

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



# A Joyful Voice

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## FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 30, 2008

4:00 P.M.

FRUITLAND CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

**!! Please Come !!**

Sing, Praise, Fellowship and Celebrate the  
Licensing and Installation of  
Donald Morrison as  
Pastor of the Fruitland Church

To commemorate the Church of the Brethren's 300<sup>th</sup> year,  
special visitors will bring insightful conversation  
and information about events of our past

A few memories about the Fruitland congregation will be  
shared as it begins celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> year

In keeping with tradition, there will be lots of finger foods  
and delicious desserts to complete the evening!

Join Fruitland in  
Welcoming Don  
and Cathy  
Morrison to the  
Idaho District!



Pastor Don Morrison

## Annual Conference 2008

Surrendered to God –  
Transformed in Christ –  
Empowered by the Spirit



## You are invited to attend the 222nd Recorded Annual Conference

of the **Church of the Brethren**  
to be held at the Richmond Coliseum and Greater  
Richmond Convention Center

**Richmond, Virginia, July 12-16, 2008**

This will be an historic gathering as we celebrate our  
300<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the  
Brethren Church, who will be conducting their  
General Conference at the same time.

**March 7**— The following information will be available  
on the Annual Conference website: [www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)

- Information packet (click on "Info Packet" tab)
- Conference registration—Pre-registration closes May 30
- Housing reservations (click on "Housing Reservation")  
Cut-off date is June 20

Annual Conference exists  
to unite, strengthen and  
equip the Church of the  
Brethren to follow Jesus.



## Pearl River Volunteers Share Experiences

In January 2008, sixteen Idaho Brethren spent a week working to rebuild Katrina-torn homes in Pearl River, Louisiana. On **Sunday, March 2, 7:00 pm, at the Nampa Church**, the group will share photos and stories of their experiences as Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteers.

The volunteers who served in Pearl River include representatives from two Idaho congregations:

- Rex and Jenette Freeman (Project Directors)
- Calvin and Erma Brunabend—Fruitland
- Deanna Carr—Nampa
- Gretchen Cook—Nampa
- Tom Davis—Fruitland
- Bud and Dee Fillmore—Nampa
- Elton and Lorraine Hunsucker—Fruitland
- Bob and Susan McKellip—Nampa
- Denise Sanchez—Nampa
- Kevin Tams—Fruitland
- Tom Watts—Nampa

The Idaho delegation was joined by Robin & Dawna Muir, Amarillo, Texas, and Russell & Gloria Bratcher, Baker City, Oregon.

An invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend the presentation on March 2.

## Pam Hardenbrook Called to Ministry

Men and women of the Church of the Brethren are licensed to the Christian ministry when, upon examination, they have been approved by the district, and when the congregation in which they hold membership has voted to license them.

Upon recommendation by the Nampa congregation and the Idaho District Ministry Council, and approval by the District Board of Directors, a service of licensing to the Christian ministry was held for Pam Hardenbrook on Sunday, February 24 during Nampa's morning worship.

Having been "called to ministry" early in her life, Pam recently made the decision to pursue licensing which will enable her to share ministerial responsibilities with her husband, Jim, as they work in the South Sudan mission.



Pam has a Bachelor of Arts in Bible/Christian Education from Puget Sound Christian College. While serving the Nampa congregation, she was active in leadership with children's programs, women's ministry, music, Bible study and prayer groups. She and Jim will retain their church membership in Nampa while serving in the Sudan.



### "On the Way"

Camp Stovær 2008  
June 22-25

Guest Leadership: Jeff Carter, Pastor  
Manassas, VA Church of the Brethren



*He is Risen!*

# Good News!!

## ~ from the Idaho congregations . . .



### Boise Valley

- Boise Valley Board decided to do a little promotion in honor of the 300th anniversary of the church and will sponsor some activities and projects that involve ... 300... Example: 300 cans of food for a local food bank, 300 hours of combined congregational volunteer help. We are seeking new ways to be involved in ministry and service in our communities.
- We are encouraging our folks and those of district to send in their signed stars, for we are compiling our report each 5th Sunday. The "Miracle of the Stars" is a financial program launched the last Sunday of December, with all gifts going to the Boise Valley building fund. This is an on-going challenge to let the Spirit guide us as we give quarterly. When your star arrives, it opens your giving account to which you can add in the future.
- The church Board retreat, held January 19<sup>th</sup>, was a great inspiration and time with Don Morrison, new pastor at Fruitland church, as our resource person.

### Bowmont Community

- At Bowmont's annual business meeting in January there was a unanimous decision to start the first steps for a new Fellowship Hall Expansion!
- On February 17<sup>th</sup> we had our annual "Just Because Banquet" at John and Wayne's in Caldwell. What fun fellowship and good food!
- March 9<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Birthday/Kite Flight Sunday and potluck after Service.
- Our annual Kids Easter Extravaganza will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. There will be crafts, food, the Easter Story, and a huge Easter Egg Hunt free to the community. Bring some kids and plan to attend!

