

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



A Joyful Voice

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District Deacon Training

1TM 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Kathryn Reid
Executive Director
Association of Brethren Caregivers

March 31, 2007

9:00 – 3:00

Lunch included

**Mountain View
Church of the Brethren
2823 North Cole Road, Boise, Idaho**

\$12.00 per person

\$20.00 per couple

This training is for any person that is interested in more information on the office of Deacon and how that relates to the congregation and the ministry of the church. Those persons currently serving as Deacons or those who feel the call to perhaps serve in this capacity in the future are highly encouraged to attend.



Serving Jesus by serving His world

Fifth Sunday Worship



April 29 ~ 6:30 p.m.

The Fifth Sunday District Worship Services will resume this year, with the Nampa congregation hosting the first event on April 29. The service will be held at McKellip Ponds Chapel located north of Nampa at 18120 Dean Lane.

Idaho Youth Heritage Team members Casey McGrew and Steve McKinney will present the program. The team will have just returned from training in Elgin and will make a presentation focusing on Brethren heritage.

Fifth Sunday services provide an opportunity for members of the district's six congregations to come together for a time of worship, praise, fellowship and sharing.

McKellip Ponds Chapel is located on Dean Lane between Can-Ada Rd. and 11th Ave. N., just N. of Ustick Rd. From I-84 Garrity exit at Nampa, go S. on Can-Ada to Ustick, W. on Ustick to Dean. First house on east side of road.

Church of the Brethren Celebrating 300 Years

Opportunities to rediscover and use the resources of past achievements, examine the crucial present, and project the challenging future will be offered during the Church of the Brethren's 300th Anniversary celebration in 2008. Idaho congregations are already making plans for their own celebratory activities. Watch the district calendar for those events!

Fresh From the Word

Brethren Press has created a devotional book for use during the denomination's 300th anniversary in 2008. *Fresh from the Word* has 366 devotions written by more than 100 people (including our own Jim Hardenbrook) from all six Brethren groups that trace their roots to the founders and from some of our mission churches throughout the world. The devotions are perpetually dated so the book can be used year after year.

Cost for the book is \$20 but special discounts are offered if orders are placed by March 15, 2007. Early-bird orders are \$15 and group orders of 10 or more are only \$10 per copy.



Commemorative Calendar

The Annual Conference Anniversary Committee, with the Brethren Church Tercentennial Committee, has developed a commemorative calendar featuring 17 contemporary photos of historical sites. The September 2007 - December 2008 calendar includes more than 20 inset photos, sidebars listing significant historical dates, and dates of 300th Anniversary Celebration events. Six pages of textual information includes the history of other Brethren bodies, ordinances, interesting Annual Meeting decisions prior to 1884, and Brethren contributions to education and printing.

The price for the calendars, available now, is \$5.00, prepaid plus shipping. The bulk rate is \$100.00 for twenty-five calendars or \$200.00 for fifty calendars, allowing congregations and other groups to sell them at \$5.00 each and earn \$1.00 for each one they sell.

See www.brethrenanniversary.org for the order form.

Youth Heritage Team

Stephen McKinney and Casey McGrew, both of the Nampa congregation, will represent the District of Idaho and W. Montana on the 300th Anniversary Youth Heritage Team. Following participation in a training event in Elgin, IL, April 13-15, 2007, Steve and Casey will be ready to schedule activities throughout the district directed toward celebration of the denominations' tercentennial.

The Idaho team will help with worship services and lead other sessions about Brethren heritage. Stacy Wymore, Nampa church secretary, is serving as the adult coordinator for the team's activities. Please contact her at 466-3321 to schedule congregational visits for Steve and Casey.

A Heart For Sudan



A grand total of \$700 has been raised in support of Southern Sudan during recent "Have a Heart for Sudan" visits to three Idaho congregations. Konnie Baines, Fruitland, a member of the district's Sudan Initiative Action Team, initiated the project in which she shared information regarding Sudan along with heart-shaped cookies inscribed with messages of love, faith, and hope. Fruitland, Boise Valley and Twin Falls congregations have participated in the project and generously donated. Future congregational visits are planned.

Thank You, Konnie, and all who have supported this important mission!

Good News!!

~ from the Idaho congregations . . .



