

*District of Idaho & Western Montana
Church of the Brethren*



A Joyful Voice

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Sue Daniel, Editor

*Nampa Church of the Brethren
will host*

*Idaho District
Fifth Sunday Worship Service*

*May 31, 2009
5:00 p.m.*



"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Let's gather to welcome the summer season
with an evening featuring:*

~ Personal testimonies from the District Pastors

~ Scripture

~ Singing

~ Prayer

*Refreshments will be served
following worship*

Idaho Brethren Disaster Ministries Auction

**Saturday, June 13, 2009
Meridian Dairy Barn
Meridian, Idaho**



**9:00 a.m. – Music by Deer Flat Free Methodist
Men's Quartet**

**10:00 a.m.– Auction at the Dairy Barn
(North of the Meridian Speedway)**

**Donations are being solicited for the auction.
We will accept anything except clothing. We will
even come after the larger items!**

**Please call Rex Freeman (452-3990), Howard
Garwick (466-2896) or Bud Fillmore (337-5737).**

**The auction committee is issuing a challenge for
each member of the district to donate at least one
item and to participate in the auction. They are also
seeking volunteers for various tasks related to the
auction.**

**The funds raised will benefit the work of Idaho
District volunteers by assisting with transportation
to disaster projects as well as feeding them as they
are there helping others.**



Congregational Prayer Partner Connection . . .



The district Prayer Partner program continues with the hope of stimulating renewed connection, awareness and support among the churches (and their members) in the Idaho District. Each congregation is encouraged to be in prayer for another during a three-month period.

Some specifics to consider in your prayer time might include:

- Congregational health & vitality
- Personal concerns--health, family, relationship, employment issues, etc.
- Special events in the life of the church
- Birthday and anniversary celebrations
- Opportunities to become better acquainted with others in the district

During the months of **June, July & August . . .**

Boise Valley will be in prayer for **Nampa**

Bowmont will be in prayer for **Mountain View**

Fruitland will be in prayer for **Boise Valley**

Nampa will be in prayer for **Community Twin Falls**

Mountain View will be in prayer for **Bowmont**

Community Twin Falls will be in prayer for **Fruitland**

"Preparing the Way to San Diego"

2009 Annual Conference Delegate Briefing

Monday, June 8

7:00 p.m.

Mountain View Church of the Brethren

Mark Bausman, Idaho Standing Committee Delegate, will meet with all those representing their congregations as delegates to Annual Conference to discuss conference agenda items. An eighteen-minute DVD presentation featuring Annual Conference Moderator David Shumate and Secretary Fred Swartz discussing conference business items will be shown.

All conference delegates and other interested persons should plan to attend.

The old has gone! The new has come! All this is from God! II Corinthians 5:16-21



2009 Annual Conference

The 223rd Recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren will take place at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California June 26-30, 2009.



Boise Valley:

- We will be acknowledging the High School graduates on May 31st. We have five connected with our church families.
- Our Tuesday Bible study began a study based on Psalms/Proverbs. This is 10 am. morning meeting.
- We welcomed a free consultation from a church architect firm on May 28th. They walked us through how to work at your dream (build a church) within today's economy: Never get in over your head, keep a close eye on the budget, keep it in the mission and spirit of your faith and in the community setting.
- We have had a number of grandparents reporting and affirming new additions to families.
- We continue to pursue our volunteer financial campaign.. "Miracle of The Stars" which continues to grow.
- We have some eager campers looking forward to Camp Stover again.
- Donations have been coming in for the Disaster Ministries auction from our families.

Bowmont:

- April was a very full and blessed month for Bowmont. The Lord sent 50 kids to the Easter Extravaganza to hear the true Easter message and have fun with crafts, snacks, a petting zoo and a huge Easter Egg Hunt.
- This spring we have been selling spring bulbs and had a Spaghetti Dinner community outreach and fundraiser on April 25th. It was a huge success. Many thanks go out to Jean Darr for organizing and coordinating this huge undertaking and to the Saddle Tramps 4-H club for serving.
- On May 3rd two of our Church family were baptized. What a blessed day!