### Community Twin Falls

- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> We had a snow day at Magic Mountain with 18 adults and youth attending. We all went sledding, getting pulled behind 4-wheelers, had big fire to stay warm and lots to eat. It was a wonderful day,
- On Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> we had a good turn-out for game night with lots of games, food and fun, and on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> we had a Valentine Potluck following morning worship.
- Feb-18<sup>th</sup> We had a bowling party, followed by pizza and Bible Trivia back at the church building.
- Every Tuesday evening we have supper and Bible Study and are currently studying the book, "Unbinding the Gospel."
- On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> we started the Brethren Heritage Collection DVDs. David Humphrey located information on European History and Coming to America History on the COB website and is presenting it with the DVDs to Adult and Youth Sunday School.
- Pastors Mark & Kathryn have completed their EFSM training program and happily anticipate ordination by early summer.

### Fruitland

- The Fruitland COB Nurture Committee planned a "Fruit-Full Celebration Dinner" on February 29 to celebrate the completion of the Fruit of the Spirit study by the Kids for Christ Club. The Kids for Christ put on a skit, sang lively songs and brought a "joyful noise" message with homemade musical instruments. Parents and extended family of the children and the congregational family came together for a truly Fruit-Full and fun time of celebration. Plans are already under way for the Kids for Christ Club March study of "On the Highway to Heaven".
- The congregation welcomes Pastor Don and Cathy Morrison, and looks forward to celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

### Mountain View

- We are excited about our newly tiled floor in the church entrance, hall and restrooms. Bob Lee along with Victor Church (our Tile Artist) created a wonderful floor design that has a very unique feature in that it has a mosaic *Brethren Logo* in the entrance. A men's Old Order Brethren Dunkard Hat and Women's Prayer covering have been displayed in the entrance. We also have a framed page from a 1777 *Saur German Bible* and the original Mt. View forming *Charter*. It is our hope to have a special dedication of the floor in the future.
- March 22 at 10 a.m. will be our annual Easter Egg hunt for the children of the church and the neighborhood. The donation of candies to fill eggs and hard boiled eggs is appreciated.
- We will be holding Love Feast on March 20th. at 6:30 p.m. We practice open Love Feast and all are invited. Services on Easter Sunday are 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and adult worship at 5:00 p.m.

### Nampa

- The extra day in 2008 was celebrated with the church family at a Family Fun Night on Feb. 29, complete with dinner, games and movies.
- Nampa's congregational profile was recently completed, approved by the congregation and forwarded for circulation within the denomination. The Pastoral Search Committee will soon begin reviewing profiles of potential pastoral candidates.
- Nampa COB is participating in weekly Lenten services, with various churches throughout the community (including ours) taking turns hosting a simple soup supper followed by a worship service. This year's theme is "The Path of Discipleship."

# National Young Adult Conference



August 11-15, 2008

YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park Center in Estes Park, Colorado

Young Adults age 18-35 gather to worship, sing, play, learn, and grow together!

- Worship
- Community Groups
- Workshops
- Recreation
- Fellowship

Come to the Mountain and share the journey with other young adults!

Registration Cost: \$325  
Minimum \$150 deposit

Checks should be made payable to Church of the Brethren General Board and sent to:

National Young Adult Conference  
c/o Rebekah Houff  
1451 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120

"Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths...'"

Isaiah 2:3, NRSV

## WRYC: Western Regional Youth Conference

June 29 - July 4, 2008

Registration deadline is June 1, 2008

### **"HANDLE WITH CARE"**

The emphasis will be on taking care of God's Creation

#### **Leadership:**

- **Walt Wiltschek** – Editor of the Messenger – District youth leader – engaging speaker with young people everywhere
- **David Radcliff** – Director of New Community Project – former denominational staff for Peace and Justice ministries
- **Cindy LaPrade** – M.Div. student at Princeton Theological Seminary, Coordinator of 2006 NYC, former Youth Work Camp Coordinator

● **Cost:** \$120.00 per person by **June 1**, \$140.00 after June 1.

● **Includes** picture and T-Shirt **Put your t-shirt size on your registration form.** If you are unable to attend camp after you have registered, all but \$10 of your registration will be refunded if your cancellation is received two weeks prior to a specific camp; otherwise, no refunds.

**Take a mid-summer break from work or whatever and join us at camp.**

Since there were no plans to hold a Western Regional Youth Conference this summer the Program Committee of Camp Peaceful Pines has invited the youth of the Idaho and Oregon/Washington Districts, and the youth of Southern California and Arizona to come and be a part of a Western Regional Youth Conference/Youth Camp at Camp Peaceful Pines.

