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Holy Heart Break



Gary Frost

My first Africa mission experience was a result of a partnership between the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Baptist Convention of Uganda. It was without a doubt one of the most impacting ministry opportunities of my life. This was back in the 1980's and in those days our state convention worked closely with the International Mission Board (Foreign Mission Board at that time) engaging churches in short term mission trips. One of the objectives of that partnership was to whet the appetite of Ohio churches to move out to the utter most part of the earth sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Since then I have made numerous trips to that great continent traveling with not only Southern Baptists but also with other evangelicals committed to living out the Great Commission. On one partic-

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Semiannual Meeting

Cortland Trinity Baptist Church did a great job hosting. Boy, did we have the VIPs! In addition to all the SVBA Messengers and guests who are VIPs, we had Pastor Stephen Owens, the SCBO Catalyst for our area and Buzz Kocher, NAMB's Church Planter Catalyst. Our own Kevin Phillips, the pastor of First Baptist Church of Jefferson, gave a challenging and encouraging message.



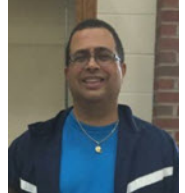
The Messengers voted to empower the Properties Committee to sell the McGuffey Road property.

Lead Well

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bedford, OH is hosting the Lead Well Leadership Conference, May 20-21. Sessions include (1) Time to Rebuild led by Stephen Owens, (2) Rebuild with Training led by Paul Morrison, (3) Rebuild with the Word of God led by Rodney Maiden, and (4) Rebuild with Multiplication led by Jeremy Westbrook. Go to www.mtcalvaryofbedford.org

Missions & Ministry

Ephesians 6:10-11, *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*



Rafael Cruz Jr

As Roe v. Wade is in the process of being overturned, we are beginning to witness a greater divide within our nation. Pro-life pregnancy centers are receiving violent threats – even death threats! One such center in Wisconsin was set on fire with this message spray painted on the outside wall: "If abortions aren't safe then you aren't either." I spoke with the director of our local Pregnancy Help Center and she said they've always had threats made at them, but they know things are about to escalate. She asked for our prayers.

Let's not shrink back on this issue. Just because there are those

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Theme for 2022: Advancing The Kingdom ... One Soul at a Time

Pastors' Zoom Mtg

The next pastor Zoom Meeting for fellowship and prayer is May 19 at 7 PM. The Zoom meeting can be accessed by clicking here:

Zoom Mtg

Mission Trip to Lynch, Kentucky

Hello Everyone!

We are excited, our trip is 3 1/2 weeks away! As promised, Julie sent us a list of job options. In addition to the list she said they are always in need of paint supplies. So if you

bring paint supplies just know you can donate them to Meridzo.

Other needs listed in Julie's message are a table and chairs seating 10 and a washer and dryer. If you

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ular journey I ventured to the nation of Rwanda as a guest of World Vision International. What was most intriguing to me about World Vision's mission strategy is that special emphasis was placed on transforming communities beyond planting churches. Amongst World Vision missionaries I sensed a compassion that was almost tangible and it didn't take long to learn where this "culture of compassion" originated. It was birthed in the heart of Robert (Bob) Pierce who founded World Vision in 1950.

Pierce was known as a man of intense praying and was particularly compassionate toward children that were abandoned and abused. One renowned Christian leader wrote this about Bob Pierce, "he prayed more earnestly and importunately than anyone else I have ever known. It was as though prayer burned within him. ... Bob Pierce functioned from a broken heart."

Undoubtedly this "heart condition" could be attributed to the theme of Pierce's life ... a theme that still resonates today within so many missionaries (serving with World Vision and beyond) committed to spreading the gospel far and wide. This is the principle that governed

his life ... "LET MY HEART BE BROKEN WITH THE THINGS THAT BREAK THE HEART OF GOD". Pierce lived out his life with a Holy Heart Break.

In the midst of this current culture that seems to be devolving into greater godlessness and brazen displays of atheistic arrogance there is a natural tendency for Christ followers to develop a callous and judgmental heart. I must confess that at times I battle feelings of anger, disgust and disdain toward people whose ideologies and lifestyles defy the principles of God's word. It is then when the Lord reminds me of the words of Paul as he said, "By the grace of God I am what I am." It is then when I ask God to give me HIS heart and HIS compassion toward those who are lost and spiritually clueless. While I may not pray the same words as Bob Pierce, I do seek that God will allow me the privilege of seeing sinners through the compassionate eyes of the Savior.

