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## The Ohio Independent Baptist

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# "Where The City Meets The Country"

Located on the northeastern edge of Cleveland, Willoughby Hills styles itself as the place "Where the City Meets the Country." Our Fellowship has churches in various locales across our state — from inner-city to very rural to "rurban." Whether you are from the city or the country, you will find a feeling of "home" at the Nottingham Baptist Church in Willoughby Hills, home for our Fall OARBC Conference.

Mark your calendars and come on "up" to this home away from home. Reserve your motel or guest lodging for October 21-22 today.

From the farmlands of Cedarville, Pat and I look forward to fellowshiping with you on the edge of the city.

--Dave



Pastor Michael Spiegel

Dear Sister Churches of the OARBC, Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," and I am glad that at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our state fellowship we will be returning to the timely theme of prayer in the local church. Jim Jeffery, president of Baptist Bible College and Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, will be our guest speaker. His theme, "The Power of A Praying Church." We hope that you, too, will be our guests for the October 21-22 conference to be held here at Nottingham Baptist Church. We are located just one-half mile south of Route 90 (Exit 187, Bishop Road).

We look forward to seeing you here this fall.

For a Great 75<sup>th</sup>,

*Michael Spiegel*

Michael Spiegel  
Senior Pastor



# From Our Hearts To Yours



Dave and Pat  
Warren  
State Representative

## The Power of a Praying Church

One of the grand purposes of this Association of churches is to lift people's spirits as they serve their Lord. The Association is not an end in itself, but is a means to an end—serving the Lord's servants. We want simply to strengthen you and your churches in the work to which He has called you. And prayer is a key to such strengthening of spirits! That is why we have chosen to emphasize this vital topic. And this is why we encourage your attendance this October.

We plan to gather October 21-22, 2002, at the Nottingham Baptist Church in Willoughby Hills around the theme, "The Power of a Praying Church." As the term *conference* implies we are going to confer together around a central theme

prayer. What better or more necessary topic around which to focus our attention? Who of us does not need to pray more? To pray better? Which of our churches does not need more prayer for its ministries, its needs, its problems, its leaders, its progress? What does our nation need more than prayer?

Pat and I know the lift that comes to us when people say, "We are praying for you and your ministry across Ohio." We also assure you that because we love you we pray for you as well, every pastoral family and church on a weekly basis. We know of no better way to express love and to actually touch your lives than to be praying for you and for your success in ministry. We cannot be physically present everywhere at the same time, but we can still impact lives by means of prayer. In other words, we, like you, believe in prayer. We are sold on the theme of this Conference and on the power of prayer.

We understand that Christian experience is composed of two dynamics—human responsibility and divine sovereignty. When we pray we are bringing these two ingredients together and are unleashing God's power in

unprecedented ways. God delights to honor our faith and to answer our prayers. It is a "God-thing" for Him to get glory to Himself by answering our prayers in ways that only He could. We all need to learn more about this.

Although this is only August 2002 as you read these words, we will be praying that you mark your calendars and make the decision to include yourself in these two days, October 21-22, 2002. Registration materials will soon be arriving at your doors that will provide you with the necessary information. The "good ole summer time" will soon slip into history and the fall schedule will be upon us.

"The Power of a Praying Church" is a "must hear" for all of us. Come to Cleveland and confer. But we'll do more—we'll pray together! See 'ya there!

**PS — Remember the Council of 12 election.** When your church submits a name or names, that counts as more than a nomination, but rather an actual vote for that individual. The names that are submitted most often are the names that are elected to the Council, upon their agreement to serve.



Max and Phyllis  
Tucker  
Church Planting  
Coordinator

## An Untroubled Heart

We will soon be observing the anniversary of September 11. I am writing this on July 4th, 2001, thinking back on all that has happened between last year's celebration of freedom and this July 4th. Today there are many celebrating "freedom" with a bit more fear, and many with sad and troubled hearts. As we pick up our newspaper each day, we realize that since 9-11 all has not gone in the right direction.

A few days ago, Billy Graham was preaching here in Cincinnati on a Saturday evening. He was calling upon the people of Cincinnati to love one another and be united. As he was speaking, approximately two miles from the stadium, there was a drive-by shooting where six people were wounded and one died. This is sort of picturesque of things that have happened since 9-11. Alan Greenspan called upon our nation to revitalize our economy and to hold firm. We then

learned that companies like Enron, and now we assume this is just a tip of the iceberg, were "cooking the books." This, of course, places our economy in peril and undermines the integrity of capitalism. We read in the paper headlines like, "Middle East Battles," "War on Terror," "Midwest Mailbox Bombings," "Catholics in Crisis," "Castro's Chemicals."

