

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



A Joyful Voice

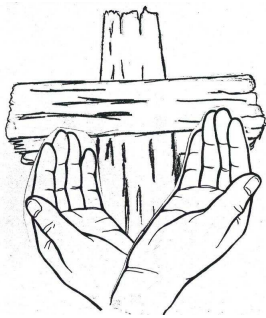
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Sue Daniel, Editor

"I Do Believe"

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2010 District Conference

September 3-5

Camp Stover ~ Meadows, ID

Don Morrison, Moderator

Children's Program Leader: Becky Goldstein

Youth/Jr. High Program Leader: Nick McKellip

Guest Leaders:

Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Executive Director of Ministry

Leslie Frye, On Earth Peace

Nevin Dulabaum, President, Brethren Benefit Trust

Something for everyone!

Worship, Business, Chili Cook-Off/Pie Contest,

S'mores, Games, Children/Youth Activities, Fellowship

If you have not registered, please do so immediately!

Contact Dennis Daniel at 442-7260.

"Living Well in Ministry"

A Workshop for Ministers*
(Sponsored by the District Ministry Council)

Friday, September 3, 2010

12:00 - 4:00 PM

(Bring a brown bag lunch)

Camp Stover

This workshop will explore what it means to live well spiritually, intellectually, relationally, emotionally, and physically

Facilitator: **Mary Jo Flory-Steury**,
Executive Director for Ministry
Church of the Brethren

* While this workshop is designed for ministers, board chairs, moderators and anyone interested are encouraged to attend.

District Fifth Sunday Worship



October 31, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Boise Valley Church of the Brethren

Come worship and celebrate with the community that is the District of Idaho Church of the Brethren

Congregational Prayer Partner Connection . . .

During the months of **September, October & November . . .**



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**

Please continue to be in prayer for your partner's congregational health and vitality, personal concerns (health, family, relationship, employment issues, etc.), special events in the life of the church, birthday and anniversary celebrations, and opportunities to connect with others in the district.

news from Camp Stover . . .

Camp Road Fund



-\$7,225.69

-\$5,484.00

Send love offerings
to Gary Ackerman
at 44 N. Pit Lane
Nampa, ID 83687

The Annual Camp Stover Assembly was held on August 14th. An election of the camp board was held. The following is the Camp Stover Board for 2010 –2011.

Board Chair	Byron Holtry
Vice Chair	Warren Eilers
Treasurer	Gary Ackerman
Secretary	Marilynn Moulton
Program Ch	Keith Goering
Program	Debbie Peterson
Program	Tanya Bethel
Nom. Chair	Carol Gross
Nomination	Mary Ann Sedlacek
Nomination	Evie Pollock
Improve. Ch	Tim Gross
Improve.	Nick McKellip
Improve.	Jason Cummings
Improve.	Terri Raynor
Improve.	Dan Brown
Women's	Becky Eilers
Finance Ch	David Bethel
Finance	Kris Holtry
Finance	Christina Cummings
Youth	Josh Hunsucker

Water shut-off at Camp



September 25th 2010

A huge thank you to all who helped and attended this year's fund raiser for Camp! Because of you it was a success!

THANK YOU!



Boise Valley:

- A sign has been installed on our new church site--"Future home of the Boise Valley Church of the Brethren."
- After a year of serious consultation with several building companies we have focus on a local one. Our preliminary meetings with Kings Excavation of Nampa looks positive. We have set to start working out details with them after the first of the new year.
- We are focusing now on a stronger financial effort, including letters to members, former members, friends, etc.
- Our Fall calendar events includes gathering stuffed animals for our annual Mexican Children ministry, Council budget meeting, Harvest dinner, etc.

Bowmont:

- June 13th was our annual Father's Day Bar-b-que with lots of good food and fellowship.
- July was a time for baby dedications and baby showers as we watched our Church family grow. An ice cream social was held on July 17. This event, free and open to the community, featured hotdogs, homemade pie, and homemade ice cream! A craft and bake sale made it even more fun as we continue to raise money for our community center and fellowship hall. At the ice cream social our new "Bowmont Cookbook" hit the market to help raise funds as well.
- We will be having Rosa Goering Trent's bridal shower on August 29 and look forward to her wedding on September 12.
- The Lord continues to bless Bowmont as we seek to do His will. Praise God!

Community Twin Falls:

- We continue to have dinner and Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, even through the summer months, studying 1 Samuel and the Psalms. The youth also meet on Tuesdays, joining us for dinner, then separating to watch their video "Crazy Love" with discussion following.
- We had two youth attend National Youth Conference, Amber and Ashley, who came back very excited from their "mountaintop experience". They presented a summary of their week at NYC on Sunday, July 25th.
- In August we had a game night featuring Banana-Gram, Sequence and Pinnacle games; on Sunday the 22nd we had a Back to School potluck.
- Our annual Bazaar/Bake Sale/Garage Sale will be held on October 16 and a movie night is planned for October 22.
- We plan to serve a Thanksgiving Meal for the community again this year; a Love Feast will be prepared by youth on December 14, and we will have our live nativity again on December 18.

