



The Impression

“Equip the People of God to Impact the World for Christ”

Broken, Crushed Spirits

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day”
(2 Corinthians 4:8, 9, 16).

I recently heard in a sermon the statistic that 50% of people living in Ohio are struggling daily with anxiety and despair. Why? Life can be tough! Especially, if you’re feeling alone, isolated and unloved. Financial struggles. Health issues. Family problems. Work related challenges. Etc.!

We need a sense of belonging. Community. Friendship. Family! Jesus extends his hand of friendship to everyone in need. He wants us to be a part of the family of God. We are offered the gift of love, forgiveness, belonging, and hope through faith in Jesus Christ.

The pressures of life can be overwhelming, but with Jesus we can overcome and be victorious, but even with faith in Jesus, we still need to be in community. The church is God’s gift and instrument to reach a broken, hurting world and to be an instrument of grace and transformation. We are called to go, invite, and share God’s love, good news and community.

Join us on October 15-16 in Columbus for the ABC Ohio Annual Gathering, as the family comes together for a time of worship, fellowship and encouragement. We are Better Together!

Blessings,
Rev Mark Click



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Northwest Area

The Northwest Region consists of 5 different Association. As our Scripture says for the year John 13:34-35... "United in Christ Rooted in Love" We are better together....

We believe that doing the Ministry that God has commissioned us to do requires a humble heart and a sound mind. We are working towards the humility that keeps us focused on the prize and that is the Love of God.

From the Northcentral Association we last met in June with a fellowship luncheon and Pastor Bob Adelsperger retired from the First Baptist Church of Attica. Pictured you will find the Leadership Team who is carrying the Service forward working with Pulpit supply.

The Mohican Association last met in May for the Fellowship Breakfast, and we will begin meeting again in September. One of our Churches, Liberty Hills Baptist has gone abroad with it's Ministry doing live broadcasting even as far as Toyoko. Rev. Marvin Haught is the President of the Association.

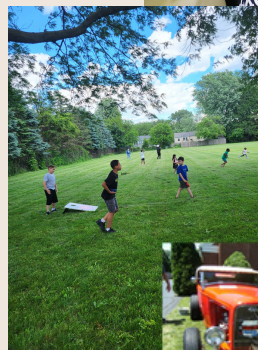
The Marion Association held their New membership Luncheon in June and they are planning their Women's Day this fall with retired, Co-Executive Minister Rev. Jane Gibbons being the Speaker at the Richwood Baptist Church. Rev. David Rush is the President of the Association.

The Northwestern Association last met on July 30th, 2024 at Bob Evans on Cable Road in Lima Ohio. This meeting was a MIRACLE MEETING, because we were graced by the presence of Mrs. Stephanie Shields who had been sick for more than 4 months, hospitalized, and finally released to come home. Her husband, Rev. Andrew Shields is the President of the Association as well as an ARM was there by her side. We are proud to have Stephanie back with us.

The Toledo Area American Baptist Association held their Annual Picnic in June, with most of the Pastors and their Congregations present. Pictured you will find the Pastors, Members of the congregations and youth. You will see pictures of the Annual Car Show held at the Cass Road Baptist Church, with ARM Rev. Ruby Radford being the host church. We pushed for the signup for the Ohio Leadership Academy Workshop being held in Columbus on August 17th, 2024 with a list of 17 members coming from TAABA to attend. Pictured you will see Pastor Jose Abundij and wife getting registration information.

God is in control, and we are praying for continued unity as being a part of the American Baptist Association.

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. James H. Willis, Sr.
Northwest Regional Minister



CARS



FELLOWSHIP & WINNERS



Northeast Area

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Late in June, I received a call from Anthony, one of the young men in our church. He and his brother, sons of one of our Deacons, have been involved not only in attendance at morning worship, but at our Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. When there is work to be done, they are always there to help. This has been their track record through high school and college.

While attending our area university, he has worked at a local Italian restaurant, Belleria. Many of the young employees had begun a Bible study, led by a gentleman whose mission it was to reach these young people for Christ.

Recently, they were studying on the topic of Baptism. As they discussed the topic, the members of the Bible study began to voice their desire to be baptized. The leader was overjoyed. However, as they began to reach out to area churches, they could not find any that would open their church to them and baptize them if they were not joining that church.

