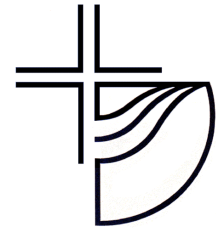


# WABASH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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September 2019

## Stewards Commission

### Busy as Bees!

Just in case you haven't noticed, the stewards have been a busy bunch this past month. They've painted the secretary's office, cleaned carpets, painted a shed, cut down a tree, had stumps ground out, cleaned out the flowerbeds under the office windows, replaced the water fountain with a water cooler and inspected the parsonage!

### Bible Study

Last month, Pastor Doug began a new Bible study that is meeting on Tuesdays at 10AM. The original plan had been to meet at 11, but a switch to 10 made it possible for some others to join the group. The initial study is working through Paul's letter to the Philippians. This letter was written by Paul during one of his imprisonments, and reflects an attitude of joy and thanksgiving through much of the letter. The Bible study is open to all members and attenders of the congregation. Don't worry if you've missed so far, we can catch you up! Come and join in this time of study and fellowship as we seek to learn from the Biblical text and from one another!

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*We welcome all who are on the journey to know Jesus, who share in his love and who choose to embrace the diversity within this community of believers. As individuals we may be at different places along the path, but as a community, we are all traveling together in faith, trusting God to show us the way.*

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Wabash CoB Sanctuary

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# District Conference

Pastor Doug Veal



On September 20 and 21, I attended my first South/Central Indiana District Conference at the Living Faith congregation outside of Flora, IN. As I was driving out to the congregation on Friday, I found myself on smaller and smaller roads, and driving out further into the corn and soy bean fields in Carroll County. When I arrived at the church in the early afternoon, it was surrounded by fields on all sides, which was a lovely view to have.

On Friday, September 20, I had the opportunity to attend several insight sessions, which included sessions on conflict resolution, mental illness in the church, and a session on music in the church led by Jonathan Shively. I also shared in a meal with other pastors and spouses provided by Beth Sollenberger, our District Executive Minister. These pre-conference activities were wonderful learning opportunities as well as a time to start to meet and get to know some of the other ministers in the district.

On Saturday, I picked up Dennis Horn and Bonnie Haughn and we rode together over to attend the conference as three of our four delegates for the conference. Laurie Kieffaber Cornett was our fourth delegate. We began the day with a light breakfast, provided by the Lafayette congregation. After a brief worship led by Moderator Tom Allbaugh, we moved into the business of the conference. This year's business agenda was light, with only a few items needing approval from the delegates, including adopting the district budget, the slate for open district positions for the next year, and a vote on the closure of the West Eel River congregation. In addition to these actions, we heard reports from various groups and agencies connected to the district.

After a lovely lunch, there were several insight sessions offered. Bonnie and I both attended a session focusing on older adults in congregations. Following the insight sessions was the annual Dessert Auction, which this year benefited the Brethren Leadership Institute. The Brethren Leadership Institute offers various classes to help those who are seeking ordination, as well as current pastors and lay leaders who are interested in learning more about the subjects covered. This was a new experience to me, and I enjoyed seeing the pretty desserts as well as the competition to purchase them. This year's auction raised over \$1500 dollars.

After some final reports, we wrapped up the day with the passing of the gavel to the moderator of next year's District Conference, Spencer Spaulding. Spencer offered a prayer of thanks for the conference, and then adjourned the conference until next year's gathering.

## Women's Fellowship

This month, on October 12, come join us at church at 9:30am to have a carry-in breakfast and stay for the fun after while Mikayla teaches us how to make tie-throw.



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The staff is always looking for articles to include in the newsletter. Have a fun travel story? Read a good book lately? Attended a gathering of friends/family? Don't keep it secret, share it with us. Have questions? See Michelle in the office, or send her a quick email.



## Worship Schedule

There are many roles that bring worship each Sunday; contact a member of the nurture commission (Mikayla G, Bonnie H, Laurie K-C, Linda M, or Michelle R) to find out how your unique gifts can be of service.

Oct	Pulpit	Worship Leader	Song Leader	Greeter	Head Usher	Children's Church	Musician
6	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: Reaching out to a Multi-cultural World	Stan M.	Mikayla G.		Larry J.		Audrey H.
13	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: The Challenge of Change	Barb M.	Mikayla G.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
20	Pastor Doug Called to be Church: Resurrection Practices	Linda M.	Mikayla G.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.
27	Guest Speaker	Karen O.	Mikayla G.		Larry J.		Bonnie H.



Ben at Camp, 2016

## Camp Mack Corner

### Upcoming Opportunities at Camp:

- FLYE Weekend October 4-5
- Camp Mack Festival October 5
- Go to the Camp Mack website: [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org) for information and to register or call 574-658-4831.

### Camp Mack Festival

Make plans to check out the fun and food at the Camp Mack Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2019! Be sure to join in the fun, and help support such a valuable ministry to our community. The Camp's physical address is 1113 E. Camp Mack Road, Milford, IN 46542. Free parking and free admission! Put it on your calendar!



P.O. Box 158, Milford, IN 46542  
Phone: 574-658-4831 Fax: 574-658-4765  
Email: [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org) Website:  
[www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)



## Community Support

### Church Food Pantry

Our local pantry is looking to supplement what we get from Milford each month. Additional items needed are:

Mac and Cheese boxes  
Hamburger  
Baked beans  
Hamburger /Tuna/  
Chicken Helper  
Peanut butter  
Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)  
Jelly  
Pasta  
Saltines  
Bread  
Soups  
Canned fruits and veggies  
Saltines  
Cleaning Supplies  
TP/Tissue  
Personal Hygiene items

### Hope 85

#### October is Mammogram Month

On Tuesdays 1-5pm and Thursdays 1-8pm women over 40 can pick up an order for a free mammogram.