Lost people don't need our condemnation and neither do they need our pity. Lost people need the love of Jesus Christ pouring forth from a broken heart. They need to hear the gospel shared from broken people who are genuinely concerned for their eternal destiny. Pray for Heart Break.

Church Strengthening

O.N.E. School - Fall Semester

When people become Christians they need to be disciplined. For this reason O.N.E. School will provide a course in the Fall entitled "Making Disciples." This class has already been offered and has been the most appreciated and transforming among all classes, because it produces a passion and a general structure for all churches to adapt for application.

Make plans now to enroll and to be a major influence in the spiritual growth in your church.

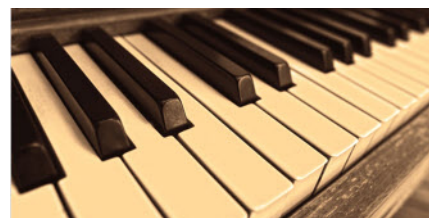
Church Strengthening Team

The organizational structure within SVBA consists of three teams. The **Administrative Team** consists of elected officers and representatives. However, the **Missions & Ministry Team** and **Church Strengthening Team** are open. Do you sense the Lord wanting you to be more involved in SVBA? If so, then contact Randy Langham at 330-398-2455 for Church Strengthening or contact Rafael Cruz at (330) 507-0117 for Missions & Ministry.

Association Music

Cornersburg Baptist Church will host the next 5th Sunday Music Fest, May 29 at 6 pm. The Memorial Day weekend theme will be "Heaven." Afterwards we will have fellowship and refreshments.

Would anyone from your church be willing to come and lead us with a solo, duet, praise team, choir, or any form of congregational singing? If so, you can forward info to jdjmosher@gmail.com or call/text Jennifer Mosher at 330-398-6882 telling your name and what you will bring. Listening worshipers are also very welcome! Let's worship our great God together.



Finances

As of April 30, Steel Valley has the following correct financial totals regarding the calendar year 2022:

Year-to-date Budget:	\$22,311.67
Year-to-date Spent:	\$20,265.99
Year-to-date Income:	\$16,601.14



Healing for a Woman's Heart

Garnetta Sweeney Smith, the Director of the Center for Student Success at Southern Seminary will be leading a session May 14, 10 AM to 3 PM entitled "Engaging Scripture to Sooth Real Hurts."

Pastor/Leader Breakfast

Dr. Glenn Dunn, the Preaching-Teaching pastor at Cornerstone Bible Fellowship and the Executive Director of the Biblical Counseling Institute will be leading the Pastor Prayer breakfast May 14, 8 - 9:30 AM.

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who are very vocal and angry over this issue doesn't mean we should remain quiet. Although we should never speak out in anger, we must speak out in defense of the unborn. Speak God's truth. Many arguments for abortion are well intended, but they lack a Biblical basis. Let's put God back into the debate. Be Strong. Put on the full armor of God. Take your stand. That's what God expects of His church.

I'm still waiting on calls reserving the block party trailer for your outreach events for this summer. Let's point our neighbors to Jesus. Only Jesus can transform minds, hearts and souls. Let's take Jesus to our communities.

To assist your congregation in reaching out to your community, we have the block party trailer available. The cost is only \$100 for its use, which is a real bargain. Start praying about doing outreach this year. If you need help, just ask. We will even have a training day for outreach using the block party trailer on (new date) Saturday, May 28th from 10 AM – 3 PM at the SVBA Office 545 Commerce Ave. NW Warren, OH. Please call the number to the right and let me know who's attending.

Take advantage of the time we have left in this world. Let's get busy about the Lord's business.

May 21, 2022 March for Jesus Outreach Event at Glenwood Park in Youngstown from 1 pm – 3 pm. We need many volunteers.

June 4, 2022 March for Jesus at the Youngstown Amphitheatre at 10 am. The gathering will be at 9 am and there will be a time of celebration at the Youngstown Amphitheatre after the march is finished. If you haven't registered your church, please do so online. You can also find the links on Facebook and Instagram under March for Jesus Mahoning Valley.

June 4-10, 2022 Kentucky mission trip. Let Cindy Burdick know if you are interested in going ASAP.

Our God is an awesome God! The best is yet to come! Pray for opportunities to be God's mouthpiece during 2022.

*The next Missions and Ministry Team meeting will be Monday, May 23rd at 6 p.m. at the SVBA Association Office. Everyone is invited. Please let me know if you're attending - (330) 507-0117.

God bless you,

Rafael Cruz Jr.

Missions and Ministry Team Leader
(330) 507-0117

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and/or your church would like to donate funds toward these purchases then let me know. Anything is appreciated.

