

Calendar of Events

- First Term** Sept. 17 - Oct. 19
- Choir Music Ministry Tour. Oct. 20 - Oct. 27
- Second Term** Oct. 31 - Dec. 9
- Christian Nurture Conference Nov. 11 - 13
- Thanksgiving Vacation. Nov. 24 - 27
- Choir Tour Dec. 9 - 16

Notice:
 There are still openings for men second term, and men & ladies in fifth term. Apply at SMBI.org, call the office, or email us for more information.

- 2nd Term**
 October 31 - December 9, 2022
 Classes Offered:
 Early Church History
 Biblical Manhood
 Christian Morality
 John
 Books of Moses
 Public Speaking
 Congregational Conducting
 Personal Evangelism
 Servanthood that Enriches
 James
- ◆ 1 week choir tour following term

Mailing Updates
 Please email the office with address changes or updates.

Family and Youth Week Aug. 1-5, 2022

Family Week 2022 has been a special week for our family. It has been a mix of catching up with old friends and making new ones. It has been a week of connection and growth.

We could sense the Holy Spirit's guidance in the speakers and the topics and I marveled at how they flowed together.

Each family at Family Week brings unique dynamics to the group, and I love to see how a bond forms as the week progresses.

The encouragement, wholesome recreation, laughter and tears shared provides something for the family that is hard to duplicate in many vacations.

-Personal Testimony

Overheard...

- "Try to be part of the solution, not the problem."
- "We have to find the balance between what's right and... what's right."
- "Getting a new perspective on family and the Bible was interesting."
- "Family is God's image to the world."
- "Jesus is our answer for all of our problems. His Holy Spirit will provide the knowledge we need."
- "A well-organized, life-giving week for us all."
- "I feel like I gained a new perspective on who God is and how He relates to His children."
- "All of life involves God."



**40 Staff
 28 Families
 77 Children
 60 Youth**



Hobos ready to hit the trail for the Hobo Hike.

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WATER 2022

We were excited to once again be able to offer the WATER program. The last two years were cancelled due to COVID. This year was not without its challenges in that regard, but all students arrived at their destinations and returned with few complications related to that. Praise the Lord!

The 21 ladies and 7 seven men gathered at the SMBI campus for a week of classes, team development activities, and orientation. They then traveled to Cambodia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Liberia, Columbia and other South American countries, Bangladesh, Ireland, South Dakota, and Colorado. They partnered with established ministries and staff in these locations for 4 1/2 weeks of apprentice style training. Of course, this can be stretching for staff and students alike! Ask around in your area and see if there is a WATER student that could share some personal stories with you.



WATER 2023

June 19-July 28

The 2023 WATER brochures should be available in late November. Contact the office for more information or check our website - smbi.org - for locations available this year.



Financial Update

- ◆ We are grateful for the generous contributions that have kept the general fund healthy.
- ◆ We appreciate the \$13,617.05 in family week donations.
- ◆ The housing project provided lodging for 20 during family week. Such a blessing! Last year it was under construction.
- ◆ \$28,000 is needed to complete the funding for the housing project.
- ◆ We don't know if God sustained it, or if it was a coincidence, but several days after family week the AC in the chapel quit. The compressor went out. Since it is more than 20 years old, the unit and the unit for the office area will be replaced in the next few weeks. If you wish to contribute to this project you can earmark it "AC units."

~ Births ~

Sheldon & Christine (Fisher) Bender
Chadwick Taylor

Milford & Susanna (Nolt) Nolt
Juliana Blessing

Marcus & Jewel (Beiler) Gingrich
Peter Macrae

Matthew & Anna (Brubaker) Stoltzfus
Heather Brooke



Public Lounge Update

The update of the public lounge that has been in the works for a year has finally happened. New lights were the first step. Then paint, followed by new carpet, furniture and finally décor. It is ready for the students and staff of 2022-23! It will be enjoyed by MANY in the years to come. Thank you to all who made it possible!



Board Update

SMBI is governed by a 16 member association which is lead by a five member executive board. Raymond Harnish served as vice-chairman for many years, but has faced recent health challenges. Rene Clugston of McConnellsburg, PA was elected as the new vice-chairman. Merle Gingrich also served many years as treasurer, but opted not to accept another term. Daniel Beachy of Winfield, PA was elected to take his place as treasurer. They join Kevin Hurst, chairman; Daniel Hege, Secretary; and Elmer Glick, assistant secretary.



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~ Weddings ~

Kara Troyer & Trenton Byler - 5.28.22

Natasha Kurtz & Willie Peters - 6.10.22

Abigail Beiler & Aaron Lambright - 7.15.22