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Empowering Disciples*



*January, 2025*

*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).*

## **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

### **Winter Blast Registrations Being Accepted.**

Registration for the two weekends of Winter Blast opened on December 1. Please send in your registrations as soon as possible.

Junior Winter Blast for those in Kindergarten through 5th grade with an accompanying adult is January 10, 6:00pm, after dinner through January 11 at 4:00pm

Senior Winter Blast for 6th grade through 12th grade is January 17, 6:00pm, after dinner through January 18 at 4:00pm

Winter Blast is held at Cricket Holler 6444 Frederick Pike Dayton, OH 45414 and is \$25/person. Bring your friends. Registration forms and more information are available on the district website.

### **Quilting and Crafting Day Retreat**

*February 6, 7, and 8*

*9am-4pm each day*

*Happy Corner Church of the Brethren  
7037 Union Rd, Clayton, OH 45315*

At this day camp, quilters and Crafters will bring projects they are currently working on or projects with which they need help or encouragement. Campers can attend any or all days. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Cost \$20 per day. For info and registration form please visit the district website. Registrations are being accepted.

### **Registration is opening soon for Church of the Brethren FaithX service trips**

Details about FaithX trip options for all ages can be found at [www.brethren.org/faithx](http://www.brethren.org/faithx), and the registration form will be available on this site starting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm Eastern.

## **Disaster Ministry Updates**

**2024 Data** – Support to S. Ohio/KY BDM was given in many forms: as a rebuilding volunteer, CDS volunteer, sewing school bags, assembling CWS kits, helping with fundraisers, financial contributions, and prayer. All are greatly appreciated as together we bring hope and share God's love with disaster survivors.

**Rebuilding** -14 trips with 115 volunteers to Dawson Springs, KY and Letcher County, KY at a cost of \$4,500

**Children's Disaster Services (CDS)** – 8 volunteers served on 4 deployments in Ohio, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Florida

**Church World Service (CWS)** - 564 Cleanup Buckets, 1,344 Hygiene Kits, and 3,139 School Kits were assembled for \$46,200. At nine Sewing Bees, 119 participants sewed bags for school kits or prepped items for CWS buckets/kits. 270 volunteers worked at the Kit/Bucket Assemblies.

**Thank you to all the dedicated supporters of S. Ohio/KY BDM!**

**Rebuilding Trips** – Join a rebuilding crew in 2025! S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months. We will be working in Letcher County, KY with flood recovery from 2022. We'll be raising and repairing damaged homes and building new homes on higher ground properties. There's room for two more volunteers on the Jan. 12-18 crew. A flyer with trip dates is available on the district website, or ask in your church office. Transportation, housing, food, tools, and leadership are provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) to join a crew.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – In 2025 Sewing Bees will be held February through October on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. They will alternate between Greenville COB and Eaton Community Church. Volunteers will sew school bags for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. A flyer with the 2025 schedule is available on the district website.

*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.***