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Theme for 2021: Advancing Through Adversity

The March For Jesus



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I have the privilege of serving as National Director for The March For Jesus, USA. With great excitement and expectation, we will gather on May 22, 2021 in communities across the nation to celebrate the glory of our Redeemer and reigning King, Jesus Christ.

This day is a preview of coming attractions as the saints gather for "an audience of One" to praise the Worthy Lamb of God (Revelation 5). Our Theme for 2021 is "Worthy Is The Lamb!" It is drawn from Revelation 5:12 In a loud voice they were saying: *"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"*

The March for Jesus is a family reunion, as brothers and sisters in Christ from the whole spectrum of Bible-centered Christianity unite to thank the Father for the gift of His Son. While we may differ in some aspects of our scripture interpretation, we resonate with the words of the Lausanne Covenant which says, "Jesus Christ, being Himself the only God-Man, who gave Himself as the only Ransom for sinners, is the only Mediator between God and people."

We are in full agreement with the words of Jesus as He said, "I am

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Semiannual Meeting

The recent semiannual meeting had many highlights. The best was the presence of the Lord especially during the message from Pastor Kevin Crum.

Another great highlight was the addition of another church into our association: First Baptist Church of Jefferson where Kevin Phillips is the pastor. He is married to Brenda and has three children.



New SVBA Pastors

We welcome Brian Ewig into our association. He serves as the new pastor of First Baptist Church of Andover. May the Lord bless him and the church as they reach out to Ashtabula County.

Three other churches have called or might be calling soon new pastors. We will forward to you those names as they come in.

Pastors' Zoom Mtg

The next pastor Zoom Meeting for fellowship and prayer is the third Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM.

Block Party Training

The Missions and Ministry Team will host a workshop to train people on how to use the Block Party Trailer. The training begins at 11 AM at the Renaissance Center (in Windham) on Saturday, May 29. The session will last two hours with lunch following from 1 to 2 PM.



From 2:00 to 3:30 we will host an actual Block Party at the Renaissance Center. We will use the safety guidelines for everyone's health.

O.N.E. School

It is time to start planning for the Fall Semester. Some of the topics being recommended so far are Counseling, Church Planting, Spiritual Leadership, Prayer, Biblical Languages, and Preaching. What topics do you need to enhance your ministry? (For any subject matter that is beyond the scope of our current instructors, we can seek outside instructors.) A one-day class may likely be offered with a one-hour credit.



Church Highlight

Each month a different SVBA church will be highlighted!

Youngstown Metro Church officially launched in 2004 with a handful of people impressed with a vision of reaching Youngstown for Jesus Christ. Following three years of mobilized gatherings at various locations, God provided our historic building at 801 Wick Avenue to carry out that vision.



YMC exists today as an intentional church family devoted to the hearing of God's Word, and the doing of God's Word. We have three core convictions that drive our community. They include Christ-centered Preaching and Teaching, Intentional Relationships, and Missional Outreach.

Over the last decade, various seasons of trial and testing have arisen, but God has been faithful to His initially impressed vision of which we have been appointed. Due to our limitation of space, we are now making plans for expansion on our property, as well as, expansion of people through church planting.

One distinguished characteristic of our church body is the love and hospitality of our members towards the outsider. Over the last two years specifically, we have been focusing significant attention on building strong neighborhood relationships and serving our community in practical ways.

We praise God for His kindness and faithfulness to His church.

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the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

We are emboldened by the admonition of Paul as he wrote these powerful words in 2 Corinthians 2:14, *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."*

In essence, Paul was saying that those who follow Christ should evidence the aroma of Jesus, everywhere we go; we should smell like the Savior. Our praise-filled lives should leave a definite impression of the character and the conduct of our King in the midst of a culture so desperately in need of purpose and hope.

While the March for Jesus is a great event, God has called us to engage in something more than marching; He has compelled us to Live for Jesus, to Love for Jesus, to Sacrifice for Jesus and to Share the Gospel for Jesus. Let's celebrate Jesus with our total being in this wonderful procession of praise known as "The March for Jesus" and then when we part company, let's diffuse His fragrance everywhere we go. For more information you can go to www.TheMarchForJesusMV.org.

Mission Trip

SVBA is planning a mission trip to Lynch, KY the week of August 2-6. Begin now praying for God to direct you and to provide for needs.



We are emailing documents with specifics about the trip to the churches.

The cost for lodging is \$15 per night per person. All of us will be on the first floor of the dormitory building. Our floor holds up to 23 people, so Steel Valley will likely fill up the space soon.



For more information about Meridzo Ministries and to see actual photos of the rooms in which we will stay in Solomon's Porch you can click [Here](#). For other info contact Rafael Cruz at 330-507-0117 or Cindy Burdick at 330-482-9991.

The Steel Valley Churches and Missions

Austintown Baptist Church
Beacon of Hope BC
Carnation City 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
Struthers Bible Baptist Church
Unity BC
Upper Room Ministries
Youngstown Metro Church

* seeking a pastor