Fruitland:

- Here at Fruitland we are very excited about our Celebrate Recovery program. We are MOST excited by the Spirit we have seen and felt move within this group and are very grateful to the church for their prayers and their financial support.
- Various groups have contributed funds toward the completion of a bedroom and handicap accessible bathroom for the Fruitland pastor's cabin at Camp Stover. The construction, headed by Rex Freeman, is nearing completion.
- September is the beginning of a new Sunday School class for adults. We will be using David Cook's "Bible in Life," a great program that teaches what the Bible means for us in today's world.
- The annual Women's Retreat is being held at Camp Stover August 27-29. The retreat theme this year is "Prayer."
- The Fruitland congregation is making preparations to host District Conference at Camp Stover September 3-5 and are looking forward to this being a blessed event.

Mountain View:

- We continue to get to know our interim pastor, Tom Warner, who is doing a wonderful job in many ways. For one, he preaches outstanding sermons,. Our attendance is growing, even in the summer, which is really a praise!
- Also adding to our services is our terrific Praise Band that leads music during the traditional worship service.
- Early in August we had a wonderful and successful camping themed Bible School that was organized through the hard work of Becky Goldstein and Terri Raynor.
- Another very important mission of our church is Bethel Ministries. God is using that ministry, and in a small way, He uses our congregation also, to redeem lives through Bethel.

Nampa:

- Noodle making has started. Nampa women have begun meeting weekly to make noodles for the annual Bazaar which will be held on October 30.
- A total of 86 children were registered for VBS in July. Director Tanya Murphy-Thomas credits a "village" of helpers with the success of the "High Seas Expedition."
- Fifteen Love Inc. ministry backpacks were filled and delivered to a local elementary school, along with a few extra supplies. They were very welcomed and needed.
- Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12th, Nampa COB will be only having one worship service (11:00 am), and Pastor Bill will be facilitating a new Sunday School class for young adults at 9:30 am.
- Sept. 24--NCOB will host a Red Cross blood drive; Oct. 10 the Deacons will sponsor a BBQ fund-raiser after church.



Each member of the district's six churches have been encouraged to contribute \$5.00 per quarter (\$20.00 per year) to help meet the district's faith budget.

The district exists to support and promote the ministry of its congregations, assisting with resources for members, pastors and leadership, and providing a connection to the denomination and the larger church. Contact a member of the Board of Directors or the Administrative Executive for information regarding the budget. Your gift on the last Sunday of each quarter is appreciated!

District Youth Council Coordinator Needed!

The DYC continues to seek a coordinator with gifts, dedication and passion to work with other DYC members to plan and organize district youth activities. Our youth are among the church's most vital assets, worthy of our time and commitment. Please be in prayer for this immediate need.

Is God calling you . . . ?
Will you serve . . . ?

Please contact the Idaho district office at 442-7260 or email IdahoAE@msn.com

The Fruitland congregation extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to the men and women of the district who assisted with construction of the addition to the pastor's cabin at Camp Stover. The 10' x 14' bedroom/bathroom will be an added bonus for Pastor Don and Cathy.

Plans are underway for volunteers from the Idaho district to work once again on the Brethren Disaster Ministries project in Chalmette, LA the first week in January, 2011. Anyone interested in going should contact Idaho BDM Coordinator Dennis Daniel at 442-7260 as soon as possible. Assistance with travel to Louisiana will be available.



Report from National Youth Conference 2010 July 17-22



"More than Meets the Eye"

The Idaho District was represented at NYC by three advisors: Harold Kerschensteiner (Boise Valley), Dawn Heller (Boise Valley), and Stephen McKenney (Nampa) as well as ten youth: Amber Humphrey (Twin Falls), Ashley Bausman (Twin Falls), Troy Wade (Mountain View), Elizabeth Heller (Boise Valley), Donny Brooks (Nampa), Doug Shoemaker (Nampa), Kera Ames (Nampa), Bryana Ames (Nampa), Joshua Hunsucker (Nampa), and Joshua Mahler (Nampa).

Our adventure began on July 16th. We met at the Mountain View Church, gathered for a send off prayer, and loaded into the Nampa van (Thanks Nampa Church) pulling a U-Haul trailer full of luggage (Thanks Boise Valley Church) at 7:30 a.m. We picked up the Twin Falls youth on the way, and traveled to Rock Springs, WY for our motel stop.

On Saturday, we arrived around noon and checked in for the conference. We discovered that we were just 13 of the 2,844 participants of NYC. We enjoyed a picnic dinner and kicked off the conference with a worship service in the evening. Each day we were faced with a theme that tied into our overall weekly theme "More Than Meets the Eye".

Saturday evening's worship service opened with youth representatives from every district carrying in a light and a vessel symbolizing that we are all jars of clay, molded, cracked and broken, but called to carry God's message to the world. Our vessel was made and donated by Tracey Wade (Mountain View) and our representatives carrying the vessel were Joshua Hunsucker (Nampa) and Amber Humphrey (Twin Falls). **Angie Lahman Yoder** spoke to us about "Belonging". She shared that God desires more intimate relationship. No matter where you are on your journey, "You already belong here!" The Scholarship Fund Offering was taken and there was \$6,124.87 collected.

