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**“AROSE” BY ANY
OTHER NAME**

“O Death, where is your sting?” - 1 Corinthians 15:55
DOM Ed Goodman

The Danger is Real
Dr. Brady Stephens

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****Important Dates Please Take Note****

Responding to an Armed Threat - March 1st 6 PM - Temple Baptist Church
Concert of Prayer - March 11th, 5-7 PM - Open Door Baptist Church
VBS Training "Game On" - March 24th, 8:30 AM Registration - Open Door Baptist Church
Disaster Relief Training - April 21st 8 AM - 1 PM New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist Church
Bounce House Safety Training - May 5th, 8:00 AM Emmanuel Baptist Church
Praise In The Park - June 9th
Kentucky Motor Speedway Mission Trip - July 12-14th
ACP Training Workshop - September 8th

These dates have already been set. Please add them to your personal calendar. If you have any questions please contact us at the association office. 2

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OPEN DOOR BAPTIST PRESENTS

UOVBA VBS Training



SAVE THE DATE

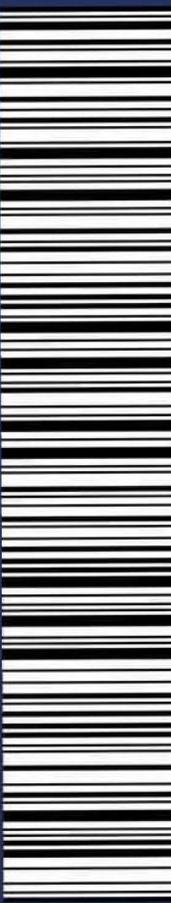


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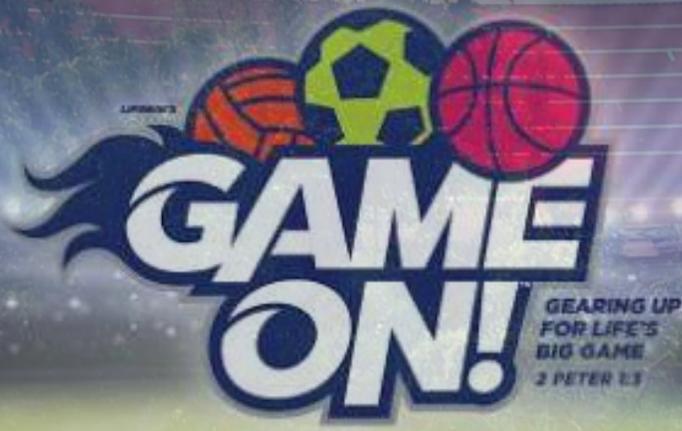
SEC ROW SEAT
3432 Eldersville Road
Colliers, WV 26035

MARCH 24, 2018
Registration Begins 8:30AM



MARCH 24TH 2018

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM



LOOKING

CONCERT OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 5:00 PM
OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH
3432 ELDERSVILLE RD COLLIERS, WV 26035

AN EVENING TO SPAWN AND SPARK A SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING IN US AND OUR NEIGHBORS
WORSHIP - PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS FOR REVIVAL



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DOM CORNER



“AROSE” BY ANY OTHER NAME

“O Death, where is your sting?” - 1 Corinthians 15:55

By ED GOODMAN
UOVBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are at least 151,671 different last names and 5,163 different first names commonly used in the United States. Worldwide, there are roughly 1.2 million unique first names, with about 650,000 of these representing roughly 90% of the population. Through natural language processing and the scratching of similar names with different spellings (e.g., Mark, Marc, Marck, etc.), that figure drops to about 520,000. It seems that certain names can be written in many different ways.

In a similar sense, the Resurrection of Christ is conveyed in multiple ways. When it comes to the Messiah overcoming death, a variety of words can capture its essence.

“Christ arose.”

“The Lord is risen.”

“He rose from the grave.”

“Jesus is alive.”

