

#### **Conversations About Biblical Authority**

The Mid-West Council of District Executives is sponsoring a Biblical Authority conference (CEUs will be available) on April 23 to 25, 2018 for pastors, ministers and other church leaders of congregations in Illinois and Wisconsin, Michigan, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio/Kentucky, and South Central Indiana Districts. The conference will be held at Hueston Woods. Cost for the conference is \$75 which includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. 1.0 CEU will be granted if all sessions are attended. A brochure with more details including how to register is available on the district website. Housing must be arranged directly with Hueston Woods. Double rooms are \$115.09/night including tax. Call 513-664-3510 to make your housing reservation.

#### 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cincinnati, OH - July 4-8, 2018

Duke Energy Center Theme: Living Parables

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati. Southern Ohio District will be hosting the conference with the theme of "Living Parables." Our district has the opportunity to be a "living parable" by assisting and serving in some capacity at the conference.

Volunteers are needed to assist with Early Childhood Care; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Junior High, Senior High, Young Adults, Single Adults, Conference Registration, Ticket Sales, Ushering, Unloading(7/3/18) and Loading (7/8/18) of equipment.

Contact Glenn and Linda Timmons, On Site Co-Coordinators at 937-832-2630 (H) or 937-623-5609

## **Camp Is for Everyone**

Registration for summer camps of 2018 is open for everyone in the Southern Ohio/ Kentucky District. Most camps are held at Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp near Vandalia and Dayton. Contact your church office for a complete schedule and registration forms or they can be found on the District website.

## **Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update**

**Hygiene Kit Assembly Scheduled**– The need continues for CWS hygiene kits with so many being used when the hurricanes hit in the fall of 2017. S. Ohio BDM will assemble an additional 1,000 hygiene kits on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 PM at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union. These kits will be shipped to the Brethren Service Center in New Wind-

sor, MD. From there they will go anywhere in the world to those in need.

Project Update/Volunteers Needed – The Eureka, MO BDM site closed the third week of March. BDM had worked here since the spring of 2017 doing flood recovery. A new site will be opening mid-April in Lumberton, NC. This will be recovery from Hurricane Matthew, which hit in October 2016. Volunteer housing will be at the First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed for the May 27 – June 2 trip and upcoming trips. To sign up for a trip, contact Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

**Youth BDM Trips** – Youth trips to Lumberton, NC are set for June 10-16 and July 8-14. Youth fifteen years and older are invited to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Some adults will also be needed to join the crews. Transportation is provided in the BDM vans and expenses are covered. Contact Burt Wolf as listed above.

# **Mother's Day Gratitude Project**

Global Women's Project announces our annual Mother's Day Gratitude Project! Rather than buying more material gifts for your loved one, express your gratitude with a gift that helps other women around the world. Your donation allows us to fund projects focused on women's health, education, and employment. In return, your chosen recipient(s) will receive a lovely, hand-written card indicating that a gift has been made in her honor, with a brief description of GWP.

To participate, send a donation to: Global Women's Project c/o Tina Rieman 508 Miami St North Manchester IN 46962 (write checks to GWP)

Remember to include your name(s) and recipient's name and address. You may also make memorial donations, which will be honored on GWP's website: www.globalwoomensproject.wordpress.com. Gratitude cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day if you send your request to Tina by May 6, 2018. After the 6th, she will mail them as soon as she receives your request

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District (sodcob@brethren.org) visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org before the 15th of the month.