

Winter Blast & Safari Winter Blast

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Safari Winter Blast, Jan. 18 - 19, and Winter Blast, Jan. 25 - 26, is now open. Registration forms are available online or contact your church's office or camp ambassador. Please send registrations and money to: Karen Dillon at 756 Old Springfield Rd., Vandalia, OH 45377.

Men's Retreat

February 1, 2019 . . . February 3, 2019

This retreat is a spiritual weekend for all men regardless of church affiliation. Men 16 years of age and older are invited to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, scripture teachings, worship and fun. This year's retreat will be on February 1-3, 2019. The retreat offers different registration packages from full to partial attendance. Come and enjoy a getaway from your normal routine. The retreat will be held at Woodland Altars Campground and Outdoor Adventures Center, Peebles, Ohio. The guest speaker will be Ken Moyer and the topic "Real Manhood". A brochure with more information, including how to register, is available online, or ask your church office. You can also register online using your credit card.

Southern Ohio Disaster Ministries Update

2018 Data - The S. Ohio/KY District was very supportive of BDM throughout 2018. There were 14 rebuilding trips with 159 volunteers. These trips were to Missouri, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Puerto Rico at a cost of \$9,500. Locally, four volunteers helped Bethany Seminary by painting a bedroom and bathroom in Patterson House after renovations. For Church World Service (CWS), 2,500 School Kits and 4,011 Hygiene Kits were assembled for \$31,600. At six Sewing Bees, bags for school kits were sewn by 49 volunteers. There was also a trip to the Brethren Service Center with 26 volunteers who processed CWS kits. Through Children's Disaster Services, there were seven volunteers who served. Thank you to all for your support. Together we bring hope and share God's love.

2019 Rebuilding Trips - Sign up for a trip in 2019! The current site is in Lumberton, NC, but new sites will be opening later in the year. Volunteers need to be at least fifteen years old, unless they go with a parent or guardian, and then they may be fourteen. The June and July trips are for youth and their leaders. Expenses are covered, and transportation is provided in the BDM vans. A flyer with trip dates is available on the district website or ask in your church office. Sign up for a trip by contacting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Sewing Bee - On Saturday, January 26, a Sewing Bee will be held at 9:00 AM

at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Come sew bags for CWS school kits. Bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. The 2019 Sewing Bee flyer is available on the district website or ask in your church office. .

New Counseling Ministry beginning

Karen Chronister, wife of Jim Chronister, is beginning a new counseling ministry to women, children and teens. As a pastor's wife, mother, grandmother and retired teacher, she saw the need for this kind of ministry and in 2015 began working toward a certification in biblical counseling with a national organization called Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). Founded by Jay Adams, ACBC is a national organization which has been helping Christians find Biblical solutions to their problems for over 40 years. Karen welcomes your referrals and appreciates your prayers as she begins this new ministry. She can be reached at kchronister53@gmail.com.

Southern OH/KY District Young Adults Gathering

Come join us for game night!

All young adults are welcome to Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. We will play games and get to know one another better. Please RSVP to Laura Brown via email: mbsae37@hotmail.com or call 937-267-0965 so preparations can be made. A flyer which can be used to help us advertise can be downloaded on the district website or ask in your church office.

Upcoming District Board meetings .

The District Board is having a special meeting on January 5 at the Salem Church of the Brethren. Our next regular Board meeting will be January 26. Location is to be determined. As reports become available they will be posted on our website.

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren announces the Music on Main Series dates and performers.

The seventh Music on Main Series will open on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm with Jim McCutcheon performing. A poster detailing the Music on Main Series can be found on the District Website.

News from our Congregations:

Sound System Available: The Bear Creek congregation has purchased an updated sound system and has components of their previous system available. For more information please contact Dave Fourman at 937-336-5390.

*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.***

