

Working Together . . .  
Empowering Disciples



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More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood and other announcements, including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).

### Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Seeking Vision

Several years ago Southern Ohio/Kentucky District said farewell to our District Executive Dave Shetler. During this interim space with Nick Beam as Interim District Executive, the District Board has begun a new visioning process. As part of the Visioning Committee's work it is extremely important to hear the voices of members across the District in hopes that a new vision will be birthed. Please find time to attend a session. A complete list of dates, times and locations when these sessions will be held can be found on the district website.

### OK District Pre-Conference Event: Being Mindful of Spirit

Are you planning to go to the district picnic at Salem this year?

*When is it?*

**July 14, Sunday – Salem CoB, 6037 Phillipsburg Union Rd, Englewood, OH 45322**

*Great! That's just around the corner. Tell me more.*

The district is gathering for the annual picnic at Salem CoB, which is always a good time, but this year we are adding an intentional time to talk about how the Spirit is moving in our District.

*Why?*

Since our District Conference theme this year is *Breathing in the Beloved*, it is important to actually be among beloveds so we can breathe and sing and talk together. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 district gatherings before conference.

*What exactly are we going to do there together?*

**At 2:45** we are going to start with some music. You can even join in the jam session if you'd like.

**At 3:00pm**, we will have a bible study on Romans 8:6 ...*the mind ruled by the Spirit brings life and peace*, and follow that with Critical Christian Conversations prompts #5 where we will share in small and large groups about how we can stand with people of color of people or any who are different?

**Then at 4pm** is that great food we are all looking forward to.

*So, it is a bonus time together. I don't want to miss that.*

See you there.

**District Picnic**—The Camp Sugarwood district picnic portion of this event begins at 4:00pm. There will be outdoor games available to play, woodfired pizza and homemade ice cream to eat, and a vespers service offered. Everyone is welcome to come fellowship. Please bring your own chair.

### Disaster Ministry Updates

**New BDM Site** - In September BDM will open a new rebuilding site in Letcher County, KY. Housing will be in Fleming-Neon as we serve families and individuals who were impacted by the deadly summer 2022 flooding. There we will work on new builds on higher ground properties, as well as repairs to other homes. Our work and volunteer housing partner will be HOMES Inc, a well-established non-profit that has been working on affordable housing in the area since the 1980s, when it was founded by Mennonite Central Committee.

**Rebuilding Volunteers Needed** – Three volunteers are needed Sept. 8 -14 to go to Letcher County, KY. Transportation, housing, food, and tools will be provided. To join the crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com).

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come to the Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at Eaton Community Church on Saturday, July 27 at 9:00 AM. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits, hygiene kits, and cleanup buckets for Church World Service (CWS). All are invited to bring a sack lunch.

**Share-A-Meal Hosts** – Help BDM by hosting a Share-A-Meal! Hosts choose the date, number of guests, and the menu for a meal at their home. At the upcoming Ice Cream Social, tickets will be sold for \$20 each. All enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal while supporting S. Ohio/KY BDM. A Share-A-Meal host form can be found on the district website or contact Paula Connerley at 937-266-7171. Registration forms are due July 1, 2024.

**Ice Cream Social** – On Saturday, August 3, 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. 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** – On Saturday, August 17 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the S. Ohio/KY District Camping and Retreat Ministries and BDM. For more information contact Kevin Dull at 937-604-328), [mont-pres57@gmail.com](mailto:mont-pres57@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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://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](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month**.*