

# NORTH AREA NOTES

Marion, Mohican, North Central, Northwestern and Toledo Associations

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### Welcome to...

- **Rev. Dr. Dennis Schultz**, who has been called as the Pastor of the **Concord Liberty Baptist Church** in Johnstown (*Mohican Association*). He and his wife Yvonne and their daughters live in Mount Gilead. He has been serving as Interim Pastor at the **Prospect Baptist Church** (*Marion Association*) and concludes his ministry there at the beginning of March.

### Thank you to...

- **Rev. David Dodridge**, who is completing his service as Interim Pastor of the **Concord Liberty Baptist Church** in Johnstown (*Mohican Association*).
- **Hadassah Schultz**, Nursery Coordinator of the **First Baptist Church of Fredericktown** (*Mohican Association*), who will be the designer and director of the Children's Program for this year's **ABC/Ohio Church Leadership Conference**.

### We extend Christian Sympathy to...

- The family of **Rev. Robert Maugans**, a retired American Baptist pastor who served churches in Mohican and Marion Associations. Rev. Maugans passed away on January 16 in Marion.
- Anna Frances Lasley and family, on the death of her husband **Rev. Thomas Lasley**, who passed away on January 29 in Delaware. Rev. Lasley served as an educator and pastor throughout northern and central Ohio before his retirement. He was a founding member of the **Central Community Baptist Church** in Waldo (*Marion Association*).

**New Rise Up and Build Churches** will hold their first cluster meeting in March.

The north area churches that have made this commitment to seek God's vision and design for their future include...

- **Cass Road Baptist Church** in Maumee (*Toledo Area American Baptist Association*), **Rev. Howard Thompson**, Pastor.

- **First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon** (*Mohican Association*), **Rev. Robert Hendrix**, Pastor.
- **Springdale Baptist Church** in Marysville (*Marion Association*), **Rev. Stephen Waltman**, Pastor.
- **Waynesfield Baptist Church** in Waynesfield (*Northwestern Association*), **Rev. Donald Smith**, Pastor.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember...

- Saturday, March 29 – **Experience the Outflow: Everyday Outreach for Everyday People, ABC/Ohio Church Leadership Conference**. David Ping, Executive Director of *Equipping Ministries International* and author of the book, *Outflow*, will be keynote speaker. Conference and registration information has been sent to your church and is available on the ABC/Ohio website: [www.abc-ohio.org](http://www.abc-ohio.org).
- April 22-25 – **Fanning the Flame, a National Pastors' Renewal Conference** for American Baptist pastors, to be held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin. ABC/Ohio is one of the cooperating regions for this conference. Visit the ABC/Ohio web site for information and registration materials: [www.abc-ohio.org](http://www.abc-ohio.org)
- Monday, March 31 – **Toledo Area Association American Baptist Women's Annual Mission Night** at the Cass Road Baptist Church in Maumee. Dr. Wayne Paulsen will speak about his recent visits with American Baptist Missionaries in Thailand. Tickets are available through TAABA churches.
- Friday, April 4 – **Marion Association New Member Celebration Banquet**, celebrating this year's new members in Marion Association churches, will be held at All Occasions in Waldo. Reservations may be made through any Marion Association church.
- Saturday, April 5 – **Sunday School Leader Training**, sponsored by the **Grand Prairie Baptist Church** (*Marion Association*). All Marion Association churches are invited to attend. Call the church office for information or registration: 740-465-3535. **Rev. Tim Mohon** is pastor of the church.
- Sunday, April 6 – **Mohican Association Spring Rally** at the **First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon**. Rev. Vincent Harris, American Baptist race track chaplain, will be the featured speaker.
- May 16-18 – **ABC/USA Board of International Ministries Missions Conference**, hosted by the American Baptist Churches of Ohio and the Montgomery Community Baptist Church in Cincinnati. Mark your calendars now and watch for conference information and registration information in your church's mail and on the ABC/Ohio website. This national conference will feature American Baptist Missionaries who will come to our part of the country to tell the stories of their ministries throughout the world.