New clinic opening in North Manchester!

Needed supplies can be dropped off at Wabash Friends Church  
Copy Paper (letter size)  
Cleaning Supplies  
TP/Tissue/Paper Towels  
Personal Hygiene items  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Feminine Products  
Address Labels  
OTC Medicines

Questions? Call 260-274-0011 or email [director@85hope.org](mailto:director@85hope.org)

## Powerhouse Regional Youth Conference

Camp Mack, November 16—17



Theme: The Chrysalis Life, Philippians 3:10a  
Speaker: Randall Westfall, director of Camp Brethren Heights, MI  
Grades 9-12  
\$90 youth/\$80 advisors—Due Nov 1 for discounts

Youth and advisors are invited to come and join them for worship, workshops, music, recreation, and fellowship with other Church of the Brethren youth in our region. For more information go to <https://www.manchester.edu/student-life/religious-life/powerhouse-youth-conference>.

...continued ...I was glad to get to meet a number of new people at this year's district conference, as well as Pastor's letter, getting a chance to re-connect with some folks who I've known for a good while. District Conference, like Annual Conference, has a sense of a family gathering to worship and fellowship as much as to do business. If you have not been in the past, I would encourage you to think about and perhaps plan to attend District Conference next year. If you are interested in learning more about District Conference, I'll be glad to chat more with you about it.

In Christ,

*Pastor Doug*



## Volunteers Needed

### A Note from Cliff



We are on for the week of December 1-7 when we need 7 volunteers in Jacksonville. That Florida site is in response to Hurricane Irma and we will be working in 4 counties, staying at a converted camp ground with good facilities.

## Brethren Leadership Institute Upcoming Courses

### New Testament Survey

Instructor: Robert Bowman

Dates: October 19, November 2 & 16, 2019

Location: TBA



To register for a BLI course or for questions, contact the District Office (260) 982-8805, [scindcob@gmail.com](mailto:scindcob@gmail.com).

Classes are open to all: You may be exploring ministry, answering a call to ministry, and/or seeking further education. CEUs are available. For more information on the Brethren Leadership Institute (BLI) and fees, visit <http://www.scindcob.org/BLI.html>.

## Witness Commission

### Disaster Relief Offering

Thank you from the Witness Commission (Karen O, Barb M, Linda B, Sharon L, Katie P.) for your generous giving to complete 17 hygiene kits that were taken to District Conference.

Now that that project is complete we would like to focus on relief for the Bahamas! If you have seen the pictures on TV you know the great disaster that has struck there. Beginning September 22 and ending on October 27 we will be welcoming your monetary offerings for this purpose. Specially marked envelopes will be offered or you may just put checks in the offering plate with "Bahamas" marked on the bottom. There may also be a special collection center in the back of the church, that will be turned in every week. Please be in prayer for this situation and give generously.

## District Prayer List

October 6—Please pray with us for Manchester University and Timbercrest Senior Living

October 13—Please pray with us for the Portland CoB and Northern Ohio District

October 20—Please pray with us for the Pymont CoB and Southern Ohio District

October 27—Please pray with us for the Roann CoB and Pacific Northwest District

## Music for Coming Home

Saturday, October 12 ♦ 7pm  
♦ Cordier Auditorium

Robert Jones and Matt Watroba present music that matters – the folk, blues, spirituals and social justice songs that shape the American experience.

## The Path to Becoming Your Best Self:

Advice and Stories from Alumni

Thursday, November 7 ♦  
7pm ♦ Cordier Auditorium

Join us as a panel of alumni shares stories about their experiences at Manchester, and how those experiences have led them to where they are now. Speakers will identify their passions, values and strengths, and explain how these things played a part in their success.



Brethren Disaster Ministries long-term project leaders Steve Keim and Kim Gingerich (first row from left) enjoy watching friendships develop among volunteers coming from different districts and backgrounds as they share God's love together.  
*Photo by Brethren Disaster Ministries staff*

## Serving together for a purpose

**By Kim Gingerich, long-term disaster project leader**

As a long-term volunteer project leader with the Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) Rebuilding program, I have had the privilege of experiencing this ministry from the “inside” for more than five years. I’ve been given the opportunity to see our denomination through different eyes: the eyes of service, compassion, and love. The one thing that keeps standing out to me is how we are united, as opposed to how we might be divided. The “we” are volunteers who come from different districts across the denomination to serve together each week. I often comment to them during our end-of-week debriefing that this ministry is the best-kept secret of our denomination.

Why do I say that? Because those who come to serve strive for a common goal that we fulfill together. What is that common goal? To glorify God as we serve with our hands, feet, and hearts to help restore hope in our clients and the communities in which we serve. Because we have that common goal, we are united. Despite our differences, we are united. We are united because we are motivated by love—God’s love for us and our love for Him—which in turn compels us to love our neighbor as ourselves. As Galatians 5:13-14 tells us: “Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

This is how we build the body and unite the church, week after week: through acts of service that provide opportunities to break down barriers and build relationships. Serving. United. Being the church. Continued Page 8

Since BDM has combined its two project sites into one in Lumberton, N.C., we have received a lot of feedback from volunteers that illustrates this unity through service. Here are just a few:

- We are working with people for a common goal—an extraordinary goal.
- It's the Holy Spirit taking human form, out of our hearts and into our hands.
- We're so different but we have so much in common.
- Volunteers are like-minded people.
- We come as strangers but leave as friends or family.
- We are stronger together.

Together, across districts and denominations, we come. Different but the same, bound together by love, serving for a purpose, restoring hope, and being the church as we build homes and relationships. These are the real ministries the Rebuilding program of Brethren Disaster Ministries.

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