

Calendar of Events

- Water** June 20 - July 29
- Family Week** Aug. 1-5
- Staff Retreat** Sept. 15 - 16
- First Term** Sept. 17 - Oct. 19
- Choir Ministry Tour Oct. 20 - Oct. 27
- Second Term** Oct. 31 - Dec. 9

- Contact the office for a catalog and application materials, or visit us at SMBI.org for class schedules and descriptions, student handbook, application materials and more.

Family Week 2022 August 1-5

- The Bible—A Book for Teens (Youth) - Conrad Sollenberger
- Date Night Conversations (Adults) - Dan & Sil Beiler
- Family—The Center of the Universe (All) - Conrad Sollenberger
- Music Matters (Youth) - Samuel Heatwole

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.

For more information and registration visit us at SMBI.org

Preparing For Action

Blood smeared on the doorposts, lamb roasting on the fire, and garments girt about their loins, the Israelites prepared for their exit from Egypt. They were ready for the journey through the wilderness. Peter, writing to Jews in exile, uses the familiar analogy of girding up the loins to convey the necessity of spiritual readiness. The pivotal turning point in his letter is I Peter 1:13. The first twelve verses of chapter one lay the foundation of salvation by grace. Now he exhorts his readers to holy living and to “gird up the loins of (their) mind.”

for life and ministry. This is true in one sense, but Peter uses the middle participle to stress the responsibility the Christian carries to perform this action for himself. It is also an aorist tense, which is a point in time action before the action of the main verb. This stresses the point that if the believers do not gird up the loins of their minds, they will not be able to fulfill the action of the main verb, which is *to hope*. If they do not make up their mind decisively, their hope will be incomplete.

In Biblical times, the garment of choice was long robes. These could be extremely cumbersome and difficult to maneuver. They restricted fast movement. When men were preparing to go into battle or on a journey, they would gather the bottoms of their robes and secure them at the waist with a leather belt, giving them the ability to move around freely. When Peter commanded the believers to gird up their loins, He was using this vivid metaphor to instruct them to be unimpeded in their thoughts and actions. Nothing was to deter them from the journey and battle they were engaged in.

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 1:13

Girding up the loins is a decisive action. It is done now. Peter begins the book by reminding his readers that salvation is through the blood of Christ. This foundational cleansing and grace is what empowers believers to live a holy life, but decision is what steers the life of the believers. The pivot between God’s grace and a holy life is the choice between passivity and the choice to cultivate right thinking and actions. Girding up one’s mind is not about physical exertion, but is about mental exertion. The believer is to gather his mind together and rid it of fear, worry, jealousy, hatred, unforgiveness, and all impurities. These spaces are then given to the Holy Spirit who transforms the believers mind.

Spiritually, believers are to be prepared and ready for action. *Anazonumi* means “to gird or to bind about, especially by a belt.” Often, full responsibility for preparation for service is placed on God. Believers expect God to provide them with everything they need

Girding up the loins of one’s mind takes personal work and responsibility. Kenneth Wuest in his expanded translation of I Peter 1:13 states it as, “Wherefore, having put out of the way, once for all, everything that would impede the free action of your mind, be calm and collected in spirit, and set your hope perfectly, wholly, and unchangeably, without doubt and despondency upon the grace that is being brought to you upon the occasion of the revelation of Jesus Christ;” A mind free from the distractions that hinder the ability to fully hope is able to be at rest and to be decisively ready for the action in God’s kingdom.



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-2021-2022 Year At A Glance -



of Students per term:

- 1st Term: 37
- 2nd Term: 59
- 3rd Term: 73
- 4th Term: 67
- 5th Term: 20

Discipleship Groups offered 1st Term



Number of Students This Year: 168
 Number of Student Terms: 256
 States Represented: 23
 Countries represented:
 Belize, Canada, Chile



Weeks of choir tour throughout the year - 7 1/2

of staff terms 1-5
43

Highest average term age: 22.9

Lowest average term age: 20.9

Ministers Week Count:
142 (including staff)



-Housing Project-

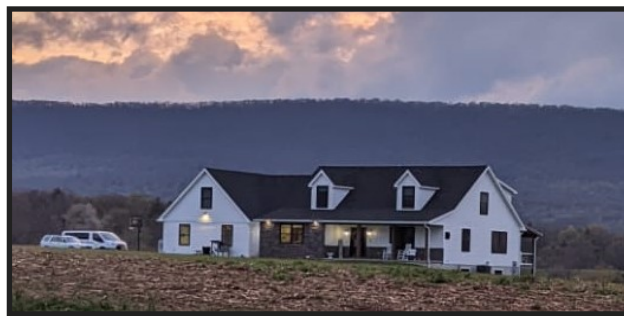
States Toured this school year:



Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming



Family Week Count: 235 (including staff)



~ Births ~

Mike & Judi (Hess) Fisher
Oaklen Tate

Andrew & Esther (Brenneman) Hinds
Hubert Dietrich

Micah & Carissa Krabill
Kyler John

~ Weddings ~

George Weaver & Sarah Hoover - 4.16.22

First Term Course Schedule

(There are still openings for men and ladies)
September 17 - October 19, 2022

Gal., Col., Phil., Philemon - Elijah Yoder
 Hebrews - Byron Wolfer
 Joshua / Judges - Larry Bergey
 I,II,III John / Jude - Elijah Yoder
 Music Fundamentals - Samuel Heatwole
 Developing the Servant - Larry Bergey
 Christian Ordinances - Clifford Schrock

Choir Ministry Tour ~ October 20-27

Congratulations, Graduates!



Stacey LaSee



Skyler Beery



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Housing Update

On May 12, 2021, framing began for the house project. Sept. 4, the Schrock family moved into the primary residence. Since Jan. 1, work has continued to finish the basement and it is expected to be finished by the time you read this! It is turning out beautifully- one would hardly know it is a basement! Cost to finish the basement is about \$46,000. About \$25,000 is needed to complete the funding. A huge thank you to all contributed time, material, finances, and prayer support to make this project happen!