

**September, 2025**  
**Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter**  
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*More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org).*

## **Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Conference**

### **“Embracing Our Imperfections”**

**September 26 & 27, 2025**

### **Oakland Church of the Brethren**

Our 2025 District conference is just around the corner. Your Program and Arrangements Commission has been busy planning and now all we need is you!! Four videos that illustrate how we are already living into this concept are available for download on the district website. We encourage you to show these videos in as many ways as you have available to encourage folks to attend district conference.

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 new 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 NEW 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. The registration form is available online.

## **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

### **Camp Ambassadors Meeting**

*Camp Ambassadors meeting will be held at Salem CoB on October 5 from 3:00-4:30. Camp Ambassadors come to find out what Camping and Retreat events are happening this Fall and Winter. In addition to event information, we will have a time of devotion, play a game, have snacks, fellowship, and perhaps sing a song or two.*



## **Camp Sugarwood Save the Dates!**

Fall Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: October 20-22 at Oakland

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

Fall Family Gathering: November 14-16 at Cricket Holler

Elementary Winter Blast: January 9-10 at Cricket Holler

Jr and Sr High Winter Blast: January 16-17 at Cricket Holler

Winter Sewing and Crafting Day Retreat: February 5-7 at Happy Corner

Information for these events can be found at [sodcob.org](http://sodcob.org) or from your camp ambassador after October 5.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to all the individuals, groups, and businesses that donated to the BDM/CRM Golf Scramble. Your support through this fundraiser is vital for the flourishing of our collective ministries. Thank you.

Thank you also to all the volunteers that took part in making the Golf Scramble a success! Thank you, thank you. May God bless you through the work of your hands and hearts.

## **Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates**

**With Appreciation** – August was fundraising month for S. Ohio/KY BDM. There were about 285 people in attendance at the Ice Cream Social, raising about \$8,000. The Golf Scramble that was held with Camping & Retreat Ministries had 26 teams, and we're awaiting the amount raised. The Darke County Fair parking at Orthopedic Associates had proceeds of nearly \$3,000. We appreciate the support of the S. Ohio/KY District!

**Rebuilding in KY** – Flood recovery continues in KY, as we partner with HOMES, Inc. Houses are being built in Chestnut Ridge, a higher ground property in Knott County. We'll have crews working here Sept. 7-13 and Nov. 9-15. There are openings on both crews.

**Volunteers Needed Oct.12-18 in TN** - A new short-term site will be open for eight weeks this fall in Johnson County, TN for Hurricane Helene recovery. BDM will be partnering with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Volunteers are needed Oct. 12-18. Housing will be at the First Christian Church in Mountain City, TN. To join a crew call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com.

**Sewing Bee** – On Sat., Sept. 27 come at 9:00 AM to Eaton Community Church, 813 Camden Road to sew school bags. The bags are already cut out, so sewers just need to bring their sewing machine. Bring a sack lunch and come for a time of service and fellowship. This month there will not be work prepping items for Church World Service kits.

## **Save the Date!**

Cleanup Bucket Assembly – Thurs., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM, Bullen Ultrasonics, Eaton

Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM, Troy Church of the Brethren

## **Pittsburg Church hosts "Biblical Exploration" Event**

Mel Menker will be leading a weekend conference on "Biblical Exploration" at Pittsburg Church of the Brethren on October 10th and 11th. The cost is \$30 before October 1st and \$35 after that date.

CEUs will be available for an additional \$10. The opening session begins at 3:00 pm on Friday. for more info go to [www.pittsburgcob.org](http://www.pittsburgcob.org)



## **Prayer Needs**

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2025 Prayer List for Congregations is available on the district website.

—Please pray for our Interim District Executive, Nick Beam as he is struggling with health concerns.

May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition -

- ◆ **New Carlisle**--Tara Hornbacker, Interim.
- ◆ **Prince of Peace**--John Sgro, Interim.
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**--
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**—
- ◆ **Eversole** — Brent Driver, Interim
- ◆ **Good Shepherd** -- Dennis Delk, Interim
- ◆ **Circleville**--open position

- There are many issues and situations continuing to face us as we minister in our respective locations, including those who are serving in interim situations and others who are in discernment regarding placement or are considering a move. There are others facing health issues, please keep these situations in prayer. Please contact Nick if you know of prayer situations of which we should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.