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August, 2022



In Person District Conference will "Celebrate God's Abundant Goodness"

Your Program and Arrangements Commission has been actively planning the 2022 Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference. They are planning an inperson conference at the Happy Corner Church of the Brethren on October 7 & 8, 2022. The theme will be "Celebrate God's Abundant Goodness". The Trotwood, Good Shepherd, New Carlisle, and Lower Miami Congregations will assist Happy Corner by providing volunteer support.

This year's conference will be unique in many ways, one of which is that there will be a time on Friday afternoon when all will participate in a service project. Some of these projects will be onsite, and others will be at a different location. Once this list is finalized, you will be able to view it on the website, and choose which project you want to be involved in when you register for conference.

A second way we plan to unite to serve our communities is by a special offering of items needed for outreach projects within the various communities of the congregations who are helping with conference this year. A list of items we are asking for will be posted on the district website once it is finalized.

The Program and Arrangements Commission is looking at various other ways to celebrate God's Abundant Goodness such as an ice cream social after worship on Friday evening and sharing of many, many stories of God's Goodness. This conference promises to be fun and meaningful for everyone, not just for church leaders.

We look forward to an in-person conference and to celebrating all the ways God has been abundantly good to us in Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. Registration will be open soon.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social — Plan to attend the 15th Annual BDM Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 6, 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The menu includes chicken & noodles, BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, cowboy beans, cole slaw, and more. Then for dessert is pie and five flavors of ice cream! Performing in the sanctuary will be musical groups (see schedule below). Bring filled coin jars to turn in the coins. Pick up a coin jar for filling in the upcoming year. 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:

5:00 - 5:20 Brookville COB Praise Team

5:30 - 5:50 Ben Tipton

5:50 - 6:10 Raymonde Rougier

6:30 - 7:00 Sweet Adelines

Rebuilding Trip to Kentucky - October 9-15 our S. Ohio/KY crew will be going to Madisonville, KY. There are currently openings for four volunteers. This is a short-term project (3 weeks) working on recovery from the tornadoes of December 2021. BDM is working with our partner, Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. Transportation, housing, food, and tools are provided. Registrations are due August 30, earlier than other trips. To volunteer, contact Burt Wolf t SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com or call/text 937-287-5902.

Golf Scramble – The annual Golf Scramble will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8:00 AM at Beechwood Golf Course. Registration and hole sponsorships are due on Aug. 14. _Registration and/or sponsorship form can be found on the district website, ask in your church office, or contact Kevin Dull at montpres57@gmail.com or call/text 937-604-3285. Proceeds support S. Ohio/KY BDM and the Camping and Retreat Ministries of our district.

School Kit Assembly – On Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 PM, volunteers are needed for an assembly of Church World Service (CWS) school kits. It will be at Bullen Ultrasonics, 1301 Miller Williams Rd., Eaton. The five small school items are already in ziplock bags, so jobs done while seated are very limited. Our 2022 goal is to send 2,500 school kits to CWS. They will be distributed to children in the US and beyond.

Sewing Bee/Prep CWS Items – A Sewing Bee/CWS Prep will be held on Sat., Aug. 27 at 9:00 AM. Come to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine for making bags for Church World Service school kits. Non-sewers will prepare items for CWS kits. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. Contact Barb Brower (937-336-2442) for more information. Please note that the date for the September Sewing Bee/CWS Prep has been changed to Sept. 17. It will be held at Greenville COB.

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.