

UPDATE
Missouri Arkansas District
Church of the Brethren
September 11, 2014

See You in a Week: It's time to make our yearly trek to Windermere Conference Center. The Program and Arrangements Committee will have set up Deer Ridge Lodge on the morning of September 19 ready to welcome the kith and kin from around the district. When all have gathered we expect about 80 of you.

When you arrive, go to the registration building to sign in, pay your bill and receive your meal ticket and room key. If there is time, locate your room and move in.

First on the schedule will be lunch in the dining hall. Pastors and their spouses will take their trays to the far right-hand section of the dining room where we will have a special place to greet, eat, and share a bit so plan to arrive there as close to 12 noon as possible. All other conference goers will eat in the regular space near the serving tables and the exciting DESSERT counter.

The Friday afternoon workshop is for all. This was formerly for Pastors and spouses, but this year it will be open to all and we encourage everyone who can, to make their way to Deer Ridge Lodge by 1:30. Annual Conference Moderator, David Steele, will lead us in ways to pump up our group muscles under the theme: **“Where Two or Two-Hundred are Gathered: Strengthening Congregational Life”**. CEUs will be offered to credentialed ministers.

All adults will find their conference packet and name tag in the entrance of Deer Ridge.

If you are a delegate, remember to bring along the materials mailed to you a month ago. These you will insert in the folder with your name on it, making a complete packet for yourself.

For those who like to get up early and drink in the fresh morning air, come with your Bible to the dining hall at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Windermere has remodeled the patio next to the lake end of the dining hall. We will gather there, in the presence of the sunrise and the lake, to greet the day together with our Early Morning Bible Study.

Remember to **bring along your needle and thimble** for the Women's Fellowship Quilt will be there hoping for many, many stitches to be added during the weekend.

The complete schedule for the weekend is found at the end of this UPDATE.

Warrensburg Congregation is 100 Years Old: The Warrensburg congregation celebrated by “Looking Back, Moving Forward, 1914-2014”. A wonderful weekend was planned to celebrate this milestone.

A beautiful new banner graced the front of the sanctuary, a great choir sang their hearts out, all five of the ministry team contributed to the Sunday service with over 90 persons in attendance.

At the end of the day a catered meal was spread out, giving the ladies a rest from work and letting them enjoy a day of celebration also. The picnic tables and chairs with white table cloths and napkins spread out under the shade trees in the church yard, the heavenly breezes with bountiful tables of good food and loving joyous fellowship was the perfect ending for a weekend Celebrating 100 years of the Warrensburg Church of the Brethren.

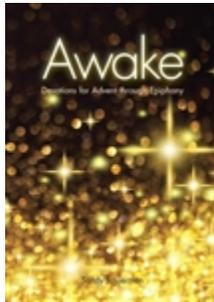


On Saturday night there had been an old time Love Feast with long tables for men and others for women. Sop was served in the traditional way of the Warrensburg church, lovingly prepared by Evelyn Brown. The Love Feast was followed by a youth service complete with a band and lively singing.

The Sunday previous to the “Big Celebration” the worship service had been held in “old style” with the ministers sitting at a table on the same level as the congregants and wearing white shirts with no ties. Pearl Miller led the acappella singing, lining out some of the songs.



“AWAKE” Now Available: Sandy Bosserman is the author of the 2014 Advent Devotional published by Brethren Press. As always Sandy writes with depth and question to stimulate our ponderings. Order one for each family in your congregation.



If ordered by September 22 it can be purchased for \$2.25 per copy. After that date they will be \$2.75 each. Go to brethrenpress.com or call 800-441-3712.

Thurman Andrews Not Well:

Thurman Andrews is in Comfort Care at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He has been there about two weeks now with Opal constantly at his side. Please pray for Thurman and Opal to find strength in the love of God and His promises. (Walnut Ridge is located near Hoxie, west of Jonesboro.)

Spring Branch News:

What a joy to attend the 100th anniversary of the Warrensburg Church of the brethren,

on Sunday August 31 in Warrensburg, Mo. Six from Spring Branch Church, Diana and Ronnie Smith, Bob and Tommie Leet, Warren and Ida Mae Campbell were in attendance.

