

A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE ON EDUCATION



The **Christian Education Council** provides a program for children ages 4 through 8th grade during the General Conference week July 31-August 5, 2016. This is run simultaneously while the adults are involved in the business portions of the Conference.

The children and junior high students have Bible lessons, crafts, and music in the morning. In the afternoon they have recreation and other activities. The children ages 4 through 3rd grade have Kids' Kampfire during the evening worship service. The junior high students will have activities after the evening worship service.

This year's theme follows the Conference theme of Faith, Family and Education. Our Conference children and youth will learn about Science and the Bible, Math and the Bible, Geography and History of the Bible, Music of the Bible, etc. We are hoping that we can visit a local nursing home for our service project. We have a wonderful staff ready and willing to work with our SDB children and youth. If you have questions, please call Charlotte Chroniger, Children's Conferences Coordinator, at 856-455-0488 (home) or 609-364-3021 (cell). See you at Houghton College!

In line with the General Conference's action at last year's sessions, the Christian Education Council is launching the very first youth conference, entitled "**Leaders Without Limits**" which will run concurrent with this year's General Conference sessions at Houghton, New York from July 31-August 5. The sessions will focus on leadership training and development for our youth who attend General Conference and will be directed by Rev. Steve Osborn of Boulder, Colorado. Additional staff includes: Kory and Amanda Langley (Texarkana, AR), Katrina Goodrich (North Loup, NE), and Chad Ochs (Milton, WI), along with special sessions with General Conference leaders.



Ben & Josh Calhoun

Additional leadership will be provided for the conference from Ben and Josh Calhoun of the popular Christian band **Citizen Way**.

The new youth conference will include many of the same activities for youth which were previously scheduled at General Conference, including Youth Banquet and the Pastors vs. Youth Basketball game, but will be augmented by additional activities and training opportunities throughout the week.

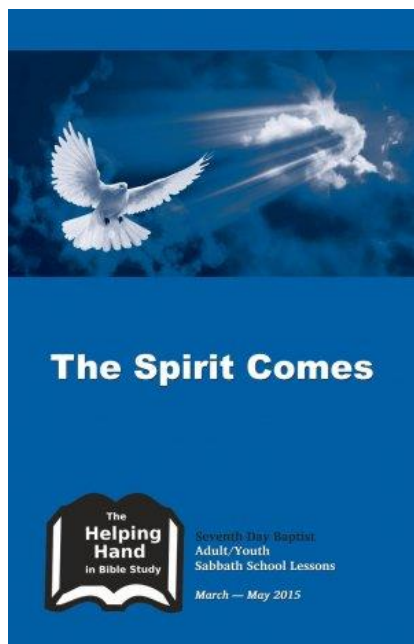
Because of this, there is no other youth program scheduled at General Conference this year, so parents are advised to register their youth for Leaders Without Limits or make other arrangements for the supervision of their youth at Conference. Individuals with questions should contact Nick Kersten by email (nkersten@seventhdaybaptist.org) or phone (608-752-5055, ext. 1006).

It's Time to Plan Sabbath School!



With local churches moving into their summer ministries, including camps, VBS, and special events, the autumn can feel like a long time off, but if you and your church haven't begun your plans for Sabbath School for the fall, now is the time to start! Sabbath School is a critical part of the discipleship process in your local church, and it is an opportunity to grow together with your Kingdom family as you study the Word of God together.

If you or your church is looking for ideas for your Sabbath School program in 2016-2017, we invite you to contact us for more information about the kinds of information which will be available! We would love to help you survey the terrain of the many wonderful resources available and find one which will meet your needs and the needs of your church!



Are you looking for a daily devotional or Bible study written and edited by Seventh Day Baptists for Seventh Day Baptists? If you are, the Helping Hand is for you! **The Helping Hand**, edited by the Rev. Steve Osborn of our Boulder, CO church, is written and produced by SDBs to aid you in your devotional life and in your study of the Scriptures. The publication is produced quarterly with daily Bible reflections and a weekly lesson for you to consider as you look to grow in Jesus Christ. The Helping Hand is available in print and digitally, and in English and Spanish. Print and digital versions can be purchased at the General Conference website, and the Kindle version is available at Amazon.com. For more information about the quarterly or to ask for a sample issue, contact the SDB Center, or go online to the General Conference website! Get into the Word of God and let it change every part of you as you follow Jesus Christ!

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