

*Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples*



July, 2023

2023 SOK District Conference

The 2023 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference will be held October 6 & 7, 2023 at the West Charleston Church of the Brethren, 4817 St Rt 202, Tipp City, OH 45371. The theme will be "Grow with a growth that is of God." Colossians 2:19. Nate Polzin will be our guest speaker for the worship service Friday evening. Jonathan Shively will present workshops for CEU opportunities. Your Program and Arrangements Commission continues making plans and will share them as soon as things are finalized. Registration is open. Both Delegates and non-delegates need to register.

Attn: SOKD Young Adults

The next district young adult event will be July 22nd and we will be visiting Kings Island. It will be an all day event. For additional details, please contact - Laura Sellers, 937-267-0965

Salem Church of the Brethren is seeking to employ a treasurer. Interested parties may contact the church office at 937-836-6145.

Disaster Ministries Updates

CDS Volunteers Serving – A Children's Disaster Services (CDS) team has been deployed to Guam. Two S. Ohio/KY workers are part of the six-member team. Guam was hit by a typhoon on May 24, the strongest storm to affect the island in 20 years. There was flooding and sustained winds of 140 miles per hour which destroyed and caused damage to homes and buildings. The team has set up a childcare center in a school that is serving as a shelter. This team is serving for three weeks, concluding on July 4. Another team of CDS workers are scheduled to continue the work. Please pray for the CDS workers and disaster survivors.

Volunteer Opportunities – As recovery continues in Dawson Springs, KY, there are openings for July 9-15, Sept. 10-16, and Oct. 8-14. BDM is working with Habitat for Humanity, building new houses to replace ones destroyed by the tornadoes of Dec. 2021. Our Nov. 5-11 crew will be going to eastern KY. This is a second BDM site that will be open for ten weeks in the fall. The work will be recovery from the flooding of July 2022. The housing site will be in Campton with volunteers repairing damaged homes in Jackson. Volunteers are needed. Transportation, housing, meals, and tools are provided. Plan ahead and join a crew! Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee/Church World Service (CWS) Prep will be held at Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for CWS. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and hygiene kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

Ice Cream Social – On Saturday, August 5, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner COB will be the annual BDM Ice Cream Social Fundraiser. Come for supper, pie, and ice cream! In the sanctuary there will be musical entertainment. Share-A-Meal tickets will be on sale, and you can turn in and/or get a coin collection jar. All proceeds benefit the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM. Plan to attend and invite your friends!

Golf Scramble – It's time to register or to become a sponsor! On Saturday, August 19 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. Registration form and hole sponsorship form is available on the district website, or ask in your church office. This event is sponsored by the S. Ohio/KY District Camping and Retreat Ministries and BDM. Send all registration and sponsorship forms and money to Kevin Dull 554 Westbrook Rd., Brookville, OH 45309. For more information contact Kevin at (937-604-3285), montpres57@gmail.com.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District (sodcob@brethren.org) or 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**.*