Then to top it off we come to this day of celebration, and as President George W. Bush begins to encourage our people to thank God for our nation, along comes a California court declaring that children cannot say the pledge of allegiance because it refers to God. In the midst of all of this, just what we all need, another translation of the Bible. This time a real gender-bender called the TNIV.

This would be a good time for us to look again at John, chapter 14, where we are given reasons for an untroubled heart. There we are told, "Let not your heart be troubled." In the Greek, this is, "tarassestho," which means agitated. The solution to agitation is: 1. Believe in God 2. Believe in Jesus. This word "believe" also means to trust. The rest of this chapter is filled with many reasons to rejoice.

In my own little world, I too must not

be troubled, but there are some things that are certainly disappointing. We need to pray for God to raise up church planters, because we are having an influx of interest from churches that want to reproduce after their own kind. The need is great; the laborers so few.

### How To Reach Us...

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## 75th Annual OARBC Conference

# "The Power of A Praying Church"

October 21-22, 2002  
Nottingham Baptist Church  
Willoughby Hills

Our conference speaker this year is:  
Rev. Jim Jeffery, President,  
Baptist Bible College and Seminary  
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania



Jim Jeffery

was chairman for three years.

President Jeffery is an alumnus of BBC, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1979. He is also a graduate of Practical Bible College, earning a Master of Religious Education in Pastoral Ministry degree at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and has done doctoral studies at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and Grace Seminary.

He served as a Baptist pastor for twenty-six years, including ministries at Grace Baptist Church, Binghamton, New York; Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio; and Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn, Indiana. Most recently he was the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was ordained into the ministry in October 1978 by Grace Baptist Church, Binghamton, New York.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Alberta "Bert" Dart, in 1973. They have three children: Daniel, Amy and Rachel. Dan is married to Elizabeth, and they have a son, Will. Amy is married to Kurt Land, and they have two sons, Kurt and Cody. Rachel is a junior at BBC.

Jim was born in Connecticut, but he calls Upstate New York home. He has served on the boards of Baptist Mid-Missions, Camp Patmos, and Ohio, Indiana and Michigan state pastors' fellowships.

Upon his appointment as president in May 2001, Jim began to consider his personal vision for the College, Graduate School and Seminary. This phrase summarizes that vision: "Excellence in Biblical Education for Effectiveness in Ministry Leadership."

His servant heart and his desire to serve God with humility and excellence have characterized Jim's life and ministry. His fervent desire is that he will walk humbly with God.

Jim Jeffery became the president of Baptist Bible College & Seminary on August 1, 2001. He served as a member of the board of trustees for eleven years prior to his appointment and

## Conference Schedule

### Monday

- 12:00 Registration
- 1:00 Opening Session:  
Dr. David Warren
- 2:00 Association Business
- 2:30 First Ladies' Tea  
for all pastors' wives
- 2:45 Workshop Sessions for  
men & women
- 3:35 Workshop Sessions for  
men & women
- 5:00 Church Investment Banquet  
Church Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Evening Session:  
Rev. Jim Jeffery

### Tuesday

- 8:30 Prayer Session: Meeting at  
the Throne  
Dr. David Warren
- 9:00 Morning Session:  
Rev. Jim Jeffery
- 10:00 Association Business
- 11:15 Visit Displays  
Church Gymnasium
- 12:00 OWMU Leaders' Lunch  
Church Fellowship Hall
- 2:00-4:15 Ohio Women's Missionary  
Union Meeting
- 2:00-3:00 Workshops for men
- 3:15-4:15 Workshops for men
- 5:00 Recognition Banquet for new  
pastors and wives & area  
leaders  
Church Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Closing Session:  
Rev. Jim Jeffery

