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Empowering Disciples*



December, 2023

2024 District Conference

The Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference will be held on September 27 & , 2024. Location to be determined. The theme for 2024 is "Breathe in the Beloved". Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Be watching for more information.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

Cookie Camp Campers Wanted!

Come enjoy a time of fellowship with others while also helping in this fundraiser that benefits Winter Blast weekends for our children and youth. Cookie Camp begins Friday, December 1. The first shift is 12pm-5pm and the second shift is 6pm-9pm. The camp continues on Saturday from 9am-1pm. If you plan on mixing up cookies please bring your mixer and bowl. Other tasks that we need willing hands for are boxing cookies, unwrapping Hershey Kisses, and washing dishes. Ordered cookies can be picked up from 2pm-4pm on December 2.

Cookie Camp is held at Salem CoB 6037 Phillipsburg Union Road, Englewood, OH. Any questions please contact Carrie Drees at 937-564-7346.

Registration is Now Open

Registration is now open for the Winter Blast weekends and the Quilting and Crafting Day Camp.

Winter Blast for K-5th grade and accompanying adult is January 12 and 13. \$25 per person.

Winter Blast for 6th-12th grades is January 19 and 20. \$25 per person.

Quilting and Crafting Day Camp is February 8, 9, and 10. \$20 per day.

Registration forms are available on the district website, www.sodcob.org

Disaster Ministry Updates

Appreciation Dinner – The annual BDM Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Brookville Church of the Brethren. Twenty-two first-time volunteers were recognized for participating in a rebuilding trip during 2023. Two Service Awards were presented. Nina Rodeffer from Eaton Community Church was recognized for her longtime work sewing school bags for Church World Service school kits. She creatively adds denim pockets from old jeans and stencils on a design to make each school bag unique. Also receiving a Service Award was Korreck Plumbing for responding to the urgent need for plumbers in Dawson Springs, KY. They sent eight employees to serve for a week which enabled the building process to move forward, ensuring that homes were ready in a timely manner. Appreciation was expressed for the many ways BDM is supported including Children's Disaster Services, Church World Service kit assemblies, fundraising, donations, and prayer. Together we rejoice in the ministry accomplished in 2023 and look ahead to 2024.

BDM Meeting – There will not be a monthly BDM meeting in December. Plan to come to the next meeting which will be on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Mill Ridge Village Community Center. Fellowship Time is at 6:30 PM, and the meeting is at 7:00 PM. Hear from volunteers who served at the Brethren Service Center and from those on the October and November rebuilding trips to Kentucky. We'll re-view the ministry accomplished in 2023 and look ahead to 2024 opportunities.

2024 Rebuilding Trips – S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months of 2024. January through June will be to Dawson Springs, KY, where we will continue to work with Habitat for Humanity. No location has been determined for the last half of 2024. Note that on the July 21-27 trip, there is an emphasis on youth serving with adults. More info will be coming soon! A flyer with trip dates can be found on the district website. Call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew.

Donations to support the work of S. Ohio/KY BDM are greatly appreciated. Checks to S. Ohio/KY District COB need to be footnoted BDM and sent to PO Box 785, Greenville, OH 45331.

*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.***