

The Inspiration Daily

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"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4)

NOAC by the numbers

- 855 people are registered
- 700 books were in the first delivery to Junaluska Elementary School yesterday, when 33 NOAC participants went to read to students. The books that have been delivered and those that will be delivered later will be dedicated tomorrow morning after Bible study.

New location for devotions

Morning devotions with general secretary David Steele are being held at Inspiration Point, above the cross. Rain location: Lambuth Inn.

Look for purple tags

Congratulate people who attended the first NOAC in 1992. Spot them by the purple tags on their name badges.



Before tomorrow at noon...

Be sure to vote for your favorite hymn and put in final bids in the silent auction for memorabilia from the upper campus of the Brethren Service Center.

Take NOAC home with you

Recordings of presentations, sermons, and Bible studies are available to purchase in the office at the entry to Stuart, or purchase by filling out the order form in the NOAC packet.



Inspired by a love for books

By Jan Fischer Bachman

As a first-timer at NOAC in 2015, booklover Libby Kinsey happily donated book to the collection for Junaluska Elementary. At the school, the veteran reading and language arts teacher noticed a lack of reading material in the third to fifth grade classrooms. She and her husband, Jim Kinsey, decided to provide 200 books per classroom.

At Christmas, the adults in her family agreed to do something for the school instead of giving presents to each other. She also contributed books she earned working for the Scholastic Books warehouse sales. Eventually,

donations reached 250 books per upper grade classroom, plus Spanish language books for ESL teachers, for a total of around 3,000 books. In the process, she developed warm relationships in the school community. On Valentine's Day, students sent valentines and chocolates and wrote about the books they were reading. Kinsey, who reviews children's books online, made book recommendations for teachers and counselors.

Yesterday, she led a group of 33 NOACers to read at the school, and engaged the students by playing and singing songs about tolerance, acceptance, and love.

Where will inspiration lead you?

Photo scavenger hunt

by Ted Foster

Can you guess what these photos show? Answers will be given during Friday morning announcements.



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What lessons about faith did you learn from your parents or grandparents?



Marilyn Kieffaber:
Go to church on Sunday!

Richard Tobias:

Faith was a very important part of our growing up...

through the Depression years. My father would leave the house not knowing if he would find work that day. Life would be very difficult if you didn't have faith in God, faith in Christ, faith that there would be a meal on the table each and every day.



Bill Ludwick:

To be honest with your fellow man, and woman!



Larry Woodruff:
My mother and father-in-law, because they were both

ministers. My mother was Orthodox—she was Syrian. My dad was Brethren. You learn from both.



Sonja Griffith: My grandpa was a Brethren preacher. I never knew him very well

because he died when I was five. But I absorbed from him a lesson of utter faithfulness and utter kindness.



I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you
(2 Timothy 1:5)

CDS may preposition teams to respond to Irma threat

“We have been asked by Red Cross to pre-position a team in Florida for Hurricane Irma,” reported Kathleen Fry-Miller, associate director of Children’s Disaster Services. “This is not a sure thing,” she warned. There is uncertainty about the path of the very strong storm that is approaching Puerto Rico, Haiti, the DR, and other areas of the Caribbean today, and likely to hit Florida or other areas of the US early next week.

Shelters in Texas are consolidating, and the next CDS teams to be deployed

Please pray for NOAC participants from Florida and for all the people who may be affected by Hurricane Irma. Some Florida NOACers are leaving early to see to their homes and families. “Collectively we offer our prayers for those who are in the storm zone in Florida or wherever the storm turns,” said NOAC coordinator Debbie Eisenbise.

likely will go to Florida instead of Texas. “We have a team ready to pre-position at the request of Red Cross, if called, to leave on Friday. We do not yet know where the team would fly into,” said Fry-Miller. If the hurricane hits the continental US, the time frame is anytime between Saturday and Tuesday, she said.

Seeking the ‘All NOACers’ — Brethren Voices community television would like to interview those who have attended every National Older Adult Conference. Look for Brent Carlson, who is wearing an Oregon cap, and the Brethren Voices banner. He wants to talk to you!

Thursday is BVS t-shirts day! — Current and former Brethren Volunteer Service workers are invited to wear a purple tie-dyed BVS t-shirt tomorrow, Thursday. Get your shirts from the BVS booth in the Exhibit Hall on the lower floor of Harrell Center. A \$15 donation is appreciated. Those who didn’t do BVS, please ask anyone wearing a purple tie-dyed t-shirt to tell you their BVS story!

Pick up a prayer shawl — Staunton (Va.) Church of the Brethren has made prayer shawls for those who are in special need of comfort, or who would like a shawl to use in prayer themselves. “Every single stitch was made with a prayer for the receiver.” Find the shawls in the chapel prayer room.

Online coverage of Inspiration 2017-NOAC includes webcasts, photos, news, and more. Share this link with family and friends who want to follow along from a distance: www.brethren.org/inspiration2017. Share NOAC on social media with #NOAC17.