“Our Savior is resurrected.”

However you say it, take some time during this glorious season to ponder the reality that Jesus Christ is King over death, hell, and the grave. Feel free to laugh in the face of death and boast in the Lord. He is still on eternity’s throne.

The Danger is Real

Dr. Brady Stephens

I wish I could tell you that it's just news hype. That it's one of those things being over dramatized to sell newspapers or television advertising space. Or that it's something that has always been this way and we are just hearing more about it now. I even wish I could tell you that this whole thing is being blown out of proportion by the anti-gun lobby. I wish I could honestly write off the facts some way and things were like they used to be but these are all just wishes.

Reality tells us things have changed. Our churches are not as safe as they once were. Not even close.

The nation was shocked into the new reality November 7th, 2017 when a man armed with an AR-15 style rifle went into First Baptist Church in the small community of Sutherland Springs, Texas and murdered 26 people, wounding another 20. It was the deadliest shooting in an American place of worship in modern history. And while this attack sits at the top of the list in terms of devastation, it is certainly a long list.

Dr. Carl Chinn has been a student of violence on faith based properties for many years. A study of the statistics on his website, www.carlchinn.com, shows us just how commonplace attacks on churches have become.

2017 was the most violent year in modern history for faith based properties. In that year alone we experienced 261 Deadly Force Incidents (DFI's) resulting in 118 deaths. Last year there were 246 DFI's. The year before there were 248.

This flood of violence on faith based properties started to climb steadily about 12 years ago. In the years prior to that the nation was seeing less than 10 DFI's per year. The increase is stunning. From less than 10 per year to a place where anything in the 250 range seems normal in a dozen years!

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times

Late Edition
Today, cloudy, some afternoon rain, warmer, high 65. Tonight, evening rain, clearing late, chilly, low 46. Tomorrow, partly sunny, high 64. Weather map appears on Page C4.

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A Complex Paper Trail: Blurring Kremlin's Ties To Key U.S. Businesses

Shipping Firm Links Commerce Chief to Putin 'Cronies'

This article is by Mike McIntire, Sasha Chelnik and Martha M. Hamilton.

After becoming commerce secretary, Wilbur L. Ross Jr. retained investments in a shipping firm he once controlled that has significant business ties to a Russian oligarch subject to American sanctions and President Vladimir V. Putin's son-in-law, according to newly disclosed documents.

The oligarch, Navigator Holdings, earned millions of dollars a year transporting gas for one of its top clients, a giant Russian energy company owned by Mr. Putin's family member. Despite selling off numerous other holdings to join the Trump administration and opposed its "America first" trade policy, Mr. Ross kept an investment in Navigator, which increased its business dealings with Shell even as the West

Millions in Facebook Shares Rooted in Russian Cash

By JESSIE DRUCKER

In the fall of 2010, the Russian billionaire investor Yuri Milner took the stage for a Q. and A. at a technology conference in San Francisco. Mr. Milner, whose holdings have included major stakes in Facebook and Twitter, is known for expounding on everything from the future of social media to the frontiers of space travel. But when someone asked a question that had swirled around the Silicon Valley asset — Who were his investors? — he did not answer, turning repeatedly to the moderator with a look of incomprehension.

Now, leaked documents examined by The New York Times offer a partial answer: Behind Mr. Milner's investments in Facebook and Twitter were hundreds of millions of dollars from the Kremlin.

Obscured by a maze of offshore shell companies, the Trump in-

ARMED FOR WAR, GUNMAN KILLS 26 IN ATTACK ON RURAL TEXAS CHURCH



A vigil on Sunday night in Sutherland Springs, Tex., after the killings at First Baptist Church. The victims ranged in age from 5 to 72.



There are several theories as to what caused this and what must be done to reverse this trend. Maybe we will look at that in another article. But we can make changes in our local church practices that will increase our safety right away. Let's start this week and let's start with what we have.