Community Twin Falls:

- The Youth still meet on Thursday evening and have started the Alpha Series, to be completed just before camp. The Tuesday evening dinner and Bible Study have finished Genesis and Exodus and have started the Alpha series. For Sunday School we will be starting a Peacemakers series led by Gary Love.
- We had an Easter Breakfast prior to church; the men prepared and served a Mother's Day lunch following morning worship on May 10th; a movie night showing "Prince Caspian" was held on May 15th; and a work day was held on May 16th with the Hispanic church members helping out to spruce up the outside and inside of the facility.
- In June a game night is planned for June 5th, and a Father's Day Chili Cook-off prepared by the women of the church for the men; we will host an Open House for the surrounding community on July 3rd with the possibility of a band, car show, barbeque, and children's activities; Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 5-8 in the evening; and a movie night is planned for August 21st.
- We were recently given the organ that Lois Barrington used at home, which will enhance the morning worship service. Lois was an important part of the church service with her organ playing for many years and it is very special to have her organ in our church.

Fruitland:

- In May, Fruitland continued to Rise and Shine in 2009 as we ministered to Wellsprings Assisted Living Center each Sun. afternoon, our men cooked and served a delicious meal for our Ladies Night Out Dinner and Comedy, our Women's Fellowship completed a quilt for donation to the Disaster Auction. Members of the church family supported Camp Stover clean-up weekend and attended Soul Cafe at Mountain View for a wonderful evening of fellowship and food!! Pentecost Sunday was an opportunity for the church family to wear red as we celebrated birthdays of the church family and shared in communion. Our Kids 4 Christ celebrated the beginning of summer with a BBQ party.
- The Lord is opening doors for us in June as we begin vacation Bible School with our Kids 4 Christ club, support the Disaster Ministry Auction, continue with our third Sunday pot lucks and anticipate Annual Conference in San Diego!
- We have been blessed to have received an invitation from our friends at West Valley Methodist Church and Highway Worship Center to celebrate worship with them and the community via a concert in the Fruitland park on July 5th!

Mountain View

- Discussion is underway regarding the field behind the church property with the Elder Board and planning committee exploring options.
- June 13 is Free Fishing day and Deacons will be taking some fishing that day.
- Mt. View is gathering articles to be sold at the Disaster Ministries Auction on June 13.
- District Prayer Commitment is being fulfilled as Mountain View has been remembering the Boise Valley Congregation in prayer over the last several months. We deeply appreciate the prayer support of the Fruitland congregation during this prayer commitment time.
- Wanda Travis and Rob Lee will represent our church at Annual Conference June 26-30 at San Diego.

Nampa:

- Camp Stover work campers will be welcomed on June 14 to a cookout hosted by the Nampa church. District invited.
- A prayer shawl ministry sponsored by our Women's Ministry continues to bless members and friends of the church.
- An Antique Car/Tractor show on May 9 provided a wonderful opportunity to witness to the community.
- Our Father-Son banquet will be held at the church on June 6th @ 6:30pm with the theme: "Doing the Hard Thing."
- "Crocodile Dock" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Nampa, July 27-31, 9 a.m. to noon.

Church the Brethren
Idaho District Presents



"Break Through With Jesus"

CAMP STOVER 2009

New Meadows, Idaho

Dates: July 12th – July 18th 2009

Pre-registration deadline
June 10th

Registration forms are available at each church
or online at Campstover.org or idcob.org

Pre-registration will save you \$20.00 and you get
a free camp t-shirt. T-shirts will not be available
this year after the pre-registration deadline.

Senior Youth Work Camp Returns to Camp Stover ~ June 14-20

A national work camp is once again scheduled at Camp Wilbur Stover, and on June 14 twenty young people from all over the USA will arrive in Idaho to begin work. They will be painting, clearing brush, splitting wood and generally helping get the campground in shape.

These youth pay \$325 plus their plane fare to come to Idaho to work for a week. As we have done in the past, we would like to reward their work with a Payette River rafting experience, and are seeking sponsors for the raft trips at \$45 each.

A barbeque hosted by the Nampa church to welcome the workers will be held on the evening of June 14. The district is invited. If you are able to sponsor a raft trip, please come to the cookout

to meet the campers, welcome them to Idaho and thank them for their dedication to helping the camp. Call 466-3321 for sponsorship forms.



Mark Your Calendars!

