

Fred Bernhard



Fred Bernhard, well-known speaker on the topic of church hospitality, will be leading a workshop in three Mid-Atlantic District congregations in March 2010.

“In his seminar entitled ‘Hospitality and the Vital Church,’ Bernhard, former pastor of the 520-member Oakland Church of the Brethren in rural west central Ohio, makes a connection between the church’s health and its willingness to ‘entertain the stranger in its midst.’ He presents a model for biblical hospitality that includes practical tips for members wanting to widen their welcome to visitors. He deals with such practical subjects as: what is Biblical hospitality, attitudes about strangers, assimilation of newcomers, planning your own model

and a hospitality program that works.”
Quoted paragraph, by Dick Benner, former New Life Ministries member.

The first three months that Oakland Church began using the principles Bernhard teaches on this topic, they saw a 19% increase in attendance for worship and a 36% increase in attendance for Sunday school. They have continued to show comparable growth.

Bernhard, currently the interim pastor at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, co-authored his latest book entitled *Deep and Wide* with Steve Clapp . They have both done extensive research in church growth and decline, and are sharing their findings in churches throughout the United States. Their workshops are sponsored by New Life Ministries.

The Church Extension and Evangelism Ministry Team of the Mid-Atlantic District is delighted to host Fred Bernhard on three Saturdays in March 2010. The variety of locations and dates have been chosen so that attendance will be convenient for as many people as possible.

Please invite the members of your congregation from the pastor to those who have a heart to reach out with the gift of Hospitality and desire your congregation to grow and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There is **NO FEE** for the half-day event which will begin at 8:00 am and end after lunch. Participants are eligible for .3 CEUs.

Biblical HOSPITALITY & OUTREACH

**Leader
Fred Bernhard**

Mid-Atlantic District
Church of the Brethren

2010

**March 6 – Manassas
13 - Denton
20 - Bush Creek**

**For Pastors and Congregations
interested in spreading the
Gospel of Jesus Christ**

Mid-Atlantic District Office, 410.635.8790

**Hospitality Workshop REGISTRATION
FREE ADMISSION**

Check one to indicate which workshop you are attending:

- March 6, Manassas Church of the Brethren
- March 13, Denton Church of the Brethren
- March 20, Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

NUMBER of PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING YOU (including you) _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ CONGREGATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

- Check if you have any food allergies and please list them here:

Email your REGISTRATION information to aamad@brethren.org

or send this form to: Mid-Atlantic District Office, PO Box 480, New Windsor, MD 21776

Please register at least **one week prior** to the event you are attending to assist with adequate food counts.

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Hebrews 13:2

FREE ADMISSION

- 8:00 AM REGISTRATION & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM WORKSHOP**
- 10:00 AM BREAK**
- NOON Light LUNCH provided**
- 1:00 PM Dismissal**

You are encouraged to stay during the lunch time.

In order to have an accurate count for lunch and minimum waste, **PLEASE** let the District Office know if you will be staying for lunch. **RSVP is requested one week prior** to Workshop date that you will be attending. Thank you for being considerate!

*A love offering will be received
to defray the cost of the food.*



*This workshop is being sponsored by the
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