Check the exterior doors of your church building. Make sure all locks are in good working order and the church can be "locked down" if you know there is someone headed in to do harm. Make sure classroom doors can be effectively locked from the inside in case you have to lock down in there.

Find out if your local 911 center can receive text messages. You may need to send a text if you are hiding from a gunman and need to be quiet. And if too many cell phones are calling this in at once the towers will sometimes overload and not allow a call through. But even if a call doesn't get through sometimes a text message will. Not all 911 centers are equipped to receive texts. Find out if yours is.

Dr. Brady Stephens is President of Centurion Bible College, a pastor and former police officer.

www.centurionbc.org



*Classes Start
Fall 2018*

Our Mission: To provide students an opportunity for Christian education that will inspire them spiritually, academically, physically and socially.



More details coming in the
May/June VALLEY VOICE

Cameron Baptist Church Revival



MARCH 11TH-14TH
6:00 DINNER
7:00 REVIVAL SERVICE

LORD, SEND A
REVIVAL AND LET
IT BEGIN WITH ME!!!

**Come to Cameron Baptist Church and hear
Matheus Oliveria preach the Gospel**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled."*

Matthew 5:6 NKJV

Where: 62 Squirrel Alley Lane, Cameron, WV

If Transportation Is Needed

Call: 304-686-3301



Youth Services System, Inc.
Youth Mentoring Program

When Big Brothers Big Sisters closed their local chapter, YSS absorbed the program, re-naming it the Youth Mentoring Program. Today, the need for caring and responsible adults to develop and sustain a relationship with a child, age 5-17, is greater than ever. Children benefit from mentoring by increased self-esteem, better school performance, improved relationships with family and friends, and avoidance of alcohol and drug use.

Please consider becoming a mentor. We ask that you (any adult age 18 or over) commit for a year to spend four hours a month with a child in need. The Youth Mentoring Program offers group activities, sporting event tickets, and other supports to enhance the experience. YSS conducts a thorough background check on every potential mentor, and every relationship is supervised by a professionally trained social worker.

Our mission at YSS is to create better futures for children, families, and our community. Please open your heart to a child who needs you.

For further information, contact:

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TRAINING



**NEW
BEGINNINGS**

@Ryerson Baptist Church

397 West Roy Furman Highway, Wind Ridge, PA 15380

**Saturday, April 21st 2018
8:00AM to 1:00PM**





Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association

2018 Financial Report

Church	January	February
Abundant	87.96	132.16
Avondale	43.62	37.96
Calvary		
Cameron	822.00	1,135.00
Emmanuel		214.59
Evangel	40.00	
Faith		140.22
FBC Chester	127.52	95.40
FBC Steuben		110.00
Grace	141.00	
Immanuel	740.00	2,200.00
Indian Creek		869.67
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights	1,570.00	1,055.00
Ministry of Salvation		
ODBC	2,034.00	1,487.00
Riverview		
NB @ Ryerson	599.83	485.25
Solid Rock	56.91	39.45
S Wheeling	1.88	4.37
Temple	289.60	559.83

This financial report is a current reflection through February 2018. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.



This past January, Pastor Nate Freeman launched the God Speak Network! The God Speak Network is comprised of God Speak Radio and God Speak TV. Here are some of the features:

1. A 1 hour daily Live call-in Show Hosted by Pastor Nate Freeman and Youth Pastor/ Worship Leader Trey Freeman
2. A 30 min broadcast by DOM Ed Goodman
3. Ask a Youth Pastor, which is a 30 minute show hosted by Ohio Valley Youth Network President Bobbyjon Bauman.
4. Man Up God's Way - 30 min Roundtable featuring High School Students and God's Response to the issues facing our young men.
5. Make a Joyful Noise – Gospel Saturday hosted by Michael Jett.
6. And YOU!!! – That's correct. We would like to extend an invitation to all of the Churches in the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association the opportunity to broadcast 30 minutes of your church's Sunday Message on God Speak Radio for FREE!

a. How Do I get involved?

