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## October Workshops

Friday, October 18, 2019  
at Rising Star Baptist Church  
2943 Wardle Ave,  
Youngstown OH 44505

### Schedule

9:00–9:15 AM	Large Group
9:15–10:15 AM	Session 1
10:30–11:30 AM	Session 2
11:30–12:15 PM	Lunch
12:15–1:15 PM	Session 3
1:30–2:30 PM	Session 4

### Breakout Sessions

<b>A</b>	Leading a Dynamic Prayer Time led by Gary Frost
<b>B</b>	Resolving Conflict led by Rick Blair
<b>C</b>	Church Revitalization Principles led by Mark Parks
<b>D</b>	Financial Planning for Retirement led by Ron Brown
<b>E</b>	Social Media in the Church led by Brent Beck
<b>F</b>	Ministry to Addicted & Mentally Hurting, led by Randy Langham
<b>G</b>	Ministries to/for Pastors' Wives led by Lynette Frost

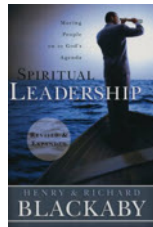
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## 2019 Annual Mtg

The time has come for our annual mtg (Oct 19 at Rising Star) and for our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Blackaby, the oldest son of Henry Blackaby. Richard received his MDiv and PhD from Southwestern Seminary.



He will also speak Friday evening (at 7 PM at Rising Star) on Spiritual Leadership. His book, by the same name, is a very excellent resource. Be sure to invite your friends even those from other denominations to join us Saturday morning as well around 10:30 AM. The Steel Valley annual business meeting will start around 9:00 AM and will be followed by a break to transition into our time with our guest.



## State Convention

Nov. 4-5 at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Fairfield, Ohio. Go to the [sco.org](http://sco.org) web site for all the details.

## Missions & Ministry

Matt 9:35-38 says, *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

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## Let's Get Goin'!

Associational Missionary  
Gary L. Frost



When I consider the literature that has had the most transformative effect in my life, next to the Bible itself, the book "Pilgrim's Progress" is one of the works most impactful. Of course, this is an allegory featuring a man by the name of Christian who travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. As he travels, Christian encounters many obstacles and trials along the way that illustrate the journey of a follower of Christ traveling passing through this challenging world to an arrival in heaven.

One of the "characters" that Christian encounters along the way is a traveler named "Talkative." This man is the epitome of a well informed religionist who knows the Bible and can debate with the best of them, however, his walk in no way reflects his talk. He's full of knowledge and void of action.

Unfortunately, in too many of our congregations we have more Talkers than Walkers. We have people who rarely miss church service, Sunday School class and/or midweek service, however, they are AWOL when it comes to taking the gospel to the streets in lifestyle and in word. They're just Talkative.

In Luke chapter 10 Jesus addressed His disciples by informing them that He was heading out to engage numerous cities with the gospel of the Kingdom. In Luke 10:2 He says, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the

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Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." In essence He was saying that the cities He would be engaging had many needy and hurting people longing for hope and help, however, there was a labor shortage as regarding compassionate workers to minister to them.

In Luke 10:3 Jesus goes on to say, "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves ..." Isn't it striking that immediately after challenging these disciples to pray for workers He sends them out to do the work. He told them "Go," and to make the command even more challenging He tells them that they were going to enter into a hostile environment as they would be lambs in the midst of wolves.

One thing that is certain about Jesus' discipleship class is that He did not shrink from challenging His students to engage in difficult and even dangerous tasks. He only promised that He would be with them in the midst of it.

In light of the increasing decadence and lostness of the culture surrounding us it's imperative that we, the churches and church members of the Steel Valley, move past being Talkative to becoming Active, putting into practice the principles that we know so well.

LET'S GET GOIN' !!! We've spent enough time hearing the marching orders, it's time to march. Let's Get Goin' ... in visiting the lost people we've been praying for. Let's Get Goin' ... in traveling to the countries that we've been introduced to by returning missionaries. Let's Get Goin' ... in forgiving our brothers and sisters who have offended us, even though they have yet to confess their transgression. Let's Get Goin' ... in sacrificially giving our resources and ourselves to the work of Christ in fulfillment of the Great Commission. "Come On Y'all .... Let's Get Goin' !!!"

## **Pastor Installation**

Pilgrim Baptist Church will host a pastor installation service for Mark Parks on Sunday, October 13, at 4 PM. PBC is located at 67 McClure St. in Struthers. Dr. Robert Wilson, Sr. of Atlanta will bring the message.

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I thought our Sept 7th outreach event at Grace Place was going to be our last outdoor event of the year. I was wrong. A pastor of a local Spanish church reached out to us and asked if we could help with an outreach event at an apartment complex in New Castle, PA. He said that about 85% of its residents had been placed there after coming to this area due to the damage from hurricane Maria. Of course, our answer was a definite "Yes."

When we arrived, the Spanish church had just started playing Spanish Christian music. There were a number of Puerto Rican residents sitting in the picnic area, while others stood close by either in the parking area or in front of their apartments. They were curious about who we were and what we were going to do there. Some were smoking, some were drinking liquor, others were trying to look too cool to come close to the ministry area, and I knew we were right where we needed to be.

Later the crowd grew larger. I was asked to share a testimony and shortly afterwards the host pastor shared the gospel message. The people were paying attention. Even the "cool ones" stopped caring about their coolness. When the altar call was made, about 55 people came forward to commit their lives to Christ. It was a very blessed day! This is what happens when God's people care so much for the lost that we are willing to go anywhere and do whatever it takes to reach the lost for Jesus. A whole new missions area has opened up and we will be returning on November 23rd to have a Thanksgiving Service and provide 100 turkeys and the fixings for our new family in Christ.

Yes, the world is a mess, but God is still great! The Lord still moves powerfully through His anointed Church as we press forward in obedience to His call to evangelize.

Don't forget to guide your congregation through the "Who's Your One" evangelism resource. Go to [whosyourone.com](http://whosyourone.com) and download, or order all you need for your church.

Our next M&M team meeting will be Monday, Nov. 11th at 4:30 PM. You are all invited to join us.

God bless you, Rafael Cruz Jr.

## **Ohio NorthEast School of Theology**

The O.N.E. School of Theology begins classes in February, just four months away.



Three classes will be offered in our first semester: Basic Evangelism, led by Kevin Crum; Introduction to Christian Theology, led by Bill Mazey; and Making Disciples, led by Randy Langham.

All classes will be held on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 4. The classes will go from 6-9 PM for fifteen weeks. Therefore all students will receive a quality education with very practical applications at a very reduced cost. These classes are actually a dream come true for many people living in northeast Ohio. Be sure to check out all the information at the annual meeting.

## **Pastor Search**

New Hope Baptist Church in Windham, Ohio is accepting resumes for a bi-vocational pastor. We are seeking an energetic and passionate pastor with strong leadership skills and a desire to work with our membership. We are a small congregation but we love the Lord and are eager to learn and grow. Resumes may be sent to Kathleen Kunze c/o New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 397, Windham, OH 44288 or emailed to [newhope138@gmail.com](mailto:newhope138@gmail.com).

## **ACPs**

There are only about 21 simple questions. Thanks for your participation. Let's set a goal of having 100% of our churches filling out these forms.

Starting this year you are also being encouraged to add the names of the elected representatives and messengers for the Steel Valley meetings. Thanks for your help.