**2009 District Conference
October 9-10
Nampa Church of the Brethren**

"Choose to Serve"

Keith Goering, Moderator



2010 Annual Conference Moderator to Visit Idaho District

Word has recently been received that **Shawn Replogle**, pastor of the McPherson, Kansas, Church of the Brethren and Annual Conference Moderator-Elect, will visit the Idaho District with his family early in June. The Replogle family will make a stop at the Community Twin Falls Church on June 10 and arrive in the Boise Valley to participate in the Disaster Ministries Auction on June 13. They will worship with one of the Idaho congregations on Sunday, June 14, attend the Work Campers' cookout at Nampa that evening, then hope to experience some time at Camp Stover before going on to Annual Conference in San Diego.

Shawn has some ties to the Idaho District (he mentioned the names McKellip, Holtry and Feasenhiser) and is looking forward to becoming acquainted with and listening to others in the district. This is a unique opportunity for us, so let's give them a rousing Idaho welcome!!



National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)

September 7 - 11, 2009
Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center,
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

[Register now!](#)

Join the community of sisters and brothers who will gather for National Older Adult Conference 2009, "Legacies of Wisdom: Weaving Old and New."

"We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory."

1 Corinthians 2: 6-7

Online Banking and Bill Pay now available through Church of the Brethren Credit Union

Check it out! Church of the Brethren Credit Union is excited to announce that you can now access your CoBCU accounts 24 hours a day from any Internet connection, with our new Online Banking and Bill Pay.

The new online services allow Credit Union members to monitor their account balances; transfer funds among savings, checking, and Club accounts; submit Credit Union loan payments; and set up payees to handle such things as your auto insurance, cable television, and utility bills. You can even send your monthly tithe with online Bill Pay. Online Banking is available to all members of CoBCU, whether you have a savings account or both savings and checking accounts. But to use Bill Pay, you must have a checking account.

If you are a Credit Union member but have not yet signed up for a checking account with debit card, all you need to do is deposit \$25 into the new account to open it. Once you have a checking account with CoBCU, you can easily sign up for online services and enroll in Bill Pay. And if you act now, you can receive a free box of checks with your new checking account. If you do not belong to the Credit Union, contact us about becoming a member. Credit Union membership is open to all members and employees of the Church of the Brethren and Church of the Brethren-affiliated institutions, agencies, and camps, as well as their immediate family members.

To learn more about all the benefits available, contact CoBCU at 888-832-1383 or visit www.cobcu.org.

District & Denominational News & Notes:

- On September 26, 2009, Donna Hillcoat, director of Deacon Ministry in the Caring Ministries of the Church of the Brethren, will offer a **Deacon Workshop** at the Nampa COB. There will be a light potluck lunch and a charge of \$10 per participant. More details will be forthcoming.
- Because of financial challenges facing the denomination, the Church of the Brethren eliminated its Congregational Life Team effective April 6. The services of former CLT members Steve Gregory and Jeff Glass will no longer be available to the Idaho district.
- In an effort to protect and preserve the solvency of the COB Pension Plan, a decision has been made by Brethren Benefit Trust to reduce the monthly payment of all persons receiving annuity payments using a 5% interest assumption.

"Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your Feet"

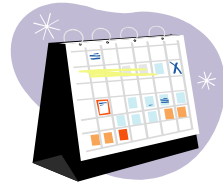
The "Good News" page is becoming more crowded and condensed as you are sharing more and more of the wonderful events and news of the Idaho congregations. Due to space limitations, it has been necessary to edit some of what you send to allow space for each church to share. My apologies if any of what you feel is most important has been omitted.

Keep the Good News coming!

... From the editor

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2009 Calendar of Events



- May 31** Fifth Sunday Worship @ Nampa 5:00 p.m.
- June 2** District Board of Directors Meet @ Twin Falls 6:30 p.m.
- June 8** Annual Conference Delegate Briefing @ Mt. View 7 p.m.
- June 10-15** A.C. Moderator-Elect Visit to Idaho District
- June 13** Idaho/BDM Auction @ Meridian
- June 14-21** National Senior High Work Camp @ Camp Stover
- June 26-30** Annual Conference @ San Diego, CA
- July 12-18** Camp Stover
- Aug. 30** Fifth Sunday Worship
- Sept. 8** District Board of Directors Meet @ Mt. View 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26** Deacon Workshop @ Nampa
- Oct. 9-10** District Conference @ Nampa
- Nov. 29** Fifth Sunday Worship

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