Boise Valley:

- Weekly worship attendance has been averaging 45-50
- Pastor Ed reports four members will be received into the church by baptism in April
- The building committee and church board have negotiated with Fruitland architect Mark Johnson to provide preliminary drawings of site plans and the new church building
- Eighteen ladies attended a luncheon meeting in February, launching a new women's fellowship

Bowmont:

- The congregation is experiencing growth and has had several new baby dedications, with more on the way
- Plans are under way for the annual Birthday Sunday Potluck and Kite Flight, Sunday, March 18
- The church will host the annual community Easter Extravaganza on Saturday, April 7, 1-3 p.m. ~ the event is free to the community and includes the Easter story, crafts, games, snacks and a huge Easter egg hunt

Community Twin Falls:

- The roof of the church building has been repaired and the ceiling stained for a beautiful effect
- Rosie Vela was baptized on Sunday, February 11
- Two youth and two adult leaders attended "Acquire the Fire" at the Idaho Center in Nampa February 23-24
- The youth will lead the worship service on Sunday, March 18, with Ashley Bausman delivering the sermon
- The congregation is preparing for and looking forward to their centennial celebration May 5-6

Fruitland:

- Board members participated in an inspiring retreat led by Jim & Pam Hardenbrook on February 24
- The church family is working on prayer and love for one another
- A challenging and rewarding Children's Ministry is benefiting community children
- The congregation recommended Donald Bays for licensing to the ministry

Mountain View:

- A provocative and inspirational church board retreat was led by Jeff Glass, Congregational Life Team Coordinator, on Saturday, February 24
- "The Thursday Faithful," a new women's fellowship, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. to work on quilt squares, crafts and crocheting
- The congregation expresses joy at the return of Jeff Henscheid who has been deployed with the Idaho National Guard on Operation Enduring Freedom for 18 months stationed in Afghanistan ~ his wife Ann, and children, Taylor and Razuh, welcome him home!

Nampa:

- Twice each week Pastor Jim is leading a Bible study, Amazing Grace, based on the scriptural influences of William Wilberforce. About 30 members of the congregation gathered at Edwards Theater to see the movie, **Amazing Grace**, then met for pizza and discussion
- *The Bloomery*, where women blossom in faith and friendship, is the theme for the Ladies' Retreat scheduled at the Super 8 Motel in McCall April 13-15 ~ the retreat is one of many activities sponsored by Nampa Women's Ministries
- Boise State University football star Marty Tadman will be share his incredible testimony at the Father-Son Fiesta on Saturday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.

God will probably not be interested in how much we included in our day, but in how much of our day included Him.

~ Allia Zobel-Nolan

The Worrywart's Prayer Book

District Women's Spring Rally
Saturday, April 28
9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.
(Registration & Fellowship 8:30-9:00)
Nampa Church of the Brethren



Inspirational Speakers,
Worship, Workshops, Fellowship,
Brief Business Meeting

District Youth Council

An organizational meeting of the new District Youth Council (DYC) will be held at noon on Saturday, April 14, at the Mt. View church building. Each congregation is encouraged to have a youth and adult representative. If you are interested in being a part of the District Youth Council, or just want to come and see what it is going to be all about, bring a sack lunch and join the conversation!

**Community Twin Falls
 Church of the Brethren
 invites you to their**

Centennial Celebration

May 5-6, 2007

Saturday, May 5:

A "traditional" Brethren worship service followed by Love Feast

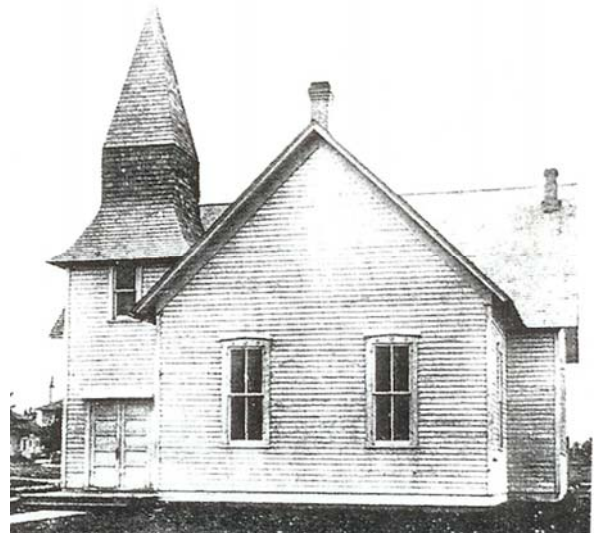
Sunday, May 6:

11:00 A.M. Worship (former pastors will be speaking) followed by an Old Fashioned Picnic, with three-legged races, lots of fun and fellowship

100 years

Tidbits from Twin Falls History:

A church building was erected on the corner of 3rd Ave. N. and 4th St. W. in 1907. In 1955 the church had grown to more than 100 members and the trustees felt they had outgrown the old building. Two acres and a house were purchased at 461 Filer Ave. W. for the sum of \$8500. A loan of \$15,000 was secured from the General Brotherhood Board in Elgin, IL in 1957, and the mortgage was fully paid off July 30, 1969. Construction began on the new church building in the fall of 1957, most of it being done by members of the congregation. The church moved into the new facility in July 1958. The old property (shown below) was sold.



