

Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples



August, 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. We are grateful to our sisters and brothers at West Charleston for providing this space where we can gather. This year, we are reaching out to all of you for your help as this is a District event. Would you be willing to serve as an usher, set up or take down, serve meals, etc. You will be given an opportunity to volunteer when you register for the conference on the district website. 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.

Invitation to Participate in the SO/KY Racial Justice Team

The District Racial Justice team is excited to be working in conjunction with the *Standing With People of Color* team who presented at this year's Annual Conference. It is our purpose to find ways in which we here in our district can continue to become informed on issues concerning racial justice. We will work on projects together and develop Biblical resources that will assist us all in learning more about God's intention for us as followers of Christ in regard to the issues that revolve around justice, equality, and peace for all of God' children. We are called, as a people to respond; "Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless." We invite you to consider joining our team as we move forward in the days ahead planning and working on short-term projects that will provide guidance and information to our congregations and to the members of the Church of the Brethren. Contact Lucas Keller at jlkel-ler94@gmail.com to join us at our next meeting.

Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social – Share-a-Meal tickets will be on sale for \$20 each. These are meals on a variety of dates hosted in homes. Choose by date, location, and menu. What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! All proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM as we help disaster survivors through rebuilding homes and with Church World Service kits. Come and bring your friends!

Musical Entertainment:

4:30 - 5:00 Joyful Noise
5:00 - 5:20 Tom and Sue Devers
5:30 – 6:00 Rusty Curling and Phyllis Dodd
6:00 - 6:30 Mark Whitt and the True Blue Grass
6:30 - 7:00 Matt Shetler

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. Hole sponsorship information and registration forms can be found 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. By August 14 send all registration & sponsorship forms and money to Kevin Dull 554 Westbrook Rd., Brookville, OH 45309. For more information contact Kevin at (937-604-3285), mont-pres57@gmail.com

Darke County Fair Parking – August 18-26 BDMers will be parking cars for fair attendees. We'll be using the parking lot at Orthopedic Associates, 732 Sweitzer Street, Greenville. Volunteer for a three-hour shift parking cars in designated spots. We have shifts available throughout the fair. The work is light, and there will be times to get off our feet. Please call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to volunteer.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – On Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 AM, a Sewing Bee/Church World Service (CWS) Prep will be held at Greenville COB, 421 Central Avenue. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for CWS. Non-sewers will prep items for CWS kits. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. For more information contact Barb Brower at 937-336-2442.

School Kit Assembly – This year we need to change our format for assembling school kits. Previously the August assembly has been at Bullens' warehouse in Eaton. Due to warehouse construction, this space is currently unavailable. Happy Corner COB contacted us wanting an assembly for their congregation. Therefore, they will be assembling the school kits this year. Thank you to all who faithfully help us with school kit assemblies!

*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.***