

Calendar of Events

W.A.T.E.R.	June 25 - Aug. 3
Family & Youth Week	Aug. 6 - 10
Staff Retreat.	Sept. 20 - 21
First Term	Sept. 22 - Nov. 1
Post-Term Opportunities.	Oct. 22 - Nov. 1
Wrap-up.	Nov. 1
Second Term	Nov. 5 - Dec. 14
Christian Nurture Conference	Nov. 16 - 18
Thanksgiving Vacation.	Nov. 22 - 23
Choir Tour	Dec. 14 - 20

Notice:

There are still openings for men & ladies in first, second, and fifth terms and men in fourth term.

Family & Youth Week

August 6 - 10, 2018

Arrival: Sunday Evening Aug. 5
Classes start: Mon. Aug. 6, 8:40 a.m.
Dismissal: Fri. Aug. 10, 12:00 p.m.

Generational Decisions—Myron Mullet (Adults)
Follow The Master – Matthew Bontrager (Youth)
I Can Tell Something is Bothering You—
Timothy Stoltzfus (Men)
A Noble Calling—Linda Stoltzfus (Ladies)
Choir—Benjamin Good (Youth)
The Justice, Mercy & Grace of God—
Byron Wolfer (All)
Clearly Seen—Timothy Stoltzfus (Youth)
Character Training (Ages 6-12)
Child Care (Ages 5 and under)

During the morning, child care is provided for the 0-5 year-olds, and there are classes for the 6-12 year-olds, youth, and parents. In the afternoon, there are additional activities, free time and more, with chapel and recreation in the evening.

Knowing Jesus

In the fifth term class, *Discovering Our God*, students studied an introduction to theology, Theology Proper, Bibliology, and Christology. One of the assignments was titled, *Knowing Jesus*, in which they were to scan the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They were to watch for two things– first, “How did Jesus relate to people?” noting words, emotions, responses, and desires. Secondly, they were to observe how people responded to Jesus. Finally, they were to summarize Jesus’ heart toward us and our response toward Him. Following are two student responses to the first part of the assignment.

The first piece was written by Leonardo Penner from Zacatecas, Mexico. He was a student during third, fourth, and fifth terms. The second piece, written as a personal letter, was composed by Elizabeth Miller from Sheldon, WI. She was a fifth term student.

Jesus Heart ...

When Jesus walked here on earth, he lived a perfect life- serving, healing, and preaching. He did this as an example to how we as Christians need to walk. As we press forward in our journey of getting to know God better and better and experiencing Him in our life, our actions should also reflect His actions more and more.

Jesus’ main concern here on earth was definitely not the physical health of the people He ministered to, but rather their spiritual state. His first message to the people was to repent of their sins. The word repent has the meaning of feeling or showing that you are sorry for something bad or wrong you did and that you want to do what is right. Without being sorry for the sins and a willingness to leave those sins, Jesus cannot change a person’s heart.

When Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, I think He had more in mind, then just hav-

ing them following Him in that moment. He wants us as believers to be in the same yoke as He is. Not just for a day, or a week, or a year. All the time! This might seem limiting, but it actually is freeing! As we walk along His side, matching His movements, we find peace for our souls in knowing that we are doing our Father’s will. *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:29)*

Due to The Fall, there are many needs on earth, both physical and spiritual. Jesus also came to meet those needs. He healed people with all manner of sicknesses and diseases. He made the blind to see and the deaf to hear. But more important then meeting those physical needs, He met their spiritual needs! He forgave the sins of those that believed in His power to do so!

Sometimes Jesus needed to reprimand His disciples for their lack of faith, just as He would need to reprimand us today if He were still walking among us. Yet I believe that He did it gently. Once they were on the sea in the midst of a great storm. They came to Him panicking, crying for help! Instead of harshly telling them to finally learn their lesson and stop fearing, he asked them calmly: Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? He then proves that they have nothing to fear as He is the Creator, and thus controls the sea.

Jesus knows the heart of a person. He knows if they are humble or proud. He knows if people are aware and sorry for their sins or if they consider themselves good people. He is very close to those who see their need and helps them. But He is also hard on those that are self-righteous. An example of this is Luke 13:15 where Jesus calls the ruler of the synagogue a hypocrite.

I am thankful that God is such a patient teacher, and that if I abide in Him, He slowly transforms me into a being more like Him!

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My Child,
You must know that I am with you — My very name: Immanuel, means this! You have searched carefully for Me and I love your great joy when you find Me! For you cannot live by anything but My words. The food you crave is just a taste of the hunger I want you to have for Me. I want you to worship Me only. When you come to Me as I call, I will make you an ambassador. You will lead souls to Me. I will teach you. You will be blessed & have an even greater reward in Heaven.

