

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



A Joyful Voice

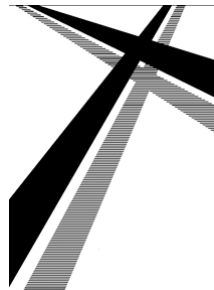
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MISSION POSSIBLE!

**Extending the Kingdom in
South Sudan and South Idaho**



**IDAHO & W. MONTANA
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 14-15

**BOWMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
7263 2nd St. S. Bowmont, Nampa**

“It’s More Than Just a Business Meeting!”

- Provocative Insight Sessions •
 - Worship • Fellowship •
- Children & Youth Activities •
 - Focus on Mission •

Guest Leaders:

Brad Borher, Director Sudan Initiative
Dale & Bev Minnich, Association of Brethren Caregivers
Sandra Bosserman, Missouri/Arkansas District Executive
Steve Gregory, Congregational Life Team

“... with God all things are possible.”
Matthew 19:26

Sudan Initiative Lead Team

In July the Sudan Initiative Lead Team was named! Idaho's own Jim and Pam Hardenbrook have responded to the call to work in Sudan and will be serving for two years, starting early in 2008. They are presently working on securing funding, transitioning from their present work and living situation, and being oriented to living in a different culture for an extended period of time. The Hardenbrooks seek prayers for this venture.

Commissioning Service

Saturday, September 16
6:15 pm

The closing worship service for the 2007 Idaho District Conference at the Bowmont church will be devoted to a **Commissioning Service for the Sudan Lead Team**. Missouri/Arkansas District Executive Sandra Bosserman will bring the message for that service. For nearly 15 years Jim and Pam Hardenbrook have been faithful servants in the Nampa church, the Idaho district and the denomination. This is our opportunity to not only recognize their commitment and dedication, but to show our support, encouragement and empowerment of their response to God's call to southern Sudan.

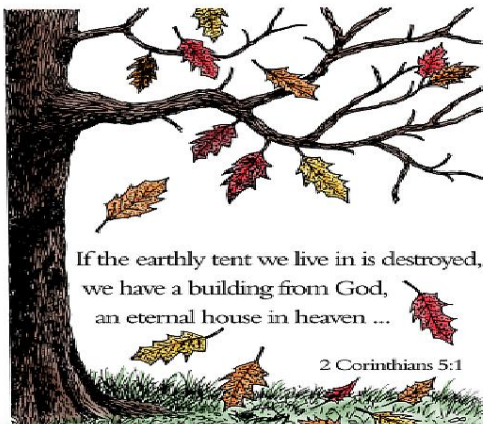
The Hardenbrooks
Pam and Jim



**Let's fill the
Bowmont church with
people, prayer,
and power!!**

**Church of the Brethren
DISASTER
MINISTRIES**

AUCTION



Saturday, October 6, 2007

**Northwest Nazarene University
Campus
Nampa, Idaho**

**Auction will be held at
The Johnson Center, behind
Montgomery Field House**

**Doors open at 8:00 am
Action starts at 10:00 am
Drawings held every hour, on the hour**

Goal

- To raise funds which will provide assistance to the survivors of disaster and help them put their lives back together. Our volunteers go to represent Jesus as they help people in need who cannot help themselves.
- To increase awareness regarding the need for volunteers and the rewarding work they do. Church of the Brethren men and women take the love of our Lord to hurting people. Let us know if you would like to volunteer.

Perhaps you cannot go to do the hands-on work that occurs when disaster strikes, but this auction can provide a way for you to share in the work with your donation of an item or items or to help raise funds.

Thanks ~ Challenge

The auction committee wishes to thank all those who have already donated items, and issues a challenge to every household in the district to donate an item, and for all to attend the auction.

Auction items should be new. Antiques are also welcome.

Volunteers Needed

- Friday, Oct. 5 to help move items from storage to auction site
- Saturday, Oct. 6 to serve food, perform various tasks during the auction, and tear down and clean up after the auction

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- Don Hardenbrook 459-7390
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*Join Us As We Celebrate 50 Years
Into the Future . . .*

*Mountain View Church of the Brethren
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise*

Sunday, September 23, 2007

*10:45 am: Outdoor Worship Service
Old-fashioned picnic following worship
Program and Sharing Memories, Hopes & Dreams
Jim & Pam Hardenbrook, Sudan Lead Team Missionaries*



*Happy 50th Birthday,
Mt. View Church of the Brethren!!*

Good News!!

