



159th Southern Ohio District Conference

"For all of you are one in Christ Jesus" Galatians 3:23-28.

October 11 & 12, 2013

Trotwood Church of the Brethren

This year's conference offers several first time ever experiences:

- A weekend youth event with a fellowship activity on Friday evening and a service project on Saturday.
- A special pre-conference event for Administrative Staff.
- A Friday evening appreciation banquet for pastors and their Administrative Staff.

More about our conference can be found on our website at www.sodcob.org including how to register delegates and non-delegates and information about the pre-conference event for pastors, church leaders, and administrative staff. We hope you will join us as we pray, worship, and seek God together.

Woodland Altars Transition

As of September 1, 2013 our lease agreement with Robin Waddell comes to an end and we will again have full responsibility of the camp facility at Woodland Altars. A transitional team has been appointed by the District Board to provide leadership as we move forward with this effort. Architect Gerald Harley has begun assessing maintenance needs and cost of repairs at the facility and will present a full report to District Conference this October.

As of 01 September 2013, the Transition Team decided to:

- close Heritage Lodge, Sugar Grove Lodge, the ranch house, the farm house, and the three modulars pending the final report from Gerald Harley.
- keep the chalets open after the wood-burning stoves are inspected, the water is tested, the locks are changed, and the fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are checked.
- Tom and Karen Dillon have been assigned to see that the tasks for the chalets are completed.
- hire Vonda Jones as part-time caretaker for Woodland Altars.
- have Justin Sawin stay in a chalet and provide a physical presence on the property in exchange for a waiver of the rental fee.

Disaster Ministry Openings

We have several openings for the Sept. 15-21 BDM trip to Binghamton, NY. Those interested in volunteering or with questions should contact Burt Wolf at 937-902-3475. BDM has set a goal of collecting 500 each of School

Kits and Hygiene Kits. For more information contact Judy Miller at gandjmiller@embarqmail.com.

New Church Project

We continue to be excited as we hear from folks who are working with church starts in Southern Ohio. One such project is located at 10 Wilmington Place (located at the corner of Wayne and Wyoming at 10 Wilmington Place). 10 Wilmington Place is a retirement home where Terrilyn Griffith leads a worship service all but one Sunday of each month. Attendance has been averaging anywhere from 12-25 folks each week.

If you would like to help with this new project, here are a few needs Terri has shared:

1. Area folks who would be willing to provide special music occasionally.
 2. Donations of hymnals (preferably the new Brethren (blue) hymnals)
- If you can help with either of these needs, contact Terri at 937-274-5167.

Ted and Company come to Southern Ohio

Peace Pies and Prophets is on tour now and coming to Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on November 23, 2013 at 6:30 PM. Ted & Company players are bringing a live performance of *I'd Like to Buy an Enemy* for this one night event. The show unpacks issues of justice and peace building through humorous and poignant storytelling.

This interactive event is for people interested in engaging in laughter, thoughtful dialogue and pie. Yes, Peace Pies... The evening includes a hand crafted pie auction where pie sale proceeds will go toward the support of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Vital Ministry Journey Launches Seventy-eight people attended the Vital Ministry Journey Launch on August 10th at Happy Corner Church, representing nearly half of our district congregations! Several congregations have already committed to beginning this journey this fall. If your congregation attended this launch and is considering joining us, we need to know by September 23 so that we can order materials. We eagerly anticipate what God will do through the Vital Ministry Journey in Southern Ohio District.

Deacon Training October 13 at Happy Corner Church

Flat Creek 70th Anniversary Celebration September 15

Powerhouse (Regional Youth conference) November 16-17

The Great Multitude Multi-cultural Symposium October 25-27

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) or you can always 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.