That was the reason for his call. He explained their situation to me, and asked if they could use Locust Grove for their Baptism service. I could not say “Yes!” fast enough. He said that, if possible, they wanted to have a “reception” downstairs afterward for those Baptized and their families. It warmed my soul, because that has been a long-standing tradition in our church. We set the date for July 11. I announced it to our church members, inviting them to come and be a part of it.

This was not just a baptism service, it was a celebration. Before the baptisms began, three of the candidates, young men ages 18-21, shared messages from the Word about the meaning of Baptism, and the importance of being Baptized. After the messages, 8 young people were baptized, each with huge smiles on their faces, and willing to share their testimony before they were immersed. I invited the Bible Study leader to do the honors of baptizing them, for after all, they were a product of his ministry to them.

Afterward, I shared how blessed we were to have hosted the event, and welcomed our “spiritual grandchildren” and their family downstairs for a time of fellowship and celebration. It was a night to remember.

Pastor Bob Noble
Locust Grove Baptist Church, Salem, OH



First Baptist Church Massillon
welcomes Dr. David Anderson as
Senior Minister



Southwest Area



SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH -
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Mt Washington Baptist Church
welcomes Rev. Clay Self as
Senior Pastor

First Baptist Church
of St Paris
Celebrates their
150th anniversary



First Baptist Church of
Hamilton calls Rev. Christopher
Beecher as Interm Pastor



Southeast Area

Four Southeast Region Pastoral Transitions in the Zanesville Association:

Retirement/Transition Ministry Celebration

Pictured from left to right: Rev. Bob Davidson, Rev. David Nuhfer, Rev. Howard Thompson and Rev. Noah Barr

Rev. Bob Davidson, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Newark retired at the end of August 2024.

Rev. David Nuhfer, pastor of First Baptist Church South Zanesville and Rev. Howard Thompson, pastor of Market Street Baptist Church in Zanesville both retired at the end of June 2024.

Rev. Noah Barr transitioned out as the Pastor of Ark Springs Baptist Church on May 17th and began serving as the Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church of South Zanesville in August.

We are grateful for these faithful servants to Christ and their years of ministry!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF OHIO
ANNUAL GATHERING – OCTOBER 15 & 16
COLUMBUS, OHIO

We are excited to have author, professor and pastor:
Dr. J.R. Briggs as the guest speaker at this year's Annual Gathering.

Dr. Briggs will be talking about "Creating a Culture of Discipleship in the Local Church –
and in a Fresh Expression."

Dr. Briggs is a national speaker, pastor, author, coach and passionate about raising up a new
generation of leaders and developing disciple-making disciples.

The Annual Gathering will also feature vital WORKSHOPS on Discipleship (J.R. Briggs),
Succession Planning (Mark Eaton & Kevin Hairston), and Strengthening Your Church's
Financial Future (Christine Roush).

Make plans now to join us at the Annual Gathering for an exciting time of worship,
fellowship and encouragement. Registration information has been mailed to your church
and posted on the ABC Ohio website: www.abc-ohio.org. We are Better Together!

Education Updates:

Fall Semester Starts Nov 9th!



Courses:

Survey of the New Testament - Taught by Dr. Scotty Robertson

Baptist History and Polity - Taught by Rev. Tim Mohon

See our website for more information!

www.abc-ohio.org

OHIO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - SUMMER SEMINAR

A wonderful time of learning and fellowship with a special thank you to our partners: Columbus Baptist Association and New Salem Missionary Baptist Church



Camping Events



Koinonia Carnival
Games, horseback riding, tomahawk throwing, cider pressing, wood fired pizza, campfire donuts, horse cart rides, petting zoo, photo booths, and so much more!
Bring your whole family FOR **FREE!** and enjoy this wonderful family day.

FREE
October 12, 2024
10am - 3pm

Koinonia Women's Day
Gourmet food, relaxing environment, crafting, kid free, worship, and a ton of other amazing things! Bring your friends and enjoy this day of relaxation and worship!

\$65.00
November 2, 2024
8am - 8pm

Overnight options available for additional cost. Contact our office for more information.



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Upcoming Events:

September 27-28, 2024 - ABW
Spiritual Growth Retreat

October 15-16, 2024 - Ohio Annual
Gathering



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