A nice baby shower was given for Claudine Manning's beautiful little great granddaughter, Arabella, in the Church's fellowship hall on Sept. 4, Thursday afternoon. Hostesses were Barb Christian and Tommie Leet who did a very nice job making it festive with their pretty baby decorations.

The first week end of October will be Spring Branch's annual community weenie roast, and we always plan for a community wide turn out with games for the children, lots of good food and with the help of Eddie Van Gordon, and his Country Gospel Band, we so much enjoy at the end of the evening.

District Conference September 19 and 20, is just around the corner and eleven have registered from Spring Branch Church. We are looking forward to seeing several of our brothers and sister in Christ from over MO/ARK District. (Church Reporter- Ida Mae Campbell)

Cabool Women Raise Funds:

Saturday, September 6, found the Daughters Of Shalom hard at work on their annual fundraiser called “Shalom’s September Specialties.” They had a yard sale, noon soup and pie luncheon, and a bake sale. Over \$1,000 was raised. The profits will be used to support three of their outreach ministries in the community – The Boomerang Bag Project (weekend food for hungry school children), Newborns in Need, and STARS, a local arts opportunity for community children.

Keep Reading to Find the District Conference Schedule.

Missouri Arkansas District Conference Schedule September 19-20, 2014

Windermere Conference Center, Roach, MO

Theme: "GRACE"

(Disclaimer: This schedule is not written in stone! It may be adjusted as needed. Luci L.)

Friday Schedule

- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Minister / Spouse Luncheon** as guests of the district
- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Workshop for EVERYONE** with David Steele, 2015 Annual Conference
Moderator
- (.3 CEUs available). All are welcome to attend this workshop in the main meeting room of Deer Ridge Conference Building.
- 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Registration and Check-In at Camp Office
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Evening Meal in Dining Hall
- 6:45 – 7:05 p.m. Gathering, Singing, Announcements
- 7:05 – 7:15 p.m. Congregational reports by Program & Arrangements committee
- 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. **Opening Worship for the 2014 District Conference**
Worship Leader, Moderator-elect, Barbra Davis,
First Conference Offering
"This Grace In Which We Stand" Moderator's Message, Luci Landes
Lighting Memorial Flames for those we have lost during the past year.
- 8:15 – 8:30 p.m. District Mission Advocate Report, Darlene Riley
- 8:30 – 8:45 p.m. **Break with SNACKS**, Gary and Beth Gahm presiding
- 8:45 – 9:00 p.m. Report on her trip to Turkey, Katie Heckerth
- 9:00 – 9:30 p.m. Have a blessed and restful night!

Saturday Schedule

- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. **Morning Bible Study** overlooking the lake in the Dining Hall
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in Dining Hall
- 8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Gathering, Singing, Announcements
- 8:40 – 8:50 a.m. Congregational reports by Program & Arrangements committee
- 8:50 – 9:50 a.m. Saturday Morning Worship Service, Rev. David Steele bringing our message
- 9:50 -10:00 a.m. **Second Conference Offering**
Break
- 10:00 -11:00 a.m. **Business Session #1**
1. Roll Call and Seating of the Delegates---Clerk Lisa Irlle
 2. Consecration of the Delegates---Moderator
 3. Recognition of Guests and Visitors---Carolyn Schrock
 4. Acceptance of the 2013 District Conference Minutes

5. District Executive's Report---Carolyn Schrock
 6. Treasurer's Report---Maurice Bosserman
 7. Proposed District Budget---Paul Landes
 8. Calling Leadership, Slate of Officers---Barbra Davis, Moderator-elect
- 11:00 -11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15 -11:30 a.m. Report from NYC Participants
- 11:30 -12:00 noon **Business Session #2**
9. District Leadership Team Report---Evelyn Brown, convener
 10. New Business Item: Closing of the Deepwater Congregation, Evelyn Brown
 11. Music and Blessing for our meal
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Noon Meal in Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Business Session #3**
12. Standing Committee Report Roger Schrock
 13. Reports
 - Church of the Brethren Agencies
 - District Camp Report—
 - District Disaster Coordinator Report---Gary Gahm
 - Festival of Sharing---Martha Louise Baile
 - Program and Arrangements Committee—Evaluation
 - Other, Announcements
 14. Passing of the Gavel, Prayer of Consecration,
2015 District Conference Moderator Response: Barbra Davis
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Closing**