

*Working Together . . .
Empowering Disciples*



March, 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. 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 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

Women's Mini Retreat— *Learning and Sharing in Community*

"Nurturing Growth" will be held March 29, 2025 from 8:30 AM-12 PM at the Trotwood Church of the Brethren, 208 E Main St, Trotwood, OH 45426. Cost is \$10.00 and scholarships are available. Join us for bible study, fellowship and worship. Register before March 14. Registration forms can be found on the district website (SODCOB.org) or inquire in your church office.

Camp Ambassadors' Meeting

Camp Ambassadors will meet **3pm, March 9 at Salem Church of the Brethren**. All are welcome to attend to hear about the upcoming camping season and to fellowship with other camp enthusiasts.

Camp Sugarwood Scholarships Sought

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 or mail your gift to SOKD CoB Camping and Retreat Ministries PO Box 785 Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your generosity!

Camp 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, 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster at charbyclark@aol.com, 937-572-2882.

Disaster Ministry Updates

CDS Training –A Children's Disaster Services (CDS) training is scheduled for March 28 – 29 at Creekside COB in Elkhart, IN. Those that are interested in the mission of CDS, to bring comfort and serve the needs of children during disaster responses, can learn more at www.brethren.org/cds. To register go to: <http://www.brethren.org/cds/training/dates.html>

Volunteer Now! – Volunteers are needed for rebuilding trips to Letcher County, KY. There are three openings for May 4-10. The work is flood recovery, which includes working on damaged homes and new builds. A video about the site can be found at <https://youtu.be/gmKy5PDf4PE>. Transportation, housing, food, and tools are provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew. A flyer with all the 2025 trip dates can be found on the district website. There are openings for more volunteers on many of these dates.

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. A two-page flyer with additional information is posted on the district website. Sign up now! Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – Come to sew school bags or to prepare items for Church World Service (CWS) kits. The next sewing bee is on Saturday, March 22 at 9:00 AM at Eaton Community Church. Sewers need to bring their sewing machine. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. A flyer with the 2025 schedule can be found on the district website or inquire in your church office.

*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.***