The Twin Falls Church 1907-1958

Donald Bayes Licensing

On March 6, at the recommendation of the Fruitland congregation and the District Ministry Council, the District Board of Directors approved Donald Bayes for licensing to Christian ministry. Fruitland has developed a plan for training and mentoring which will provide opportunities for Donald to serve in various aspects of worship and ministry in the congregation, as well as grow in his understanding of scripture, Brethren history, beliefs and practices.

Donald was baptized at age nine and says he felt the Lord calling him to service during his teens. His wife, Dawn, and daughter, Kelsea, support him as he seeks the will of God in this endeavor.

A formal licensing service will be scheduled at the Fruitland Church in the near future.

Congratulations, Donald!

Idaho Brethren In Service Emergency Response/Service Ministries

Rex & Jenette Freeman spent the month of January in Lucedale, Mississippi, serving as project directors for the church's Disaster Relief project there. They supervised and fed volunteers from various Church of the Brethren districts across the country who worked at rebuilding and repairing homes for people who have been displaced since the Katrina disaster. Howard Garwick was also in Lucedale for two weeks, completing his project director training. In May, Bud and Dee Fillmore will serve as directors of the Lucedale project.

These Idaho volunteers (Nampa congregation), who are selflessly giving their time, energy and effort, are willing to share their experiences with others in the district. They may be contacted through the Nampa church, 466-3321.

Disaster Child Care volunteers Erma Brunabend and Dawn Bayes (Fruitland congregation) will be in New Orleans April 7-27 to work with FEMA's "one-stop-shop" in which various agencies will continue to assist displaced victims of Katrina.

Erma, Region X back-up coordinator, recently met with Mercy Medical Center Chaplain Coordinator in Nampa to discuss the denomination's disaster child care program. Hospitals are required to develop an emergency plan which includes child care provisions. Mercy officials learned of the COB program and are discussing the possibility of including Brethren volunteers in their plan.

Camp Stover

It's not too early to begin thinking about family camp at Camp Stover, Jul 7-14, 2007. The program will feature Outdoor Ministry materials, "Turn Around."

Registration forms will be available at the end of March.



Ethics Workshop

**Tuesday, May 19 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Nampa Church of the Brethren**

Conducted by
Dr. Ed Crawford,
Professor of Philosophy & Ethics
Northwest Nazarene University

Participation is mandatory for all licensed and ordained ministers of the district in order to meet the denomination's requirement for ethics training every five years. .5 CEU is available for a fee of \$10 for those who desire it.

Licensed lay speakers, board chairpersons and moderators are also encouraged to attend, as well as anyone else interested.

Bon Voyage, Kerchensteiners!

Boise Valley Pastor Ed and Anna Lou Kerschensteiner, along with daughter Dawn Heller and granddaughters Kyla Heller and Chelsea Kerschensteiner, will be vacationing in Germany, Austria, Italy & Switzerland March 15-April 1. Their tour plans include a stop in Schwarzenau, Germany, where the Church of the Brethren marks their origin. They look forward to sharing their tales of their adventures upon their return.

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2007 Calendar of Events

March 31 Deacon's Training w/Kathy Reid @ Mt. View
April 13-14 Nampa Women's Retreat @ Cascade
April 13-15 Youth Heritage Team @ Elgin
April 14 District Youth Council Organizational Meeting @ Mt. View ~ noon
April 28 Women's Fellowship Spring Rally @ Nampa
April 29 Fifth Sunday Worship @ McKellip Chapel (Nampa hosting) 6:30 p.m.
May 1 Ethics Workshop w/Ed Crawford @ Nampa
May 5-6 Centennial Celebration @ Twin Falls
May 25-26 Camp Stover Clean-up
June 18-23 National Youth Work Camp @ Camp Stover
July 1-4 Annual Conference @ Cleveland, OH
July 7-14 Camp Stover ~ "Turn Around"
July 29 Fifth Sunday Worship

Sept. 14-15 District Conference @ Bowmont
Sept. 23 Mt. View 50th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 30 Fifth Sunday Worship
Oct. 6 District ERSM Auction @ NNU, Nampa
Dec. 30 Fifth Sunday Worship

Board of Directors Meet: First Tuesday/month

Ministers Meet: First Friday/month

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