

Calendar of Events

Fifth Term	April 11 - May 20
Priority Registration Ends	May 1
Missions Involvement	April 22 - 24
Choir Tour	May 20 - 26
WATER.	June 20 - July 29
Family & Youth Week	Aug. 1 - 5
Staff Retreat.	Sept. 15 - 16
First Term	Sept. 17 - Oct. 19
Music Ministry	Oct. 20 - 27
Second Term	Oct. 31 - Dec. 9
Christian Nurture Conference	Nov. 11 - 13
Choir Tour	Dec. 9 - 16

4th Term Tour Itinerary

April 2-21, 2022

2, 6:30 pm	Faith Haven Mennonite Church - Fredericksburg, PA
3, 6:00 pm	Living Water Mennonite Church - Goshen, IN
4, 7:00 pm	Trinity Christian Fellowship - Arthur, IL
5, 7:00 pm	Leon Salem Mennonite Church - Leon, IA
6, 7:30 pm	Salem Country Church - Seward, NE
7, 7:00 pm	Cheyenne Christian Fellowship - Cheyenne, WY
8, 6:30 pm	First Southern Baptist Church - Rawlins, WY
9,	Travel
10, 10:00 am	Living Water Mennonite Fellowship - Provo, UT
11, 7:30 pm	Sunnyview Mennonite Fellowship - Olathe, CO
12, 7:00 pm	Skyline Mennonite Church - Canon City, CO
13,	Travel
14, 7:00 pm	Grace Mennonite Fellowship - Seminole, TX
15, 7:00 pm	Osceola Christian Fellowship - Itasca, TX
16,	Travel
17, 10:00 am	Maranatha Mennonite Church - Taylorsville, MS
17, 7:00 pm	Magnolia Mennonite Church - Macon, MS
18, 7:30 pm	Meigs Mennonite Church - Meigs, GA
19, 7:30 pm	Hephzibah Mennonite Church - Hephzibah, GA
20,	Travel
21, 7:30 pm	Fairview Mennonite Church - Reading, PA

Check our [Facebook page](#) for updates during tour.

OBSERVING TO LEARN

Megan Zehr of Gladys, Virginia has been a student at SMBI terms 1-4 of this year. The following was written as a short essay for Christian Writing class.

Humans are beautiful created beings. We were and are created by God Himself in His very own image. On our quest to learn about Him and the people He created, I believe, one of the best avenues of learning is observing each other, His image-bearers.

We can observe each other at various levels. The first of those would be from a stranger's point of view. This can be done in places like sitting in coffee shops, walking through grocery stores, or simply strolling down streets. As we observe the strangers around us, we can see the various ways in which they bear God's image. People are so different in so many different ways, and in their differences they portray so many parts of God's image. As we observe strangers, we can see God's creativity and His sense of humor. We can see His love of life and His love of beautiful things. We can see His complexity and also His simplicity. All of this we can see and learn about God from simply observing perfect strangers, if we watch closely with a desire to learn.

Another level would be from a friend's point of view. As we get to know people as friends, we gain a

much better vantage point to observe the parts of people that bear the image of the heart of God. We can see clearly what God's love looks like in real, practical ways. We can see His patience, His mercy, and His justice, all in the lives of other people and in our relationships with them. These people begin to have a major impact on our lives. We can then observe how God uses people around us to change us, to pour into us, and to speak His truth to us. As we observe these friends, we can clearly see the beauty and the love of God, if we are alert and watching for it.

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The closest and deepest level of this observing I believe would happen in very close relationships. Over many years as we learn to know someone at a deep level, we will be able to observe many things and to learn many things

about God. Godly relationships paint a very clear picture of what the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is like. If we look for it, we can find the very essence of God in our closest friends and in our most treasured relationships.

Observe the people around you. Observe strangers, your acquaintances, and your most loved and cherished friends. If we observe well, we will find, in the human beings around us, beauty, love, justice, mercy, etc...the very image of God.

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

- ◆ All information, schedules, applications, and reference forms are available at [SMBI.org](#).
- ◆ Contact the office for more information or for a printed catalog.



- ◆ Priority registration ends May 1. After that remaining openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ **CALLING ALL FAMILIES-** Maybe you think your opportunity to attend SMBI has passed. Maybe you just need a refresher. Maybe new responsibilities have created a need for more preparation for life and ministry. Whatever the case, we love to have couples and families join us. Apartment lodging is available on and near campus.



PROJECT UPDATE

ENROLLMENT OPEN
 For 2023, the basement portion of the housing project continues to move forward. Drywall, painting, suspended ceiling, flooring, and cabinets are complete. Trim and doors are delivered and scheduled to be complete the first week of April.

Remaining are some landscape details, finish the mechanicals, appliances, details like shelving, and the other loose ends that go with finishing a project. And, of course, furnishings.

We have been very blessed with the financial support for this entire project. Approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 is needed to complete and furnish it.

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LIFE

Life. What is it?
This passage on earth...
Is it mere being-
A result of birth?
Are we actually living
Or is life an illusion?
Is there any sense
In this world of confusion?

Life. What is it?
This passion of the soul...
This desperate desire
To stay in control.
The feelings of weakness
Of sorrow and pain;
Is life worth the living
With it's stress and strain?

Life. What is it?
A self seeking treasure?
Should we live in the moment
Pursuing our pleasure?
Is it a great play
With ourselves in the center-
Where we shun other actors
And forbid them to enter?