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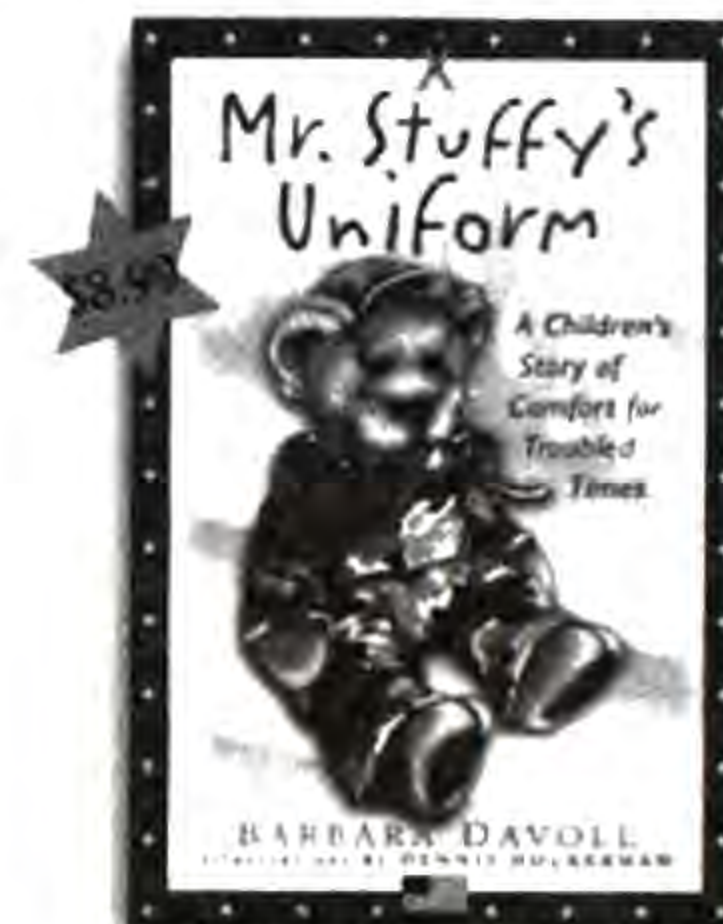
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**P**salm 145:4 "One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts." This has been the basis of our summer theme, "Investing In Future Generations." One of our goals this summer has been to have an entire staff which is ministry-minded and focused on serving the Lord, which involves going beyond what their "normal job" requires. I'm excited to report that this has happened. It has been a huge blessing seeing how the Lord is working through our entire staff to reach souls for Him, and to encourage those who are believers of the responsibility they have to share the gospel with their friends. By doing this, they are "Investing in Future Generations."

I want to thank those who have been faithfully praying for the ministry of Camp Patmos. As we have been preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 10<sup>th</sup>, I've enjoyed going through many old pictures and hearing testimonies from folks who were here when the camp first started. Over and over again, I have been reminded of how the Lord has used many of you in getting the camp where it is today. Our camp has been a "Light for this Generation" for 50 years and that will always be our goal. Our mission statement says, "Camp Patmos exists to support the local church by challenging campers to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and to live for Him." Please continue to pray as we endeavor to carry out our mission in the years to come.

### 2002 Camp Schedule

Aug. 5-10 Family Camp  
speaker: Dr. Mark Jackson  
Aug. 12-17 Family Camp  
speaker: Cal Searles  
Aug. 19-23 Senior Citizens  
speaker: Bill Abernathy Sr.  
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director: Steve Rae  
Sept. 13-14 Marriage Clinic  
speaker: Kevin Boggs

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### Oh, Wow!



Dining Hall under construction

**W**e have an expression here at the Ranch—it is a very simple one—"Oh, wow!" It talks about the greatness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His mighty works. When campers walk through the woods and find something neat the expression is, "Oh, wow!" When they are riding the horses and see the beauty of God's creation the expression is, "Oh, wow!" When counselors explain about the work of God in the lives of one of our campers the expression is, "Oh wow!" When a young person comes to know Jesus Christ as Savior after struggling with that decision, the expression is, "Oh, wow!"

Right now we are experiencing "Oh wow" with the Dining Hall as well. The posts are in the ground and we can daily see the progress as the structure begins to take shape. We marvel how God has provided for us each step along the way, and so we can say, "Oh wow!" Through his people we know God will provide the remaining finances to complete the project.

### Upcoming Events

Overnight Horse Trail #1  
Aug 22-23  
Overnight Horse Trail #2  
Aug 23-24  
Ladies Retreat  
Sept 19-21  
Golf Marathon & Scramble with  
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October 11-12  
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Hebrews – *Stand Bold in Grace*

### About the Author:

Dr. Robert Gromacki is Distinguished Professor of Bible and Greek at Cedarville University and Pastor of Grace Community Baptist Church in Washington Court House, Ohio. He is the author of 15 books including his popular textbook *New Testament Survey*. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M.) and Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana (Th.D.).

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## Gathering Together

by Susan Johnson, OWMU President

**D**ear Precious Ladies of Ohio, Thank you for loving and serving Christ in your homes, churches and neighborhoods. My heart is filled with praise for God's great work in you to use you mightily for the praise of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Deuteronomy 31:12 says, "**Gather the people together**, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, **that they may hear and that they may learn** to fear the LORD your God and **carefully observe** all the words of this law."

