



# OHIO BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION AND AUXILIARIES, INC

*"Strengthening the Ministry of the New Testament Church"*

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***"Grace be to you, and peace from God, our Father, and from the Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ...to the praise of His glorious grace."***

The grass is growing, the trees have budded, and we awaken each morning to the melodious music of the birds offering their songs of praise to Almighty God. It is hard to believe that Spring is here already. And the time has come for us to look forward to our upcoming Annual Session coming up in just a couple of months.

The Mount Calvary Nation and I are excited to be able to host this year's Annual Session, scheduled for **July 16-21, 2023** here in the "**Gem City**" of Dayton, Ohio. From the opening musical on Sunday evening, to the President's Address on Friday night – you won't want to miss anything going on during the week. The Congress has planned informative, inspirational, and introspective course offerings for both in-person and virtual students. The Women's Auxiliary is working on a powerful and anointed program of activities. The Laymen are also hard at work planning for a fruitful time of worship and fellowship. And this year, we are pleased to be able to offer a full week of educational, spiritual, and relational activities for our Youth and Young Adult Auxiliary. Enclosed, you will find initial information for all of the auxiliaries, with more to follow.

Our theme for this year's session is "**Strength to Endure,**" from **Colossians 1:11**. In our current cultural climate – one in which wrong is being normalized; one in which society seems to be moving further and further away from the objective Truth of God's Word; one in which the Church is itself under attack in many respects – the OBGCA still stands to **"...strengthen the ministry of the New Testament Church."** This year's session will indeed serve to strengthen our constituency for more effective ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I look forward to seeing you in just a few months if the Lord sees fit to allow. Until then, ***"...the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

Yours very truly,

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