~ from the Idaho congregations . . .



Boise Valley:

- The Women's Ministries has been active with monthly meetings and activities, including a large yard sale in June. The proceeds went to the building fund. We hosted summer bridal showers for Asha Sharp, Jennifer & Christian McPherson.
- Work and planning continue on the building project. Work with an architect has resulted in a building plan that will accomplish the goals for the future of Boise Valley Church of the Brethren.

• Bowmont Community:

- We have been blessed with wedding of Chris & Katie Lupton (she was Katie Lowber) and the birth of Bryan Wesley Hinton whose proud parents are Lance and Christy Hinton. Grandparents are Wes and Bonnie Waggoner and Diane Hinton.
- September 9th is our annual "Sunday School Kickoff and potato bar." After lunch, Jim and Pam Hardenbrook will be sharing on their call to the Sudan.
- We are excitedly preparing for District Conference to be held at Bowmont this year on September 14th and 15th and encourage everyone to come.
- Preparations are under way for our Annual Harvest Carnival that we have each year on October 31st. This is a free ministry to our community and we usually have around 200 in just two hours turn out.

Community Twin Falls:

- One of our youth, Amber Humphrey, went to Peru on a Global Expeditions mission trip this summer, coming back more filled with the spirit than when she left. It was an exciting experience for her.
- "Noah's Ark" was the theme of our Vacation Bible School, June 25-28. Average attendance was 13, mostly children from the surrounding neighborhood.
- We have welcomed the Twin Falls Hispanic Baptist Fellowship who are renting our facility for Sunday worship. With their help a new storage shed was built on August 4 which allows us to clear classrooms so we can grow even more.

Fruitland:

- August has been a fun time at Fruitland Kids for Christ Club. 17 children enjoyed the sights at the Payette County Fair. The 11th found the Fruitland KFCC kids off to the Boise zoo where everyone had a great time. More fun followed with a Super Hero fun and film night and the month finished with a swimming party. This summer a contest for attendance gave Craig Gerdau a chance to dye his hair pink and the children have come up with lots of fun things for him to do if they reach the 30 mark! September will be full of fruitful learning as the children discover the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Fifteen ladies enjoyed a program featuring women of the Bible at the Women's Retreat held August 24-26 at Camp Stover.
- We are especially grateful for all the prayers, support and encouragement from the other congregations of the district.

Mountain View

- Mt. View is alive and kickin'. Praise the Lord! We don't really consider it great news for us but we are happy for Julie Dillehay in that she has been led by God to a new job at Vallivue High School as counselor. She also is being led to resign as our associate pastor effective October 1. We have relied on her spiritually and in many other ways (such as preaching and counseling) and will miss her very much in these roles.
- We have made some plans for improvements in our facility that have been needed for awhile. The men's restroom floor has already been redone and looks fantastic! Other plans are also in the works.
- Changes and additions have been made to the fall line-up of classes and studies being offered this year. There should be something for everyone. A new Jr. High and Youth class is starting up—that's exciting!
- Four baptisms will be taking place in early September which is wonderful!
- Events coming this fall include the Crop Walk, Bazaar and breakfast, and the Harvest Dinner. But the highlight will be our 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated on September 23!

Nampa:

- An unused acre on the north end of Nampa's property has now been seeded with grass and has a sprinkler system. Larry Lowber, Marlin Payne, Bob McKellip, Gary Sedlacek and Don Murphy have made that area look great.
- Matt Ayers, McPherson College senior, worked with the Nampa church for ten weeks this summer as a Ministry Summer Service intern. Matt's primary focus was rebuilding the youth group which he did with great energy.
- A well attended Vacation Bible School was held at the Nampa Church of the Brethren July 30-August 3. There were cowboys and sheriffs everywhere! Jen Kuehy directed the school with the help of many volunteers.
- Thanks to three memorial gifts the Nampa congregation now is able to video tape worship services, weddings and funerals and burn them on DVDs. Each worship service is now recorded on a DVD and distributed to those members who are not able to attend worship.



“In Remembrance”

District Women’s Fall Rally

Saturday, October 27
Fruitland Church of the Brethren

Registration begins at 8:30 am

- **Servitude**
 - **Historical study**
 - **Spiritual Challenge**

300 Years in His Service

Seeking Volunteers . . .

