



Focus on Finance

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February 9 at Eversole

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Lose weight . . . Exercise more . . . Spend more time in prayer . . . Read through the entire Bible . . . Pay off my credit card . . . Complete that task that I've been procrastinating . . . Develop and follow a budget. Maybe you are one of many who find yourself making a New Year's Resolution to find a better way next year. If one of your resolutions is to make financial adjustments, the Southern Ohio District has an opportunity for you! Empowering Disciples (a ministry of the Southern Ohio District) is offering workshops on finance. For more information about how you can learn more about everything from couponing and budgeting, to clergy taxes and estate planning, visit the website at www.sodcob@brethren.org.

Why Young People Leave the Church and What to Do About it.

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Most young adults are striving for financial and emotional independence, and the energy they pour into this activity often draws them away from practicing faith. The percentage of young adults who leave the church has stayed pretty steady since the 1970s. But one thing has definitely declined: The hope that if we do nothing they will soon come marching back (along with spouses and kids). If we build a church, they may not come. But if they leave, what should we do about it? Young adults and church reformers may have definite answers to this question—though not all share the same answer. This workshop reviews recent proposals for how the church should change, explaining the ideas behind terms such as *missional* and *emergent*. Participants look at ways churches can connect with young adults and help young adults connect with the One who will “never leave them.” This is a 2 part workshop. Both parts will be offered twice, once in January and once in February in conjunction with the Focus on Finance workshop presented by Empowering Disciples. For more information including how to register visit our website at www.sodcob.org or contact your church office. Bekah Houff, Coordinator of Outreach Programs of Bethany Seminary will be the presenter in January. **Russell Haitch**, PhD, Director of the Institute will do the presenting at the February workshop.

Disaster Ministry Clean Up Bucket Update--Thanks to your generous donations we were able to purchase enough supplies to assemble 200 buckets on Thursday, November 8. They were shipped to the warehouse in New Windsor, MD on November 12. Church World Service has informed us that they were completely out of buckets and these 200 will go out as soon as they are received. The Southern Ohio District plans to collect enough money to purchase supplies for 300 more buckets in time to assemble them on December 6th. If you would like to donate money you can mail a check to the District address (2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346). Assembly help will also be needed. Simply come to the Eaton Church on Barron Street on December 6th at 7 PM.

Winter Work Adventure

January 19-21, 2013

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.” --Martin Luther King, Jr.

This inter-generational weekend is about service. Giving back to a camp which has given us so much. We will work on several clean-up projects around Woodland Altars, have devotions, lots of yummy food, and super-sized fun times. For more information including how to register visit our website at www.sodcob.org or contact your church office.

District Youth Cabinet is looking for a few good youth!

Our Mission Statement: *Praising God; Building Community; Rendering Service*

The District Youth Cabinet of the Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren has recently been formed and is searching for youth who have a passion for Christ and a heart for youth ministry. If you have a desire to serve God, want to be a leader in the district's youth ministry and want to work to unite youth throughout the Southern Ohio District, we want to talk to you. We are looking for interested Sophomores or Juniors and we anticipate you would serve a 2 year term on the cabinet. If this sounds like something you may be called to do, please contact Aaron Oswald (aaron_osswald@msn.com) or René Gindelberger (gindelberger@gmail.com).

2014 Annual Conference held in Columbus, OH and the Southern Ohio District will be the host district. We have begun seeking individual volunteers to serve in various coordinator positions. We will need everyone to make this conference a success. For more information about how you can get involved, visit the website (www.sodcob.org).

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.

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