Life. What is it?
To feel pain and grief?
Is life... to suffer

Without any relief
To feel empty and hurting
And always alone?
Is this just our karma
Written in stone?

Life. What is it?
A meaningless trek?
Where all life is pointless
And some lives a wreck?
You live, then you die
And return to the dust,
While the kingdoms you built
Corrode with the rust?



Life. What is it?
Is there really more?
The answer is true
And will always endure.
And here is the answer-
"Life equals Love".

To love Christ now-
And someday above.
To give Him your heart
Your mind and your soul
To cast off your sin
And let Him take control.
Gone is the void
That once had the heart;
Gone is the guilt
That tore it apart.
Gone is the shallow,
The life lacking meaning.
And all fear is banished
By God's love redeeming

Where once there was pain
He gives healing and peace;
Where once sorrow dwelt
He makes joy to increase.
Where loneliness was
He gives sister and brother-
A church that loves Christ
And helps one another.

And when you're in Christ
Nothing can er'e sever
Your real life with Him
For ever and ever.

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3rd & 4th terms 2022

~Births~

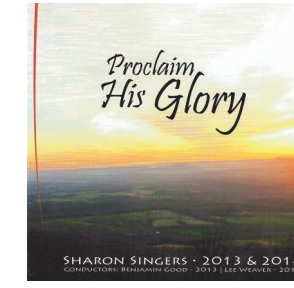
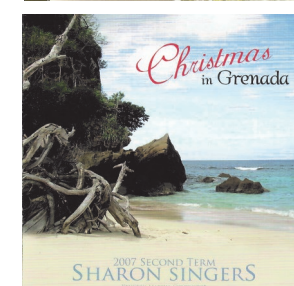
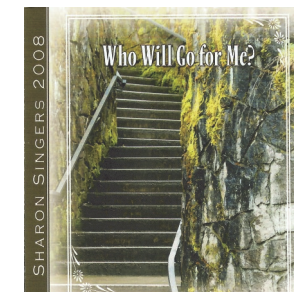
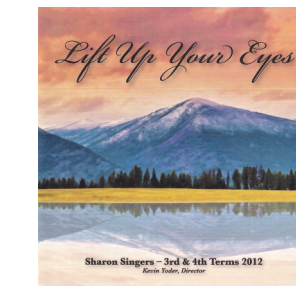
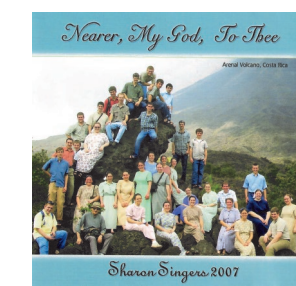
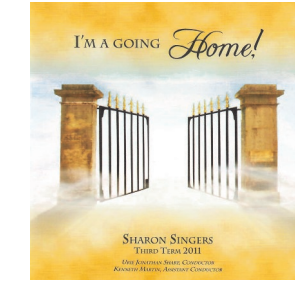
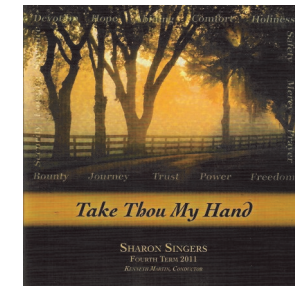
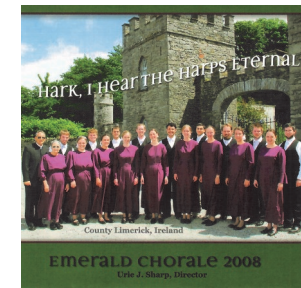
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Zaiden John

Shawn & Gina (Lehman) King
Cherith Delight

Josh & Elyse (Yoder) Nolt
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CD Sale!

\$9 each
Sale ends April 30th 2022
2004-2014 cd's
Contact the office - smbi@smbi.org
or order through our website - smbi.org



Minister's Week 2022 Sessions

- Resolving Conflict - John Coblentz*
- Jesus, the Master Servant - Kevin Bauman*
- Servanthood - Larry Bergey*
- Nonresistance Under Test - Kenneth Ranck*
- Church Administration - Various Speakers*
- Blessed Art Thou Among Women - Various Speakers*
- Relationships - Linda Bergey*

(To read descriptions, see the Ministers Week brochure at smbi.org.)

To order a flash drive of sessions contact the office -
717.485.4341 or smbi@smbi.org / they are also available on
our website - smbi.org

\$30/ flash drive (most sessions included)



5th Term 2022 Openings

April 11 - May 20, 2022

- Classes offered:
- Gospel & Culture - Elijah Yoder
 - Victorious Christian Living - Byron Wolfer
 - Genesis - Benjamin Good
 - Sermon on the Mount - Clifford Schrock
 - Revelation - Elijah Yoder
 - *Music Theo. & Appreciation - Samuel Heatwole
 - *Biblical Stewardship - Byron Wolfer

Choir directed by: Benjamin Good

World Awareness Training in Evangelistic Responsibility

June 20 - July 29, 2022

Locations are filling up but we welcome you to join us for a week of training at SMBI and then join a mission team in the U.S., Grenada, Guatemala, Liberia, Mongolia, South America, Cambodia & more for 4 1/2 weeks in ministry. There are 27 locations to choose from.

Young men especially are needed, but there are also some locations open for ladies!

Come prepared to bless and be blessed.
Contact the office for more information on available locations.

