

## **Southern Ohio District Conference**

*"We are God's servants working together"*

*October 10-11*

*Happy Corner Church of the Brethren*

*More information, including how to register can be found on our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).*

### **Church Leader's pre-conference:**

This year's pre-conference event for church leadership will be held from 1-5 PM at Happy Corner church. A meal will be served only to those who attend the event. It will be led by Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary. The title of the event is "The Church is the Body of Christ". Click here to pre-register. Registration for the event automatically includes a meal.

### **Business**

A change to the Code of Regulations will be presented by the Gifts Discernment Commission. They feel this change better reflects how things are currently being done.

### **Registration is now open.**

One of the most important items needed for the district conference comes from you--the names, email addresses, and addresses of your conference delegates. Information including how many delegates your congregation is entitled to send as well as registration information is available on our website. Click here. We ask that you please register your delegates before September 30, 2014. If you plan to attend conference as a non-delegate, you will also need to pre-register. Registration fees also include the cost of the Saturday meal.

### **District Choir:**

This year, we are offering the opportunity for folks to raise their voices in worship as a part of an All-District Choir. We will be singing "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship". Linda Timmons will be the choir director. The choir will sing on October 10 during the Friday evening worship service. If you would like to join in this unique opportunity, please click here to register before September 15 so we can make preparations.

## **Disaster Ministry Updates**

### *School Kits Assembled*

On Saturday, August 23, Southern Ohio District members assembled 200 school kits for Church World Service. This was followed by vespers, which included a blessing for the kits and those who will receive them. This event was planned by the Program and Arrangements Committee, and supported our District conference theme taken from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 "We are God's Servants, Working Together". Thank you to the Troy congregation for hosting this event.

Monetary donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the supplies for the kits. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can donate online at [sodcob.org](http://sodcob.org) or mail a check to Southern Ohio District, 2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346. Please designate the donation, "school kits."

### *8th Annual Ice Cream Social Held*

The 8th Annual Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) Ice Cream Social Fundraiser was held on Aug. 2 at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. About 425 people attended and enjoyed a time of fellowship, dinner, and pie with ice cream. The evening featured musical groups from Eaton, Eversole, and Happy Corner Churches. There was a silent auction and collection of coin jars. The total amount raised at this event was \$6,180.19. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. Attendees, musicians, pie bakers, and workers all had an important part in making it a success. The funds raised support the work of S. Ohio BDM which sends crews to build and rehab homes for disaster survivors. We also partner with Church World Service, assembling clean up buckets and hygiene, baby, and school kits.

All are welcome to be a part of this ministry. Southern Ohio BDM meets the first Thursday of each month (except Aug. and Dec.) at Mill Ridge Village Community Center. Come join us at 6:30 for fellowship time, and 7:00 for the meeting. For more information contact Burt and Helen Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. .

## **Camping and Retreat Updates**

### *Adult Bible School*

Southern Ohio Camping and Retreat Commission invites you to participate in their first ever Adult Bible School. It will be held at the Salem Church of the Brethren September 29-October 3 from 9 AM-1 PM and will feature all of the activities of a typical children's Vacation Bible School--crafts, snacks, Bible lessons, etc. Please join the fun by showing up at the Salem Church on September 29 at 9 AM.

### *2015 Summer Camping Schedule*

The 2015 Summer Camping Schedule is decided! Please take the time to [click here](#) if you are interested in sending your child to camp or attending one of the many multi-generational camps with your child or grandchild next summer. We are excited about the addition of a Family Camp to the schedule.

Mark your calendars and anticipate early registration opening in January, 2015.

## **Budgeting for 2015 Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida**

Some have been asking about the costs for next year's Annual Conference in Tampa for budgeting purposes. Here is what we know so far:

### *Hotels*

There are two, contracted hotels, both across from the convention center. The rate for the Marriott is \$109/night plus tax (currently 12%). The rates for the Embassy Suites are \$114/night plus tax for one person and another \$10/night for each additional person in the room (up to 4 total). The Embassy Suites offers complimentary breakfast and an evening 'reception' (snacks and drinks).

### *Parking*

Both hotels offer valet parking only and our discounted rate is 40% off. Right now that would end up being around \$15/night. The near-by city owned lots are \$17/night.

### *Airport Transportation*

The Tampa airport is served by Super Shuttle and the round trip rate is currently \$12/per person each way. You must book the round trip in advance to get that rate. A taxi is estimated to be \$30-\$35 each way. The hotels do not offer airport shuttles.

### *Registration*

Like every year, the Program and Arrangements Committee will be meeting in August and will set the registration fees. Chris will relay that information as soon as it is determined.

Of course the tax rates, shuttle fees, and parking rates are all subject to change beyond our control.

### **Thank you**

Dr. Rebecca Dali would like to express her thanks for her warm reception at the Beavercreek Church of the Brethren on Sunday evening, July 6. There were over 70 people in attendance. Their support and concern for the girls of Chibok and the Brethren killed and injured by numerous attacks was very moving and appreciated by Dr. Dali. She continues her work with the homeless, orphaned and ill through her work with CCEPI. Contributions to the Center for concern, Empowerment and Peace initiatives that evening totaled \$866.00. Dr. Dali has shared that the attacks by Boko Haram have continued. She asks that we continue to keep the people of Nigeria in our prayers.

### **Are you interested in running your business for Christ?**

FCCI (Fellowship of Companies for Christ International) is a community of business leaders united by a vision that Christ can change our world through how we do business. For information on FCCI - visit their website at [www.fcci.org](http://www.fcci.org) or contact Martha Patterson Logan at [mlogan@korrektplumbing.com](mailto:mlogan@korrektplumbing.com). We currently have a leadership group meeting at Hillside Chapel located at 3515 Shakertown Rd., Beavercreek OH on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7:00am to 8:30am. Come check us out!

### **Will you pray this peace day, September 21?**

2014 Theme: "Visions and Dreams of Building Peace"

*"Your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams."* -- Joel 2:28 | Acts 2:17

Church of the Brethren congregations are invited to include special prayers for peace as part of Sunday services, September 21. Will you join all those around the world whose hearts are broken and lives are shattered by violence, by praying and acting for peace that day? September 21 can be a time for your congregation to lift up your concerns about violence and brokenness, and to ask God for a vision about how you can respond. Some congregations also plan public events or prayer services to connect with the broader community. You can find stories from previous Peace Day events, along with online registration, prayer resources, half-page activity sheets, children's peace mural kits, and more, online at [www.peacedaypray.org](http://www.peacedaypray.org).

