

## Calendar of Events

- Fifth Term** ..... April 13 - May 21
- Priority Registration Ends ..... May 1
- Missions Involvement ..... May 2 - 3
- Choir Tour ..... May 22 - 29
- W.A.T.E.R.** ..... June 22 - July 31
- Family & Youth Week** ..... Aug. 3 - 7
- Staff Retreat** ..... Sept. 17 - 18
- First Term** ..... Sept. 19 - Oct. 29
- Second Term** ..... Nov. 2 - Dec. 10
- Christian Nurture Conference ..... Nov. 13 - 15
- Choir Tour ..... Dec. 11 - 18

## Fourth Term Tour

April 3-24, 2015

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| April 3    | Fly to El Salvador                            |
| April 4-6  | Programs and ministry in El Salvador          |
| April 7    | Drive into Guatemala                          |
| April 8-19 | Programs & ministry in Guatemala              |
| April 20   | Fly from Guatemala to Pittsburgh, PA          |
| April 21   | Rest  |
| April 22   | Stateside Spanish Program (tentative)         |
| April 23   | Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Ephrata, PA |

## Fifth Term Tour

May 22-29, 2015

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| May 22-27 | Tour to Prince Edward Island                |
| May 28    | Sanford Church of the Brethren, Sanford, ME |

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## Ministers' Week 2015

Over 100 pastors and their wives gathered at SMBI February 16-20 for a week of study, encouragement and fellowship. Traveling from VA, SC, OH, GA, NY, TN, WV, IN, IL, OR, MD, MN, Ontario, and of course, PA and representing at least ten different church affiliations, those attending were provided with plenty of opportunity for broad interaction. We thank the many children, spouses, employers, and church families who made it possible for so many to invest an entire week in personal growth and refreshment. We also thank the faculty who invested their time and energies and the financial contributors who made it possible for SMBI to provide this opportunity.

While the classes are central to the week, the opportunity for informal discussion and fellowship is often the highlight. There aren't many other places that a group of such diverse church leaders can discuss relevant issues before breakfast, during and between classes, over meals, through volleyball and into the early morning hours. We trust the kingdom of Christ was strengthened and built up through each aspect of input and interaction.

On Monday evening, there was time for introductions and sharing favorite quotes and tidbits of advice. Following are some of those:

- You will be criticized in life and there's always an ounce of truth in it. Find it and work on it.
- We can fight the devil better by rejoicing than anything else. -James Bucher
- If you want to be a leader, you'll be frustrated because no one wants to be led. If you don't want to be frustrated, be a servant because everyone likes to be served.
- The best way to gauge if you have a servant's heart is to see how you respond when you are treated like one.
- Hurt people hurt others, strong people forgive, intelligent people ignore.

- A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't
- Our greatest fear should not be failure, but of succeeding at something that's not important.
- Either you'll be flexible or miserable.
- Endeavor to be part of the solution and not the problem.
- No matter where you find yourself, there's always a right way to go.
- Anyone who doesn't have time to spend with God is either wasting time or is busier than God intended.
- It is easier to act your way into new thinking, than to think your way into new acting.
- The fundamental need of a Christian is not power, but brokenness.
- What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.  
-A.W. Tozer
- He who comes to a right belief about God is relieved of ten thousand temporal problems.  
-A. W. Tozer
- There is no panic in heaven, only plans.  
-Corrie Ten Boom
- Only one life, 'twill soon be past.  
Only what's done for Christ will last.
- The clock of life is wound but once, yet no one has the power to tell when those hands will stop. At late or early hour, live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in tomorrow, for tomorrow those hands may be still.
- Never, never, never give up.-Winston Churchill

Note: While many of the quotes come from other sources, that is only listed when it was provided.

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## ~ Births ~

Nelson & Miriam (Hershberger) Brubaker  
~ Desmond Lucas  
Brent & Grace (Yoder) Stoltzfus  
~ Liana Chario

Dwight & Brenda (Petersheim) Stoltzfoos  
~ Ava Marie  
Philip & Marlena (Stoltzfoos) Beiler  
~ Cameron Isaiah  
Joshua & Hannah (Harlow) Wagler  
~ Jiana Coleen

"There's no place so dark, that God's light can't shine through."