- i. Contact Pastor Nate Freeman (304)748-4897 OR NATE@NATEFREEMAN.NET

b. Where Can I direct listeners to hear God Speak Radio?

- i. God Speak Facebook Page
- ii. God Speak YouTube Channel
- iii. God Speak TV website
- iv. iTunes Podcast
- v. Blog Talk Radio
- vi. Natefreeman.net website
- vii. And other media outlets that are available.



c. Why would my church want to participate?

- i. Outreach potential for your church – God Speak Radio is internet based. Anyone with internet connection through a phone, tablet, computer, television set or other device can hear your sermon. Great way for us to reach the 390,000 individuals in our area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ii. Great retention tool. Individuals who are unable to attend services can hear your latest sermon.
- iii. Great invitation tool. Members of your congregation can invite their friends and neighbors the chance to hear you before they step into your church.
- iv. Great way to promote upcoming events and special services.

d. What if my church doesn't currently record services?

- i. That's ok! We would still love to have you on our live broadcast as a guest and would also promote your upcoming events. Just Contact Pastor Nate Freeman.
- ii. We also can help to set up your church to record if you would like. We have trained professionals who can teach you what needs to be done. It is easier than you may think.

To get set up and answers to additional questions about God Speak TV contact Pastor Nate Freeman (304)748-4897 OR NATE@NATEFREEMAN.NET



www.youtube.com/user/NateFreeman1970



www.facebook.com/GodSpeakthruN8



www.natefreeman.net



www.blogtalkradio.com/godspeak



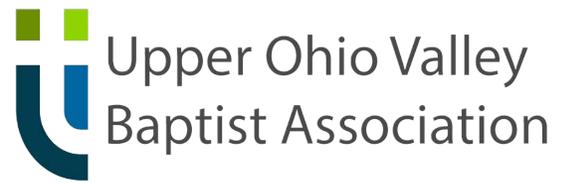
www.godspeaktv.com





MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



First Baptist Church Chester

First Baptist Church in Chester, WV is prayerfully considering prospects for their next pastor. Candidates may submit and upload their resume on our webpage @ www.uovba.com/church-openings. Be sure to fill out all of the information listed. The UOVBA will fwd this information off to the search committee at First Baptist Church Chester.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

They are in need of any help with electrical and plumbing work needed

Faith Community Church

Faith Community Church is seeking somebody to help out with building materials and architectural design. If anyone from anyone within our association who knows a trusted contractor who can help them out with a materials estimate for the work that needs to be done. Construction teams are also welcome this for spring for the following projects:

Drywall, Electrical Work, Plumbing, Opening up the from entrance area, Adding on an additional 25'x30' room to build the sanctuary area and downstairs fellowship hall. Churches and mission teams interested in participating in this wonderful project can contact Pastor Pete Carney at (304) 280-6917 or Pastor Ray Carney at (304) 281-8353.





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BOUNCE HOUSE SAFETY TRAINING

Join us for Bounce House Safety Training put on by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Amusement Ride Safety Team.

05.05.18

8AM | SATURDAY

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

Anniversaries

March/April

Jim & Debbie Higginson 3/1

Birthdays

March

Gary Eller 3/10

Debbie Higginson 3/19

Amy Morrow 3/23

April

Emily Goodman 4/15

Publishing Information Disclosure

The Valley Voice will typically be published on the last Thursday every 2 months, although unforeseen circumstances may result in a delay or temporary suspension of the publication. For information to be published, the UOVBA must receive it in writing by the 20th day of each month.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association is to motivate, stimulate, equip, and assist Southern Baptist churches to recognize and fulfill their Christ-given mission.

Vision Statement

The vision of the UOVBA is to equip churches through cooperation, training, planning, and fellowship to become instruments of Christ for the purpose of evangelism and missions.