We have a list of those attending but would like to update that list. If you plan to attend but have not sent us the check for your room then please call us. If you are willing to drive to Meridzo, how many passengers are you willing to transport?

As far as meals go - we can plan to have items available for breakfast and if we choose to eat together great, if not well we all have different sleeping habits. Lunch will be on our own with those we are working with and not with the entire group. We could pack our lunch or eat at a local restaurant. We would like to have dinner together as a group. If you were interested in helping with preparing the three meals let us know. One evening we will have dinner with a local missionary couple. Each evening after dinner we will convene in the sitting room for a time of sharing. Doug will bring a short devotion one of those evenings.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with us or meet again let me know. Please continue to pray for open hearts to hear God's Word.

In Christ,
Doug and Cindy Burdick
330-482-9991

The Steel Valley Churches and Missions

Austintown Baptist Church
Beacon of Hope BC
Central BC
Christian Community BC
Cornersburg BC
Cortland Trinity BC
East Conneaut BC
Faith BC
First BC, Andover
First BC, Garrettsville
First BC, Jefferson
First BC, Newton Falls
First Spanish BC
Grace BC
Grace Korean BC*
Grace Place Ministries
Hope BC
Howland Glen BC



Living Testimony Ministries
Living Water BC
Margaret Wynn Memorial BC
Mercy Community Church
New Birth-Kimmelbrook BC
New Covenant BC
New Hope BC, Windham
New Hope BC, Youngstown
Northside BC
Rising Star BC
Shenango Valley BC
Solid Rock Community Church
Southington BC
Steel Valley Church
Struthers Bible Baptist Church
Unity BC
Upper Room Ministries

* seeking a pastor

Great Family and Outreach Event!

Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and direction of our lives. Kendrick Brothers' **SHOW ME THE FATHER** is the first documentary film from the creators of **WAR ROOM**, **OVERCOMER**, **FIREPROOF**, and **COURAGEOUS Legacy**.

Featuring a variety of amazing true stories, this captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey. Providing a fresh perspective on the roles of fathers in today's society, **SHOW ME THE FATHER** invites you to think differently about how you view your earthly father, and how you personally relate to God.



If your church is not participating in hosting this video considering joining one of our other churches and add to the crowd enthusiasm. Whether you host or join, you can always go to your own church in the weeks afterwards and offer follow-up classes to address the four main topics being discussed.

For more information about the video or about hosting you can go to www.showmethefathermovie.com/

Participating Churches (so far)

Central BC, Niles
(date to be determined)

Cornersburg BC
June 19 at 6 PM
and June 20 at 7 PM

Cortland Trinity BC, Cortland
(date to be determined)

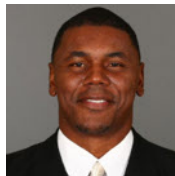
New Hope BC, Youngstown)
(date to be determined)

Renaissance Center, Wyndham
(date to be determined)

Pilgrim Missionary BC, Struthers
June 18 in the AM

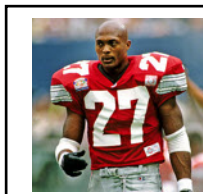


**Featuring
two men
who are native
to Youngstown**



Sherman Smith
NFL Running Back
for Seattle Seahawks
& San Diego Chargers
(went to North High School)

Deland McCullough
NFL Running Back for
the Cincinnati Bengals
(went to Campbell
Memorial High School)



Eddie George
Heisman Trophy winner at
the Ohio State University
and NFL Running Back for
the Tennessee Titans



Dr. Tony Evans
Pastor, Author,
Father, Grandfather,
Great-grandfather



Jim Daly
President
Focus on
the Family



Stephen Kendrick
Film-maker
Kendrick Brothers
Films

Endorsements

"Just Fantastic"
Tony Dungy, Author, Former NFL Coach

"Powerful! Poignant! Every father I know will leave the theater re-energized and more fully aware of the significance of his assignment as a father."

Bob Lepine, Longtime Co-host Family Life Today

"If you are a great Dad, this is an encouraging and affirming film. If not, these fathers will inspire you to repair anything that's broken and build a legacy of love and respect with your children."

Steve Arterburn, Founder and CEO, New Life Ministries

"Show Me The Father is full of punch and passion. Each fathering situation portrayed provides insights into the world of fathering which were spot on and inspirational. As a natural father of five, a father-figure to many, and now a grandfather of fourteen, I was moved by each profile. If you're a dad, a friend of a dad, or even a child, tell everyone to see this movie. It's riveting and will propel all men to excellence in their fathering."

Ken R. Canfield, PhD, Founder, National Center for Fathering