

Calendar of Events

- First Term** Sept. 16 - Oct. 18
- Choir Music Ministry Tour. Oct. 19 - Oct. 26
- Second Term** Oct. 30 - Dec. 8
- Christian Nurture Conference Nov. 10 - 12
- Thanksgiving Vacation. Nov. 23 - 26
- Choir Tour Dec. 8 - 15

- 2nd Term**
- October 30 - December 8, 2023
- Classes Offered:
- Missiology
- Christian Evidences
- Music Fundamentals
- Ruth & Other Bible Women
- Servanthood That Enriches I,II,III John/Jude
- ◆ 1 week choir tour following term

Mailing Updates

Please email the office with address changes or updates.

Prayer Request

Continue to pray for the need for an assistant administrator

Student Opportunities:

There are still openings for men & ladies in second term, and men in fourth term. Waiting lists for full terms are shorter, so there may even be opportunity there. Apartment lodging is available for student families. Apply at SMBI.org, call the office, or email us for more information.

Family and Youth Week July 30 – August 4, 2023

Family is clearly the first institution designed by God. The foundations are found in Genesis 2 with one man and one woman in a covenant relationship with each other and God. Soon we find children and ongoing generations added to the family in Genesis 4 and 5.

In this design, it is fascinating to note that God created children to be far more dependent than any other part of creation. Sea turtles are independent from the time of birth having been abandoned by the parents after the eggs were laid. The wrens in our fern were flying and independent within days. Even an elephant, though dependent on its mother for several years, is up and walking within minutes and can keep up with the herd within two days.

This physical dependence points us to the fact that the family is exponentially more relational and intended to provide for the spiritual and emotional health of all. The family unit is the building block of society and the church. Family week exists to strengthen and encourage the entire family in this journey. May God bless you in that journey, also, whatever stage of family life you enjoy today.



**40 Staff
28 Families
80 Children
63 Youth**



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WATER 2023

World Awareness Training in Evangelistic Responsibility

The 25 ladies and 6 men gathered at the SMBI campus for a week of classes, team development activities, and orientation. They embarked on their adventures in different states and countries. Colorado, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Arkansas, Ireland, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, South America, and South Dakota were where the teams served. 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 2024

June 24-Aug. 1

The 2024 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.

Bulletin Board

- ◆ This term marks the beginning of SMBI's 48th year!
- ◆ Our vision statement can be summarized with the slogan, "Preparing for Life and Ministry."
- ◆ Students and staff this term come from PA (of course), OH, IN, MD, NC, NY, VA, IL, WI, MT, ON, AB, and Belize.
- ◆ Several projects completed this summer were the bathroom remodel in Apt. 1, mini-splits installed in two apartments, over 200 yds of carpet replaced in Apt. 1, the main hallway and office, and men's lounge. Painting was also done. New electrical pedestals and water hydrants were installed in the camping area.
- ◆ Four HVAC units will be installed soon which will complete the replacement of all HVAC equipment in the main building over the last several years.

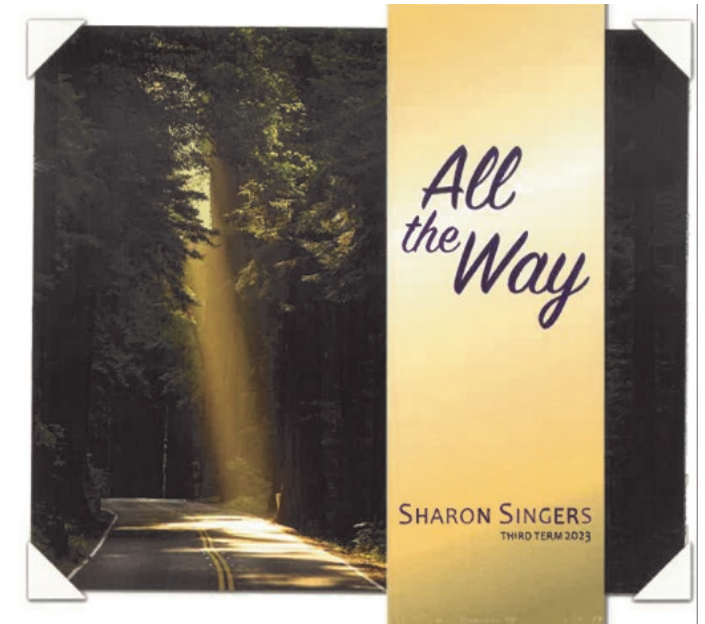
~ Births ~

Nevin & Heather Bergey
-Elliot Cole 8/1/23

NEW CD RELEASE!

All The Way
3rd Term 2023

- Honor the Lord
- Be Still
- In Your Silence
- Song of the Potter
- When Peace, Like a River
- All Things New
- The Lord is My Shepherd
- Fountain of Life
- In Deepest Night
- Oh, How Happy Are They
- Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
- I Then Shall Live
- Soon-ah Will Be Done
- All the Way My Savior Leads Me



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- order through our website at smbi.org -



Check out the opportunity to set up a recurring contribution on the support page at SMBI.org. Expand the impact of "small dollar donations." Every dollar counts! Just 30 donors contributing \$1/day (\$30/mo.) adds over \$10,000 to the budget.

Student Aid Fund

If you wish to contribute to this fund, earmark donations, "Student Aid." This provides discounts for pastors (and those supporting their children), school teachers, long-term mission staff, and those with financial need.



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~ Weddings ~

Brandon Weaver & Cheryl Gingerich 8/11/23