks of training; Courses are independent of each other. You can begin a new course at any time.

For more information call Daniel Bannister (434-426-4122)

Help from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

Dr. Bruce Smith shared at the Annual Meeting that there is a Mapping Center for Evangelism available for every church. This information gives the information for any household in a given area. Many uses for this information. For instance, if your church wanted to just visit homes with children and invite them to VBS. For more information contact Dr. Smith at brucesmith@scbo.org

First Time Ever! This coming Summer! Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Columbus, OH – June 16 & 17.

Prior to the convention will be opportunity to participate in a soul-winning effort known as Crossover! If you are interested in participating or taking a mission team to participate, contact Pastor Bannister (330-398-8048) or Dr. Smith (brucesmith@scbo.org).

Momentum 2015! Formerly known as the Evangelism Conference

For 2015 – Momentum will be held in conjunction with the SCBO annual Meeting in November – Momentum will take place the day before the annual meeting. Plan to come and be a part!

From Pastor David Lettau, Church Strengthening Team Leader:

We, of the Church Strengthening Team, are here for “our name’s purpose:” To assist with God’s help to the churches in the Steel Valley Baptist Association. We are currently starting a dialogue with pastors and church leaders to open communication of individual needs. We hope to establish a list to publish needs and help opportunities in the Communicator. In doing so, we can assist each other as well as become a clearing house of helps as we learn more of State and National (SBC) services to help local churches. TEAM WORK: T – together; E – everyone; A – achieves; M – more. Also, we are discussing organizing clusters within the association so that churches can assist each other more closely and be more effective in their communities as they work together on common efforts to the furtherance of the Gospel as well as letting the communities know who we are, and where we are, as we share who Jesus is. There are exciting things ahead; and we are open for suggestions. Thank you in Jesus Name, Pastor D. J. Lettau and the Steel Valley Baptist Church Strengthening Team

Members of the Church Strengthening Team:

Lisa Bannister (Women’s Ministry) -
330-219-2092

Rodger Branson (Small Groups and
Discipleship) – 440-563-1578

Jim Godney (Director of Royal Ambassadors) -
330-565-0634

B. J. Branson (Youth Ministry) – 440-563-1608

D. J. Lettau (Church Strengthening Team
Leader) – 440-466-0111

Mississippi Partnership Revivals – April 19-22, 2015

If you would like to schedule an evangelist, contact Dr. Bannister 330-398-8048

Reach People – Make Disciples!

Go into all the world and make disciples. (Matthew 28:19)

Church Planting Prayer Initiative – Please sign up

We realize that nothing of eternal significance happens apart from prayer. We also recognize that the communities in the area in which we live are filled with people who do not yet know the Lord—many of these communities do not even have a gospel teaching Baptist Church. Without the planting of new churches in these areas, many people are lost to an eternity without Christ. In fact, within our area we only have 1 SBC church for every 30,000 people. As a part of our work in church planting, I would ask that every church determine to adopt one of these unreached communities in prayer that the Lord would start a church in that specific area. As part of this prayer initiative, each church will be provided with a prayer guide for their specific community to help with communicating specific prayer needs and demographic information. Please join us by taking part in this initiative through your local church and leading them to pray for those who so desperately need to see a church planted in their area.

If your church has selected a community to pray for, please let myself or Dr. Bannister know so that we can get your church some prayer guides to help in praying for specific needs in that community.

Blessings!
Daniel Bannister
Church Planting Systems Development Specialist
Steel Valley Baptist Association

List of Communities without an SBC Church

Brookfield	Harpersfield	Middlefield
Calcutta	Hubbard	Ravenna
Columbiana	Jefferson	Saybrook
Courtland	Kinsman	McDonald
East Palestine	Louisville	Mineral Ridge
Geneva on the Lake	Masury	Sebring

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015

Executive Board – January 12th – 6pm – **Cornersburg Baptist Church**

Semi-Annual Meeting – April 27th – 6pm – **First Baptist Newton Falls**

Executive Board Meeting/Annual Picnic – July 13 – 6pm – **Northside Baptist Church**

Annual Meeting – October 24th – 9am-1pm – **Margaret Wynn Memorial Baptist Church**