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Sunday's theme was "Identity" **Ted Swartz** (from Ted and Company) went into character as he portrayed the disciple Peter. He made the point that no matter who you see, or who you are with...choose to "Be with Jesus". Sunday evening, **Jim Myer** brought life back to our childhood song called "This Little Light of Mine". He reminded us that we are the light of the world! The school kit offering was taken and a total of 737 kits were collected.

Monday morning the youth winners for the speech contest, **Kelsey Boardman**, **Arbie Karasek**, and **Renee Neher** challenged us to look deeper to find what is more than meets the eye in the people we meet. Kelsey shared that we are the transformers of today, transforming the world through kindness and love and by working with God we are more than meets the eye. In the evening **Shane Clairborne** helped us face our "brokenness"; Monday's theme. He shared that God sees us without our imperfections and that people are better than the worst things they do. God is bigger than our mistakes! The canned food offering brought in 1,854 food items to support the food banks in the area.

Tuesday morning **David Sollenberger** along with his conscious helped us define and understand "Grace", the theme for the day. He revealed that by receiving and giving undeserved forgiveness is a way of showing God's grace. Tuesday evening **Carol Sheppard** continued helping us define grace and the difference between justice, mercy and grace. She told us that God's grace comes because of brokenness. It doesn't get rid of brokenness because then we wouldn't need grace. The service ended with an anointing service and over 2,000 people received anointing. The final offering taken was for the Haitian schoolchildren and Brethren-related schools in Haiti raised \$16,502.00.

Wednesday's daily theme was love – "Agape Love". **Dennis Webb** explained it as God's love demonstrated in Jesus. He tells us that we are always "hot" with agape love because it burns inside us. It is who we are called to be and is measured by how much we are able to love our enemies. In the evening, **Jarrod McKenna**, from Australia, told us that Jesus is on the streets. He shared that he has met Jesus there many times but in one particular story he shared, "I met Jesus and he mugged me!" and it is our job to use weapons that heal, but that do not harm.

Our last days' theme was manifesting joy. **Shawn Flory Replogle** (2010 annual conference moderator) explained it as hope expressed. It is taking Jesus seriously. It expresses who we are, out of whom we have been; including our miseries, sorrows, and disappointments.

Along with our worship services over 2,000 people hiked the Rocky Mountains, and around 1,500 participated in service projects around the community. Every participant was assigned to a small group to get acquainted with Brethren from across the nation. Food was served buffet style with lots of choices and nobody left hungry. Nourishment was important, however, since we were walking a minimum of five miles a day back and forth across campus to attend the various required activities. There were approximately 30 workshops per day for the youth to choose from to attend. Swimming, rock wall climbing, basketball, ultimate frisbee, football, soccer or napping (especially for the advisors) were afternoon options. Late night activities included things like Christian concerts, open mic for personal talents, swing dancing, board games, and theatrical performances.

Once we left Colorado State University, our focus quickly became that of "take me home...to the place, I belong!!!" We only had a couple setbacks along the journey home. Many were rudely awakened by the sound of a tire bursting. Harold managed to safely get us to the side of the road where several of the young men with us began the dirty job of changing the tire. Triple A did assist with a leaky hose issue created by the tire explosion. We do feel that God held us in the palm of His hand through that experience. The other setback was just a case of too much good conversation while the gas gage slipped past the big "E". Thanks to Troy Kerschensteiner (Boise Valley) for being our hero with the gas can in hand. We finally ended our trip with approximately 1,600 miles covered.

From the time we registered to the time we said our good-byes, we discovered that our NYC experience was "More Than Meets the Eye". Thanks everyone for your support in making NYC a reality for all of us.

Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret
sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
An aching need for
healing...
Hang it on the Cross.

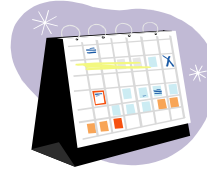
† If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and
toss,
† If your heart is feeling
heavy...
Hang it on the Cross.

Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come
across,
† Every prayer
unanswered...
Hang it on the Cross.

† For Christ has borne our
brokenness
and dearly paid the cost
To turn our trials to
triumph...
Hanging on the Cross.

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2010 Calendar of Events



- Sept. 3 Ministers Workshop @ Camp Stover 12:00-4:00 pm
- Sept. 3 Ministers/Spouses Dinner @ Shore Lodge, McCall 5:00 pm
- Sept. 3-5 District Conference @ Camp Stover
- Sept. 25 Camp Stover Water Shut-off
- Oct. 5 District Board of Directors Meet @ Mt. View 6:30 pm
- Oct. 30 Nampa "Gift of Giving" Bazaar
- Oct. 31 Fifth Sunday Worship @ Boise Valley 5:00 pm
- Nov. 2 District Board of Directors Meet @ Mt. View 6:30 pm
- Nov. 19-20 Fruitland Bazaar @ the Olde School Building

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from congregations or individuals to:

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