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Empowering Disciples



January, 2026

## **2026 Men's Retreat**

**January 16-18, 2026**

**Theme: "One Step Beyond the Point of No Return"**

**Registration Deadline Today January 5, 2026!!!**

This retreat is a spiritual weekend for all men regardless of church affiliation. Men 16 years of age and older. Go to the district website to download a brochure with more information, including how to register by mail.

## **District Clerk needed!**

As of December 31, 2025 the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Clerk will be an open position. The role of the clerk as stated in the District bylaws is: *"The clerk shall keep the minutes of District Conference and of Board Meetings, see that all notices are given according to these regulations or as required by law; have custody of the corporate records; keep a register of the post-office addresses of each member; in general perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary; and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by District Conference."* This position can be filled by either a man or woman. Would you, or someone you know, be able and willing to fill this vital position within District Leadership? Please contact Interim DE, Nick Beam ([nbeam@brethren.org](mailto:nbeam@brethren.org)) or the Trent Smith, District Board Chair ([pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org](mailto:pastortrent@happycornerchurch.org)) for more information.

## **Camp Sugarwood Updates**

***Winter Blast is coming; It is time to Register!***

Enjoy time with friends playing games, swimming, sledding (if there's snow!), and deepening your faith. \$25 per person.

***Elementary Winter Blast:*** January 9-10 at Cricket Holler, K-5 grades with accompanying adult.

***Jr and Sr High Winter Blast:*** January 16-17 at Cricket Holler, 6th-12th grades.

***Winter Quilting and Crafting Day Camp***

February 5, 6, and 7 at Happy Corner CoB 9am-4pm

Quilters and Crafters bring projects to work on in the company of others.

Devotions daily, fellowship, and lunch.

Campers can attend any or all days. Cost \$25 per day.

Registration forms and flyers with more information for each of these events can be found on the district website.

## **A New Way to Support Camping and Retreat Ministries**

Simply buy gift cards and shop online through CRM's RaiseRight Program and brands will automatically give up to 20% back to help pay for Camping and Retreat Ministries programs like Winter Blast. Use gift cards to pay for everyday things like groceries, gas, clothing, coffee, or dining out. Whether you're at

home or on the go RaiseRight gives you the flexibility with eGift cards, reloadable cards, and a mobile app. Help CRM any time, anywhere. Download the app or use your computer. Enter this enrollment code: MGV2V7Y2G92N

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

**Rebuilding Trips** – Join a rebuilding crew in 2026! S. Ohio/KY BDM has a rebuilding trip scheduled for most months. We'll start the year working in Letcher County, KY, raising and repairing flood damaged homes and building new homes on higher ground properties. A flyer with trip dates can be found on the district website. 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.

**Children's Disaster Services Training (CDS)** - There will be a CDS training on Friday and Saturday, February 20-21, 2026 at Oakland Church of the Brethren. This is for those who are 18 years or older, have a heart for children, and may be interested in becoming Children's Disaster Services volunteers. Learn more about CDS at [www.brethren.org/cds](http://www.brethren.org/cds). Use the following link to register for the training: <http://www.brethren.org/cds/training/>. Contact Toni Custer (937- 423-1841), our CDS Area Coordinator, if you have questions.

**Sewing Bee/CWS Prep** – In 2026 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. The 2026 schedule can be found 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.***