My child, you have a light within you, SO LET IT SHINE! I need you to give. Freely. Don't turn away from anyone. And you must pray! Even for those who hurt you. I love you, and I've loved you even when you turned away from Me. My reward is when you choose Me! And since you chose Me, you must love the "unlovable", you must love the "dusty", even when they don't love you back. Didn't I do the same for you?...but please never

act good just to look good. I don't care about false intentions. I want you to be alone with Me — for myself alone — so come to Me in private. I will still hear and see you. In return I will reward you. Your blessing will be incorruptible, so don't try to build up your fame or even wealth.

ALL YOU NEED IS ME! Seek ME before ANYTHING else, child, and don't worry. No, I mean it. Literally, do not worry about ANYTHING. There is enough wrong without you adding worry — it won't help. Seek ME, and on My Word, you will find ME. You are wise if you read this letter & OBEY. Yes, I know you ARE trying; you plea for My mercy and healing. I will touch you, child, and I will heal you. Have faith, and I will cleanse you! Did I not bear your pain Myself? Did I not suffer to heal you? Have FAITH IN ME. I have FORGIVEN you. I know your thoughts and I know the joy you have in My presence. So arise now, My child, and GO!!! But walk WITH ME. And you will fly.

Unique Opportunities– Sept. 22 - Nov. 1, 2018

In many ways, first term is like all the other terms with the usual classes and studies, relationships, volleyball, chapel, picnics, lots of good food and more. However, there are several unique features like four weeks of study rather than the normal six weeks. It also includes... (request a catalog or visit smbi.org for more information.)

Discipleship Groups



These groups are led by a staff mentor and meet at least every week, plus do an overnight cabin or other activity to facilitate more in-depth sharing and personal growth.

Music Ministry



This mobile ministry team does some formal presentation but is primarily equipped to serve in street settings, nursing homes, homeless shelters, children's ministry, private homes, and other more informal contexts.

Wilderness Personal Development

These wilderness trips are a great learning laboratory— especially if the classroom is not the preferred place to grow.

Coming in 2019

Israel Study Tour
October 19-31, 2019



- Ten Days in...
- ◆ Hamilton, OH
 - ◆ Wilkes-Barre, PA
 - ◆ York, PA
 - ◆ Baltimore, MD
 - ◆ Shenandoah, PA
 - ◆ Reading, PA
 - ◆ Washington, D.C.
 - ◆ New York, NY

Urban Ministries



Announcing!!!

2018-2019 Smbi Scholarships

First Ever – Limited Space – Limited Time

Five Scholarships available –

deadline to apply for a scholarship is June 30, 2018

Requirements: Attend 3 terms or more ...

Scholarship available for the fourth or fifth term

Scholarship includes:

~ Tuition: \$380

~ Room & Board: \$480

~ Books: up to \$75

~ Student Services Fee: \$20

Praise and Prayer...

First, we are privileged to know the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and experience Him as a personal Father. Second, we are grateful for a committed group of students to study during fifth term. They came from Alberta, Delaware, Maryland, New York, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and Mexico, but blended in one body in Christ. Finally, we are grateful for God's continued financial provisions which made it possible to lay new flooring in the ladies dorm hallway and lounge and install a sound system and digital projector in a second classroom. Unfortunately, the engine on the lawnmower blew and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$2500. Fortunately, that is serving well again as the grass doesn't wait on mechanics!

As you pray, please join us in praying for God's continued provision for...

... continued interest of sincere, committed students to enroll for open opportunities.

... wisdom to decide whether to repair three aging heating/cooling systems or replace them.

... direction in considering staff housing and other institute needs.

...staff positions still open for the 2018-19 school year.

... the \$5,000 or \$25,000 needed to complete the project.

... the neighboring landowner as he considers the future of his property.

~ Births ~

Doyle & Teresa (King) Byler

-Cherise Brielle

Eric & Clarissa (Keupfer) Byler

-Evelyn Victoria

Jeremy & Lynnae (Hartzler) Mummau

-Cherise Nicole

Jason & Rosalie (Petre) Nissley

-Angela Dawn

Japheth & Aimee (Beery) Stauffer

-Veronica Delight

Asher & Teresa (Miller) Witmer

-Caedmon Nishan

~ Weddings ~

Judson Yoder & Katrina Miller ~ 5.19.18

Braden Zimmerman & Hope Rotelle ~ 5.26.18

Benji Mast & Janae Miller ~ 6.2.18