My heart has been acutely reminded this week of the necessity to "**gather together**." Two of my friends who are caring for dying parents shared with me this week how they are desperate to be with God's people. My prayer for this article is that it would be used of God to bring you and your friends to our Fall meeting, at 2:00 p.m. on October 22 at Nottingham Baptist Church in Willoughby Hills.

When we gather together God would like us "**to hear**" about Him and His mighty works. At our Fall meeting, Felicia Oana will proclaim all that God is doing in Romania among the Gypsies. We will hear how God is using the gift of money we were able to send and how He has answered our prayers for unbelievers and believers alike there in Romania. God has done "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think". We will also "**hear**" about our 2002-2003 project of building Family Homes for orphans in Zambia. Please continue to pray for godly parents for these homes, that they would be prepared by God to care for children who need special love and training because of their great loss.

We have asked Sue Miller, our past president for 12 years, to challenge us from God's Word. Sue will be God's servant to help us "**to learn**" to love and obey Christ more faithfully. Ladies, we have all loved and appreciated Sue's leadership so much in the past years, please come to learn from a choice servant of God.

Our prayer time focus will be to consider the future servants of God who are presently in our local churches or at Bible colleges preparing for the Lord's work. As we hear of God's work in their lives I am confident that God will give us personal opportunities to "**carefully observe**" His Word on their behalf.

What is our role, today, in loving, encouraging and caring for these special ones that He has chosen to be His servants? Can God actually use us, as His tools, to help others consider God's call to labor in His work?

So, Deuteronomy 31:12 says, "**Gather the people together**, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, **that they may hear and that they may learn** to fear the LORD your God and **carefully observe** all the words of this law." Would you begin now to pray about joining us October 22 in Willoughby for our fall meeting? Mark your calendar and begin now to invite others to join you in coming. I do believe that God is honored and pleased when His people "gather together."

Keep your eyes open for the registration for the Inn of the Amish Door, November 14-15.

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### Mark Your Calendar

▼ *Fall OWMU Meeting*  
Nottingham Baptist  
Willoughby Hills, Ohio  
October 22

▼ *Inn of the Amish Door*  
Retreat  
November 14-15

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### Fall Area Meetings

#### Northeast Ohio Women's Fellowship

Cedar Hill Baptist  
Saturday, September 28  
9 a.m. Breakfast  
10:15 a.m. Meeting  
Guest Speaker:  
Missionary Jane Kilko

#### West Moriah Women's Fellowship

Berean Baptist, Pickerington  
Saturday, October 12  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Speaker:  
Megan Chambers

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**Hebron**

◆ **The Grace Baptist Church of Port Clinton** has called Joe Wittmer as an associate pastor of youth and worship. Joe is a recent graduate of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Peter Dodd reports that Joe grew up in the Calvary Baptist Church of Sandusky, Ohio, the church that started Grace in Port Clinton.

◆ **Faith Baptist Church, Amherst**, has called Mike Plog as senior pastor. Willis and Ruth Hull are now serving in a ministry to seniors at Faith.

◆ Chris Carlton is the new youth pastor at **Fellowship Baptist, Lorain**. Chris is married to Angela, the daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Laird Baldwin of Englewood. Jack Ison serves as senior pastor at FBC.



**Maranatha**

◆ On June 9, **Faith Baptist of Gallipolis** broke ground for a structure to provide new classrooms, restrooms and a new gymnasium for the needs of the church's growing youth ministries. In

addition, there will be a new kitchen, banquet room and stage area for fellowship dinners and special programs. The site work is already underway for the 12,000 square foot building, which is scheduled for completion before the end of the year. Jim Lusher is senior pastor at Faith, and Jeff Reed serves as assistant.



**NEO**

◆ **Bible Baptist of North Madison** is pleased to announce the ordination of Pastor Robert Ladygo to the gospel ministry. Robert was examined by an ordination council on May 21 at the Bible Baptist

Church, after which he was unanimously recommended for ordination. Participating in the ordination service on June 9 were former pastor Roland Globig, Don Bennett, Bill Aiken (New Lyme) and Martin Shott. Ladygo previously served as youth pastor of Bible Baptist. James Burnett now serves as youth pastor.



**West Moriah**

◆ Jason Oesterling joins the staff of **Memorial Baptist in Columbus** as associate pastor in Christian education and music. Jason is a graduate of Cedarville University and is engaged in graduate studies at Liberty University. Jon McGinnis serves as youth pastor and Tom Wright serves as senior pastor at MBC.



