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AACS National Legislative Conference

September 6-10
Washington, D.C.

BCSO Educators' Convention w/MACS

September 30-October 1
State Line CS
Temperance, MI

BCSO Soccer/Volleyball Tournament

October 22-23
Lima, OH

A full, downloadable 2-year calendar of events is available on our website.

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A Winning Ohio Budget for Life, Families, School Choice, and Religious Freedom

Ohio HB 110 passage a major win for BCSO schools, families

Keith Hamblen, BCSO Executive Director

In the beginning, God established the family (Genesis 2:21-24), then civil government (Genesis 9:6), and then the church (Matthew 16:17-19). All three are beautiful, and each is needed for a well-ordered society. BCSO is a tool in the hands of local churches and their families to be salt and light in the civil community, and part of our mission is an awareness of current issues, speaking up about them, and praying for those in authority, along with developing relationships with them.

Ten years ago, BCSO began the organizational quest for the passing of

some form of tuition tax credit legislation that would help families enroll their children in our "08" "non-chartered, non-tax supported" schools. (Tuition tax credits are considered pre-tax dollars.) This was granted June 30, 2021, when the Ohio governor signed the Ohio Biennial State Budget (HB 110) into law! Along with the major answer-to-prayer breakthrough of tuition tax credits that can be used in our non-chartered, non-tax supported schools, many other civil government breakthroughs (moral protections) were granted us recently (by the grace of God) through the passing of HB 110.

See 'HB 110' on pg 4

"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity."

~ Daniel Webster

What you need to know about the 'Backpack Bill'

Proposed Ohio bill funds students, not the system; potential victory for school choice

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Ohio's education system is failing to meet the diverse needs of our children. Not only are many public schools underperforming and under educating our children, but in rural, suburban, and urban school districts, radically sexualized and politicized curriculum is being taught in the classroom.

Most of the children in these schools have no options, so the school district is nonresponsive to the concerns of parents.

The Backpack Bill takes away the monopoly from public schools and offers families a choice for the education that will best meet the needs of their children. This will also force the public schools to be more

responsive to the needs and concerns of the parents and community.

The Backpack Bill empowers families to choose the educational option that best meets their needs. The Backpack Bill ties state resources to the student so that Ohio funds students and teachers, instead of buildings and bureaucrats.

Every child is unique, and families should be empowered to choose the best educational setting to meet their child's needs. At the same time, the Backpack Bill ensures that Ohio maintains strong funding for community and public schools.

Please consider supporting this bill by contacting your state legislators. You can connect with them by following the links at <https://backpackbill.com/>

2021 Educators' Convention

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2021



GUEST SPEAKERS

- Soul-stirring Preaching and Singing
- Workshops for Teachers & Administrators
- Encouragement/fellowship with peers



Dr. Jim Schettler

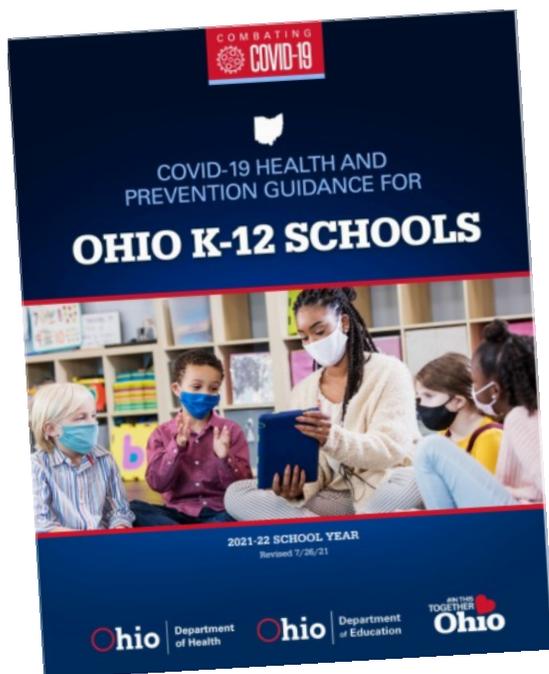


Evangelist Mark Herbster

Register Now at
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State Line Christian School

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(Temperance is just north of Toledo) (734)847-6771



ODE publishes new COVID-19 Guidelines for 2021-2022

The Ohio Department of Education has recently released new, revised COVID-19 guidelines for schools all across the state. The most significant change may be the replacement of stringent ‘mandates’ in favor of softer ‘recommendations.’ Masking might be the most-asked question of potential families inquiring about enrollment. “Do we require our students to wear masks or not?” While there are certainly many who advocate in favor of masking, many rigidly oppose it. It is hard to give an answer that satisfies all. The new guidelines set forth by the ODE does a good job advising without mandating. Previous protocols like requiring social distancing, masking, proper hygiene, and vaccinations are now ‘strongly recommended.’ The new guidance does a good job of placing decision-making with each school/district. As our BCSO schools prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, a quick look at these new guidelines will be helpful. They can be found [here](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf).

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The ‘Building’ Aspect of BCSO

Keith Hamblen, BCSO Executive Director

We continue grateful for the Lord's continued blessing on the building as well as the battling programs of BCSO. Athletic Director Pastor Chris Brown gives us tremendous leadership in that important aspect of our building. Our concurrent Junior and Senior High School Fine Arts Competition (March 3-4), led by Mr. Paul Shaver and Mr. Luke Brown, by God's grace will continue to encourage students to develop their talents for the Lord. The Elementary Fine Arts Festival (May 6) under the direction of Pastor Dave Powell (Carrollton Baptist Temple) offers both music, speech, and Bible quizzing opportunities for our younger people, along with spelling.

Our standardized testing program, facilitated by AACCS, continues to show the academic standing of our students compared with other AACCS schools and with public schools across the nation. The test results are a source of encouragement to our parents and teaching staffs as well as a great tool in meeting the needs of the individual student. If you have not participated in the testing program before, please take advantage of this solid program.

Perhaps you know of other "like precious faith and practice" ministries who might be interested in participating directly in the "eternal vigilance" service of BCSO— encourage them to contact BCSO Executive Director Pastor Keith Hamblen (keithhamblen@gmail.com; phone: 419-204-8919).



Staffing needs in BCSO schools

The following BCSO member schools are looking to fill positions:

Fayette Christian School – fifth-grade teacher.

Carroll County Christian Academy – first-grade teacher and a secondary science teacher.

Temple Christian Academy (Fremont) – first- and second-grade combination teacher.

Heritage Christian School (Brooklyn) - first-grade teacher.

Ottawa County Christian Academy - lower elementary teacher and a secondary science/history teacher.



School contact information can be found on our website at bcsoschools.org

Please be in prayer that all of these schools will find the help that they need.

From 'HB 110' on pg 1



The law also includes a number of other provisions, including increased protection for the unborn, parental notification and approval required for public school sex education materials, protection for the consciences of health care workers otherwise being forced to perform procedures and administer medications violating their beliefs, and enhanced election integrity.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and BCSO was established to help local churches fulfill that responsibility. Civil protections do not just happen but are the result of vigilant prayer, speaking up with understanding, and ultimately God's mercy and grace. *We*

want not only to preserve the precious civil liberties we inherited, but to pass them on to our children, and even expand them. God recently blessed us with the passing of HB 110 (the state budget bill for 22-23) that contains a provision for tuition tax credits and the even more beneficial Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) for those enrolling their children in 08 schools. Other ways BCSO has been used of the Lord include keeping the 08 section of the Ohio Administrative Code intact, expanding 08 provisions into preschool, and maintaining athletic and fine arts competitions that people in local churches like ours appreciate.