Youth who have completed grades 9-13 are welcome. Plan to arrive between 3:00 and 4:00pm on Sunday, and to leave after breakfast and clean up, about 10:30am on Saturday.

**Special note:** Campers should plan on attending the whole camp and will not have access to their vehicles during camp. Part-time attendance is possible only if worked out in advance with the Director.

Registration forms, packing lists and additional information is available at the following website:

<http://www.cob-net.org/camp/peaceful-regis.htm>

*Celebrating 300 years . . .*



## Church of the Brethren Anniversary Events:

**Saturday, July 12 – Wednesday, July 16, 2008** — Annual Conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Brethren Church will feature some joint celebratory events as well as separate time for each denomination to conduct its business.

**Sunday, August 3, 2008** — Celebration Sunday. All congregations are encouraged to celebrate the 300th Anniversary in their own way. A variety of celebratory worship and educational resources will be provided in advance.

**July 26- August 7, 2008**—*Jim and Pam Hardenbrook will lead a tour beginning in Berlin and concluding in Zurich. The tour cost (not including round trip airfare) is \$2,239. Three days will be spent in the Schwarzenau area for the 300th Anniversary celebration.*

*Watch for announcements of special events in the Idaho District commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, including District Conference and a Brethren Heritage Fair.*

## ...Strengthen My Hands

The 2008 National Workcamp schedule offers a variety of opportunities for service, and again includes a **Camp Stover Worksite ~ June 16-22.**

Contact the district office or check out the website ([www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org)) for further information.

### HELP ~ Bedding needed!!

Idaho Administrative Executive Sue Daniel will host the Western Council of District Executives at Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center in Cascade April 7-10. We welcome DE's from Oregon/Washington, Western Plains, Northern Plains, Southern Plains and Missouri/Arkansas Districts, as well as Council Coordinator Nancy Knepper, of Florida, to the beautiful Idaho Mountains.

Because Trinity Pines does not provide linens, we are seeking good, clean sleeping bags, pillows and bath linens for eight people. If you have those items and are willing to loan them during those dates, please contact Sue at the District Office, 442-7260 or [IdahoAE@msn.com](mailto:IdahoAE@msn.com).

## Come Walk With Us - Hardenbrooks to Sudan

***The Idaho district continues its prayer, support and encouragement for our missionaries. An excerpt from their 2/19/08 blog and recent update from Jim and Pam appear below:***

### Waiting for Nigerian visas

If all had gone according to plan, we would be in Nigeria by now – in the middle of our first week of teaching at Kulp Bible College. But others' plans differed from ours and we're still in the US.

The initial applications made in our behalf requested six-month "tourist" visas. In the past, tourist visa applications had been successful. But under the new Nigerian administration, the applications were denied. We understand, despite our disappointment, that the denial actually makes sense. The Nigerian government questioned the validity of a six-month tourist visa – does anyone spend six months touring Nigeria?

The current approach is to apply, instead, for six-month "work" visas. Because of our plan to teach in the Bible College, certain documents were requested. These documents include our resumes; our high school, college, and graduate school diplomas and transcripts; but also our marriage certificate. The mission office now has all of these documents in hand. Once the Nigerian church sends us an invitation to come teach in the college and receives our acceptance, the mission office can request our new visas – we hope in the near future.... There is plenty to do while we wait.... Keep praying for Sudan, for us and that God's will be discovered and obeyed.

### Financial Support

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and energy displayed for this new mission. Here are some financial figures (through February 24, 2008) that give an idea of how the individuals and congregations of various districts have responded.

Idaho - \$33,631  
Shenandoah - \$20,579  
Atlantic Northeast - \$19,989  
Virilina - \$18,251  
MidAtlantic - \$12,612  
West Marva - \$5,225

We are truly humbled and blessed by these figures and the trust and sacrifice they represent.

Be not afraid,  
Jim and Pam Hardenbrook  
<http://hardenbrooks-to-sudan.blogspot.com/>

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**Calendar of Events**

- 2008 Church of the Brethren 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- March 2** Disaster Ministries Sharing @ Nampa 7:00 pm  
**March 4** Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View 6:30 pm  
**March 9** One Great Hour of Sharing  
**March 30** Fifth Sunday Worship @ Fruitland 4:00 pm  
**April 7-10** Western Council of District Executives @ Cascade  
**April 19** Women's Spring Rally @ Boise Valley  
**June 16-22** National Workcamp @ Camp Stover  
**June 29-July 4** Regional Youth Conference @ Camp Peaceful Pines  
**Jun. 22-28** Camp Stover  
**July 12-16** Annual Conference @ Richmond, VA  
**Aug. 3** 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Sunday  
**Aug. 11-15** National Young Adult Conference @ Estes Park, CO  
**Oct. 3-4** District Conference @ Fruitland

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