

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). or check with your church office.

### **“Faith Working Through Love” The Grief Process Annual Conference Moderator offers grief workshops**

The losses in the church community are great. The loss of community through death and departure of churches is real. The loss of being and doing church like years past is our reality. There is much grief and sadness associated with these realities and grief does not have an end time. What we can do is learn how to better move through grief and loss. In the coming months, I (Dava Hensley, AC Moderator) am planning monthly sessions for one hour to acknowledge our grief together and then share in small groups the grief we are experiencing. We will have an overview of grief, processing loss, and in this process learning ways to move forward in our mission which continues to be sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! This series of sessions will take place on Zoom once a month on a Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. Registration is required. The dates and registration links are listed on the district website, or check with your church office.

### **Trotwood CoB Offers Scholarships for College Students**

The Trotwood Church of the Brethren has five scholarships for college students. You can learn more details and ask for an application form by emailing the church at [office@trotwoodcob.com](mailto:office@trotwoodcob.com) or calling 937-837-6604 to leave a message. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications, the resources available and the guidelines of each contributor. Applications will need to be turned in by April 1, 2025.

### **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

#### **Save the Date**

**A Women’s mini-retreat** “Nurturing Growth” will be held in the morning of March 29 at Trotwood CoB. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More info and registration form can be found here.

**The Women’s Fall Retreat** at Bergamo will be October 31-November 1, 2025. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More info to come.

#### **It’s time to start dreaming of summer!**

The summer camp schedule and a description of each camp can be found on the district Website.

#### **Volunteers are the heart of camp . . .**

Many hands and hearts are needed to make the summer camps successful. If

you would like to volunteer please contact Carrie Drees at [cdrees23@gmail.com](mailto:cdrees23@gmail.com), 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster at [charbyclark@aol.com](mailto:charbyclark@aol.com), 937-572-2882. A list of volunteer positions can be found on the district website.

#### **Camp Sugarwood Scholarships**

Have a heart for the camping ministry, for children, and teens but cannot volunteer? Would you be able to support our camping ministry by contributing to scholarships needed for many of our campers?

About ten to twelve campers each year need your help to experience the life-changing impact of our summer camps and Winter Blast. While some churches offer partial scholarships, many families cannot afford the remaining cost. Your donation will directly support these children, providing them with opportunities for spiritual growth, personal development, and unforgettable memories. Please donate today at [sodcob.org](http://sodcob.org) or mail your gift to SOKD CoB Camping and Retreat Ministries PO Box 785 Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Disaster Ministry Updates**

**CDS Volunteers Serve** – In January five volunteers from the S. Ohio/KY District served a 2-week deployment with Children’s Disaster Services (CDS). Two responded with the CDS Critical Response Care Team to New Orleans after the incident on New Year’s Eve, which killed and injured many people. Three volunteers have served in the Los Angeles area due to the wildfires that have left thousands homeless. CDS sets up childcare centers that offer creative, imaginative play that is designed to encourage the healing process in the aftermath of chaos. Please pray for all involved in these tragedies and for those working to help them.

**Rebuilding Trips** – Join a rebuilding crew in 2025! S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months. 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.

**Intergenerational BDM Trip** – July 20-26 is a BDM trip for adults and youth. It’s an opportunity for grandparents/youth (15 yrs. +), parents/youth (14 yrs.+ ) to work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com) to register.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – The first sewing bee of 2025 will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Sewers need to bring a sewing machine to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS). Non-sewers will prep items for school kits and cleanup buckets. All are invited to bring a sack lunch.

*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.***