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Empowering Disciples



July, 2025

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference

"Embracing our Imperfections"

September 26 & 27, 2025

Oakland Church of the Brethren

Your Program and Arrangements Commission has been busy planning this year's district conference. Three videos that illustrate how we are already living into this concept have been created and are available for viewing and/or downloading on the district website. You are encouraged to hop on the website and check them out, then share them with your congregation members in as many ways as you have available. We encourage all to attend district conference. We want it too be an inspiring time of fellowship and worship with others in the SOKD.

We are excited to offer two CEU opportunities on Friday, September 26. The first is a bible study of the Sermon on the Mount led by Dan Ulrich. The second, led by Leah Leininger, speaks to technology, offering actionable affordable ways to reach our community, and enhancing our worship services through the use of a website, Social Media, and other electronic tools.

This year, the Program and Arrangements Commission has chosen to join the Oakland Congregation in support of The Socktober Ministry as our service project. Each year during the month of October, the Oakland Congregation collects donations of socks which will then be distributed to various ministries such as a homeless shelter, clothing banks, etc. in the Greenville area. We ask our congregations to collect donations of socks of any size and bring them along to conference.

Check the district website regularly for more information. All are welcome to attend all, or any part of the conference. If you plan to only attend the Friday evening worship, there is no need to register. Otherwise, delegates and non-delegates will need to register. You may register for the entire conference on any part of the conference online. Registration fees: Friday only-\$45; Saturday only-\$30; Entire conference-\$65.

A Service of Lament for Families Disrupted by Deportation

Leaders of Brethren churches who have members who have been detained or deported are planning a public service of lament which will be held on August 24, 2025 at 6:30pm. The outdoor service will include the stories of our members, scripture readings, songs, and prayer. Please save the date and watch for further information including location.

Camp Sugarwood Save the Dates:

Women's Retreat October 31-November 1 at Bergamo Retreat Center.

Fall Family Gathering November 14-16.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Ice Cream Social – Plan to attend the 18th Annual BDM Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 2, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The menu includes chicken & noodles, BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, mac & cheese, cowboy beans, and more. Then for dessert, there is pie and five flavors of ice cream! Enjoy music in the sanctuary (see schedule below). You can turn in and/or get a coin collection jar. Share-a-Meal tickets will be on sale for \$25 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:

4:30 – 4:45 Peggy Reiff Miller

5:00 – 6:00 Joseph Helfrich

BDM Trip Opportunities – Serve with BDM Sept. 7-13 or Nov. 9-15 in Letcher County, KY. This is flood recovery from July 2022. Oct. 12-18 we'll be doing Hurricane Helene recovery in Johnson County, TN. Check your calendar and invite a friend to sign up with you! For more information or to volunteer, call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

Golf Scramble – Register now! On Saturday, August 16 the annual Golf Scramble will be held at Beechwood Golf Course. Information concerning hole sponsorship forms and registration forms can be found on the district website. 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), montpres57@gmail.com.

Darke County Fair Parking – August 15-23 BDMers will be parking cars for fair attendees. We'll be using the parking lot at Orthopedic Associates, 732 Sweitzer Street, Greenville. Volunteer for a three-hour shift parking cars in designated spots. We have shifts available evenings during the week and all day on weekends. Please call/text Burt Wolf at 937-287-5902 to volunteer. Take a shift parking cars, and then go enjoy the fair!

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – More sewers are needed for sewing school bags! Come to the Sewing Bee/CWS Prep at Greenville COB on Saturday, Aug. 23 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. A flyer with the 2024 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) 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 VVthe 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.***