The Idaho District is sponsoring a team of volunteers to go to the Katrina Disaster Area the week of January 6-12, 2008. The group will be working on the Pearl River project in Louisiana where Rex and Jenette Freeman will be project leaders for the month of January.

Room & board will be furnished at the site. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation costs; however, it is hoped that there will be some assistance with travel expenses from the proceeds of the Disaster Ministries Auction

Please contact Rex Freeman, Howard Garwick, Clyde Fillmore or any of the other Idaho Disaster Ministries members if you are willing and able to go.



Idaho Annual Conference Query ~ “Reverse Membership Trend”

The 2007 Annual Conference adopted the query initiated by Nampa and the Idaho District which addresses the declining membership of our denomination and asks when and how the Church of the Brethren can halt and reverse this trend toward distinction. Annual Conference provided a response that included the following challenge to congregations and districts:

- confess and repent of our complacency in living out and sharing our faith with others
- provide opportunities for studying the 1981 Study Committee report, “Diminishing Membership in the Church of the Brethren;” which makes this statement:
For far too long we have allowed our uncertainties to inhibit our evangelism and we have been hesitant to share enthusiastically our convictions about God’s love and grace.... It will take more than passing a statement at Annual Conference to change the trend of diminishing membership in the Church of the Brethren.... [We] will need...a willingness to let the Holy Spirit lead us in being and in making disciples.
- actively review ways in which they interact with “the world”
- work at being an inviting presence and witness for Christ
- identify the ways in which they have become an impediment to bringing others into relationship with Christ
- seek ways to invite others to faith in Jesus Christ and membership in the church
- report these activities to the district
- share stories of success with an emphasis placed upon encouragement, education and spiritual formation

How will we in the District of Idaho and W. Montana respond to this challenge?

Celebrating 300 Years . . .

The Idaho Youth Heritage Team, Steven McKinney and Casey McGrew, are prepared to visit congregations to present workshops and/or to lead in worship.

Call travel coordinator Stacey Wymore at 466-3321 to schedule a Youth Heritage Team visit to your worship service or event.

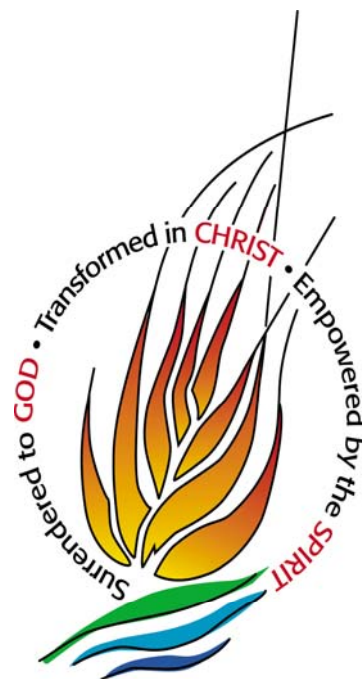
Church of the Brethren Anniversary Events:

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 — Anniversary Event in Schwarzenau, Germany. The event will include worship, lunch, tours of the area, and a service of re-dedication.

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.*



**300 Years
Church of the Brethren
1708-2008**

Copies of the following materials from Brethren Press will be available for purchase at the District Conference September 14-15:

Fresh from the Word

Devotions for the 300th Anniversary of the Brethren. Read and be moved by this collection every day during 2008, and then return and be enriched again. Because the devotions are perpetually dated, *Fresh from the Word* can be used and treasured for years to come.

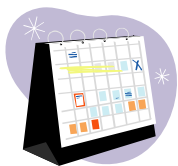
Brethren Heritage Collection

This 4-DVD set of Brethren History brings together a dozen and a half of the most significant films and videos from the church's archives.

No one ever graduates from Bible study until he meets its Author face to face.

Everett Harris

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Calendar of Events

- Sept. 14-15** District Conference @ Bowmont
"MISSION POSSIBLE!"
- Sept. 23** Mt. View 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Sept. 30** Fifth Sunday Worship at Twin Falls, 5:00 pm
"Oh, What a Year!"
- Oct. 2** Board of Directors Meeting @ Mt. View, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 6** District ERSM Auction @ NNU, Nampa
- Oct. 27** District Women's Fall Rally @ Fruitland
"In Remembrance"
- Dec. 30** Fifth Sunday Worship
- Jan. 3-5** Board of Directors Retreat @ Cascade
- Jan. 6-12** Idaho Disaster Ministries Team in Pearl River, LA

Ministers Meet: First Friday/month

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