◆ **Immanuel Baptist Church, Columbus**, welcomes Rick Hanna as assistant pastor of worship and discipleship. Pastor Rick is a graduate of Purdue University

and Baptist Bible Seminary of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Rick and his wife, Heather, have three children, Chelsea, Caleb and Christian.

Prior to coming to Immanuel, Pastor Rick served as pastoral intern in family ministries at Kossuth Street Baptist Church in Lafayette. He began his ministry at Immanuel on June 1.

"We are excited about the passion for God and the gifts Pastor Rick brings to Immanuel," commented Bill Abernathy, Immanuel's senior pastor.



**Bethany**

◆ **Bailey Road Baptist Church, North Jackson**, ordained Tom Woodward on Sunday, March 24. Participating in the ordination service were Dr. David Warren, OARBC State Representative, Rev. Gary Marburger of Bailey Road, and Rev. Neil Appell of Bailey Road.

Tom previously served as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio. He is currently seeking God's direction for future ministry.

◆ **Calvary Baptist Church of Salem** recently held revival services with Evangelist Charles Tenney of Exchange, West Virginia. Tenney is the director of Victory Mountain Baptist Camp in West Virginia.



**Mid-Bethel**



◆ David Landquist of Springfield, Massachusetts, is the new pastor of **Riley Creek Baptist, Bluffton**. An installation service was held July 21, with Pastor Ron Renauro of Upper Sandusky and Dr. Dwight Allen of Findlay conducting the service. Landquist graduated from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota, and is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Seminary of the East in Auburn, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Paula, are the parents of three sons. The Landquists are looking forward to serving in the community.

◆ **First Baptist Church, Bellefontaine**, has called Mark Kashuba as senior pastor. His wife, Lori, serves alongside him.



**Mid-Bethel**

◆ "Jesus Offers You JOY" was the theme of **Faith Baptist of Kenton's** Mother-Daughter banquet. The program included a style show with dresses modeled by church members. Dennis Burns is senior pastor at Faith.

**Attention:**  
"Calendar Marking  
In Progress"

**MEN OF GOD  
2003**

Saturday, March 1  
Speaker: John Greening

Calvary Baptist  
Bellefontaine

Watch for details in the mail!



# Cedarville University



Dr. William E. Brown & Dr. Paul H. Dixon  
photo credit: Scott L. Huck/Cedarville University

**C**edarville University recently announced the selection of Dr. William E. Brown, president of Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, to succeed Dr. Paul Dixon as president. The transition will take place in spring 2003, as Dr. Dixon becomes chancellor of the University.

"I am excited about the board's choice," said Dixon. "Bill Brown is exceptionally well-prepared to lead Cedarville University with his scholarship, administrative experience,

well-deserved reputation, genuine heart for God, and intense love for students."

Brown earned his undergraduate degree at the University of South Florida and holds a master of theology degree and a Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary. He joined the Bryan faculty in 1984 as an assistant professor for biblical studies, was named academic vice president and provost in 1988, and has served as president since 1992. Brown and his wife, the former Lynne Jones, have a daughter, April (17), and a son, Alex (13).

"Leaving our beloved Bryan College is the most difficult decision we have ever made," Brown, age 48, said. "If it were not for the belief that God has a significant future for us at Cedarville, we would never have considered the presidency of this great institution. Lynne, April, Alex, and I look forward to the years ahead and being a part of the exciting and unique Christian worldview education at Cedarville."

## As You Go

*From a reader in Seneca County:*

**A**n exchange student from East Germany coming to our home for a year! Would she understand English? Would she understand our Christian home environment and readily go to church with us? Would she understand her need of salvation?

Our guest arrived, and English was no problem, for she spoke a few other languages as well. She became a "sister" to our children, attended church with us, and frequently asked questions regarding evolution (which was all she was ever taught), creation, salvation and other passages from pastor's messages. We so much wanted her to understand salvation.

The months flew by and we knew that soon she would leave us to return to Germany. Our hearts were heavy with the thought of her leaving us without first

trusting Christ. With time short, we explained again how one receives eternal life and asked her if she understood. She said, "yes." We asked if she would trust Jesus as her Savior. She said, "I did that about a month ago at Easter time!" With our whole family in tears of rejoicing we thanked the Lord that a stranger came into our home, became a child of His, and would return to Germany as a new creation in Christ.

Always be ready to give an answer, "AS YOU GO."

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Let your OARB family know about that "open door" God gave you to witness during your normal routines of life. Send your testimony so that our readers might be encouraged in their own witnessing of the good news.

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