

Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren

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February, 2012

District Board January Meeting Highlights

Outdoor Ministries has chosen *Secrets of the Kingdom: The Parables of Jesus* as their theme for the 2012 Camping Season. The curriculum will be reviewed at the next District Board meeting. They are working with Doug Donohoo, Volunteer District Staff for Donor Development, to develop funds for their ministry. The 2012 Outdoor Ministries Budget was presented.

Missional Renewal Commission shared that they have begun working with a few congregations within our district, helping them look at ways they can become stronger by becoming more missional.

New Church Development Commission continues to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest church plants, as well as work through some growing pains being experienced by them. This commission is also looking at developing some guidelines for future new church starts.

Resource Development is developing a team which can research and write grants to fund ministry within the District.

Our newest Commission, **Shared Ministries**, has not yet met, but hopes are high for the opportunities this commission will bring for the district to work together. Disaster Ministry will come under this commission.

The **Program and Arrangements Committee** has begun preparations for District conference which will be held October 19-20 at West Charleston CoB. The theme this year is "Thy Kingdom Come". Because they sense a need for the District to gather together more often, they have set two additional District Wide worship times. The first is March 4 at 4:00 PM at Prince of Peace church of the Brethren. The second will be held August 10 at 7:00 PM at Oakland.

Youth Talk: All Southern Ohio youth are invited to be a part of a brainstorming session sponsored by the Shared Ministries Commission of the District Board at the Trotwood Church of the Brethren on February 26, 2012 at 4:00 PM. Please encourage any youth to come to this time of sharing to help the commission set vision for district youth ministries. Following a time of conversation, fellowship around a pizza supper will be held. Youth who may wish to participate, but cannot get to Trotwood can contact our District Executive, Dave Shetler dshetler@brethren.org about connecting via Skype (we can connect up to 10 locations this way). Youth advisors who attend will have a separate session.

Shoes of a Fisherman Conference: The Southern Ohio District Ministry Commission will present this conference on March 17 from 5-7 PM at the Salem Church of the Brethren. This event is designed for pastors to bring folks who might be considering set apart ministry. Dinner will be provided. Please register online at our website so we can plan for food.

Children's Disaster Ministries will sponsor a training at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren on March 16-17, 2012. A minimum of 15 adults must be registered by February 22 in order to have a workshop. Contact Rita Lane at plane200@aol.com for more information.

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Outdoor Ministries News

Men's Retreat : This year's men's retreat will be held February 17-19th at Woodland Altars. The theme is Running with the Horses with special speaker, Fred Bernhard. You can download the brochure to register at ww.outdoorministries.org, or our website (www.sodcob.org).

Listening Sessions: If you have not yet attended a listening session for Outdoor Ministries/Woodland Altars, you have two more opportunities, Feb. 12 at Oakland and Feb. 26 at White Cottage.

FUNdraiser Day: Saturday, **March 31, 2012, will be a busy day at Woodland Altars.** The day will begin with a 5K Walk/Run starting at 10:00 AM; Registration at 9:00 AM. After the 5K there will be a hog roast lunch followed by a corn hole tournament. For more information contact Matt Dell fun.food.5k@gmail.com, Gene Karn, directoroutdoormin@yahoo.com or like us on Facebook at Outdoor Ministries 5K at Woodland Altars. Proceeds will support Outdoor Ministries.

Woodcutting Days The following dates have been established as wood cutting days at Woodland Altars: February 25, and March 10. We will meet at Heritage Lodge at 9:00 AM. If you plan to come, RSVP to directoroutdoormin@yahoo.com so that we can prepare meals.

Sponsor a Counselor program Churches and/or individuals are invited to provide leadership for our campers this summer. Only \$350.00 will pay a trained counselor's salary for one week. For more information, see our website (www.sodcob.org).

Dinner Theatre--The Oakland Church of the Brethren will present "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" as their 2012 Dinner Theater production on March 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 6:00 pm. Cost of the dinner buffet and play will be \$22.00. The play only with dessert to follow will be March 4 at 2:00 pm, cost will be \$12.00. Cost for children 9 and under will be half price. For reservations call Brenda Coblenz at 937-548-1895.

Prayer Needs

This month we are praying for . . .

February 5 Bellefontaine; February 12 West Charleston; February 19 Living Peace; Feb 26. Brookville.

Please keep the Happy Corner congregation in your prayers as they repair damages caused by the car incident.

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