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

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Dear Ohio Baptist General Convention,

Grace to you, and peace from God, our Father and from the Lord, Jesus Christ. In 1977, gospel songwriter Thurston G. Frazier published a hymn "Oh, to be Kept by Jesus! Kept by the power of God." Perhaps there has never been a time in our lifetime, when the words of this great hymn ring truer than right now, in the face of the lingering COVID crisis. And yet, by His Grace and Power, God has indeed kept us, and we are certainly grateful.

It is with great joy that I write to you, looking forward to our upcoming hybrid Annual Session, October 10-13, 2021. This year's session is considered "hybrid" because it will be held both in-person, and virtually. Dr. Marcettes Cunningham, and the great Shiloh Church of Dayton will be hosting the Convention, and we will follow Shiloh's protocols for social distancing and mask-wearing, in order to keep all participants safe.

Rooms have been reserved at the Springhill Suites Dayton North, and while the initial block of rooms have already sold out, Dr. Joann Elder and her team were able to add additional rooms. We encourage you to book your room(s) immediately, as we anticipate that all the reserved rooms will sell. You can call 937.280.4150 and ask for the OBGC rate of \$92.00 per night. The OBGC rate will expire September 17, 2021.

We are pleased to announce the return of the Leon L. Troy Presidential Banquet, to be held Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the John F. Cunningham Family Life Center (Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) in Dayton. Our special guest speaker for the banquet will be newly appointed President of Central State University, Rev. Dr. Jack Thomas. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and more information on purchasing tickets will be forthcoming.

Enclosed, you will find a tentative Convention schedule. I am truly excited about what the week holds for us. From the powerful preaching and uplifting worship, to the Community Service projects being planned by the Laymen and the Women! From the food trucks for daily lunch options, to the Pastors' Fellowship golf outing; from the Opening Musical to the Presidents' night – I truly believe that this year's Annual Session will be a blessing to ALL who attend, whether virtually or in-person. Look for further registration and general information on the website ([www.obgc1896.org](http://www.obgc1896.org)) and in your mail.

Helping to strengthen the ministry of the New Testament Church,

Pastor S. N. Winston, Jr.  
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