~ Corrie Ten Boom ~

A reproduction of the Emerald Chorale 2008" CD, *Hark I Hear The Harps Eternal* is available.  
This was a special group of SMBI alumni directed by Urie Sharp.  
Please call or email the office if you would like to place an order.

**We have room for more students & families to enroll in 5th term, 2015.**

Our new 2015-2016 catalogs/handbooks are now available.

\*The course catalog and student applications are available at [smbi.org](http://smbi.org).

\*\*Contact your local church or call/email SMBI for more information or a catalog.

\*\*\*Catalogs will be shipped to international addresses only by request, due to high postage rates.

*W. A. T. E. R.*

*June 22 - July 31, 2015*

World Awareness Training In Evangelistic Responsibility

We welcome you to join us for a week of training at SMBI and then join a mission team in the U.S., Mexico, Belize, Spain, Guatemala, Ireland, Southeast Asia, & more for 4 1/2 weeks in ministry.

There are over 25 locations to choose from.

**Young men, especially, are needed!** Come prepared to bless and be blessed.

**2015 Ministers Week Sessions CDs are being reproduced and available to buy.**

**Please contact the office or Elijah Yoder if you would like a copy.**

**Following are the dates for Ministers' Week, 2016: February 15-19.**

"My responsibility as a Christian is to show others  
what it looks like to serve the King."

## ~ Weddings ~

Doyle Byler & Teresa King ~ 11/1/14

Steven Shirk & Shanna Weaver ~ 11/29/14

# NEW CD RELEASE

Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute  
has just released a new Cd entitled  
*Proclaim His Glory.*

Price: Wholesale- \$9.00 Retail- \$13.00

CD includes

"Hallelujah, Mungu Wa Israeli" arr. by Michael Burkhardt

"Offertory" by John Ness Beck

"As For You, My Son" by Lyle Stutzman

"Yesterday, Today, and Forever" Douglas Byler

"This Is My Word" by Pepper Choplin  
plus 11 more.

This CD is directed by Benjamin Good & Lee Weaver  
and recorded by Altar of Praise Studio, Leola, PA.

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## First Term Enhanced

September 19 - October 29, 2015

First Term Enhanced provides several unique opportunities among the SMBI terms. First, it is a shorter period of study with four weeks of classes. The structure provides the same amount of class time per class as the standard terms. However, the minimum course load is 4 1/2 study hours rather than 6 study hours. Second, first term incorporates personal discipleship through small group meetings and a Friday evening-Saturday event. Third, an optional 10-day hands on opportunity is provided following the term. Students may choose one of the following tracks: music ministry, personal development through wilderness experience, or urban ministry.

### Post-Term Opportunities

**Music Ministry:** (One Music Credit)

This opportunity is an extension of the choir with a small group (4-10 members) traveling to some of the same locations involved with the urban ministries and providing a capella music ministry and other support to those teams. Presentations will be primarily in ministry contexts such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, schools, streets, and possibly churches. Enrollment in *Music Ministry and Theology* is required. (approx. \$275)

**Wilderness Development:** (One Practical Credit)

This opportunity takes the student into the wilderness to continue the training and personal growth established during term. These intense canoe or hiking trips provide ample opportunity to deepen relationships with God and others and expand team-building skills. Time will be devoted to individual and group reflection to maximize the experiential lessons which are encountered. These trips are limited to 10 ladies and 10 men. Consider leaving behind watches and cell phones for personal growth. (approx. \$525)

**Urban Ministry:** (One Evangelism Credit)

This is an opportunity for hands on experience in urban ministries. Locations offer the opportunity to work in an established mission setting or to be a part of a ground breaking work. Students may also choose to return to their home area for ministry development. The students will spend a maximum amount of time in hands on involvement. In each opportunity, students are expected to be prepared to find or create some of their own avenues of ministry. Maturity suited to urban ministry and self-direction is required. Opportunities may include homeless shelters, hospitals, parks, nursing homes, kids clubs, church, community service, tract distribution and anything else possible to integrate in the life of the city. Time is also set aside each day for the team to intentionally reflect on the experiences and interactions of the day. Each team will consist of 2-6 members. Ministry locations are listed in the course catalog.

**Note:** All costs are estimates. Music and Urban Ministry may also include some additional cost for public transportation in the city, meals while on the street, etc.