

# *The Virginia Christian*

**March, 2025**

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## **Virginia Good News Show:**

I am seeing amazing stories of growth of numbers and purpose across our churches. We need to share them with each other. Please send me your good news stories of baptisms, outreach/mission, events and anything else that is a blessing to your ministry and/or congregation.

Your Regional Minister  
BSD  
[bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com)



## **225 in 2025 to the General Assembly this Summer!**

My friend and current Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, Elder Clyde Hunt of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, TN, has put forth a challenge to all regions to send at least 225 members to the upcoming General Assembly. I accept that goal and ask you to help me by encouraging members within your church to attend.

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather in person from July 12 - 15, 2025, in Memphis, TN. This year's General Assembly theme: "BEYOND" is based on Ephesians 3: 20-21.

*Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!*

<https://ga.disciples.org/>



# DEACONS/ELDERS WORKSHOP

**FACILITATOR: REV. DR. JACQUALYN MCHENRY**



**APRIL 26, 2025**

**TIME: 9:00AM – 11:00AM**

**COST: \$20.00 (COST INCLUDES PROGRAM FEE /MATERIAL)**

**LOCATION: BROAD STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

106 BROAD STREET, MARTINSVILLE, VA 24112

This is an excellent opportunity for training and growth to do ministry.

**MAKE PAYMENT TO: DISTRICT IV CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

**POST OFFICE BOX 3222**

**MARTINSVILLE, VA 24115**

**CONTACT MRS. MARILYN WHITTAKER FOR QUESTIONS 276-**

**806-4784 EMAIL: [MWHITTAKER59@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:MWHITTAKER59@ICLOUD.COM)**



**A DISTRICT IV EVENT**



## **DEACONS AND ELDERS WORKSHOP**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

The Workshop is dated for April 26, 2025. The workshop will start promptly at 9am. The fee for the workshop is \$20.00. There will be certificates issued after completion of the workshop.

**Please RSVP no later than April 15, 2023. Make all checks payable to District IV Christian Churches of VA.**

**Are you an Elder ( ) or Deacon ( ) [Check one]**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs or diet restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your forms to the address below:**

**District IV Christian Churches**

**Post Office Box 3222**

**Martinsville, VA 24115**

**Contact Marilyn Whittaker at 276-806-4784**





Seventh Street  
Christian Church

You're Invited to a  
Service of Gratitude and Transition  
**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

Pre-Service Activities 2:30 PM  
Service begins at 3:00 PM  
Reception to follow



**Rev. Terri Hord Owens, preacher**  
**GMP of the Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

4101 Grove Ave.  
Richmond, VA  
23221



**Join the Community Choir!**  
**(please email if interested)**

Seventh Street Christian Church invites the community to a heartfelt final worship service at its long-standing location.

This special gathering will highlight the church's rich history, acknowledge its current transformation, and celebrate the many memories created within its beloved walls.

To stay updated on the festivities visit:  
**[www.seventhstreetchristianchurch.org](http://www.seventhstreetchristianchurch.org)**





Go Here To Register:

<https://christianchurchinvirginia.regfox.com/2025-spring-workweekend>

# CRAIG SPRINGS WORK WEEKEND

MAY 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH

Help us prepare Craig Springs for another great season! Whether you're skilled in repairs or just want to lend a hand, there's a project for everyone:

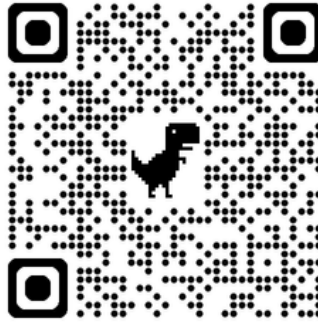
<b>Landscaping</b>	<b>Siding Assistance</b>
<b>Screening</b>	<b>Craft Room</b>
<b>Celling Fans</b>	<b>Swimming Pool</b>
<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Firewood Area</b>	<b>Horseshoe Pitts</b>
<b>Painting</b>	<b>Pond Seating</b>
<b>Small Engine Mechanic</b>	<b>Challenge Course</b>

Additional tasks may be added as we get closer to the event. Some congregations sponsor cabins and may have their own projects. Come for the work, stay for the fellowship, and make a difference at Craig Springs! We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in a particular project, please email [admin@craigsprings.org](mailto:admin@craigsprings.org).

Some projects may be completed prior to the weekend when help is available.

Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center 30 Craig Springs Cir, New Castle, VA | 24127 (540)-864-5768



REGISTER AT:

<https://christianchurchinvirginia.regfox.com/explore-craig-springs>

# EXPLORE CRAIG SPRINGS MAY 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH

Experience the Transformation.

Join us at Craig Springs for an unforgettable weekend! Explore the historic grounds, witness the beauty of nature, and be part of the exciting vision for the future!

Be Inspired. Be Involved.

**Highlights:**

- Historical landmarks & natural beauty
- Renewed facilities & community spirit
- Plans for a new Kitchen Facility

**Hear:**

- The inspiring vision for Craig Springs' future
- Powerful testimonies of transformation
- The unveiling of the new Kitchen Facility plan
- The launch of the Wall of Fame—leave your mark!
- Discover how lives are finding purpose

SCAN ME TO REGISTER!

## SPECIAL INCENTIVES!

- Free Craig Springs Artifacts! (Real pieces of Craig Springs history!)
- Free Event T-Shirt
- Raffle Drawings, Prizes & More!

## FLEXIBLE ATTENDANCE OPTIONS!

- Friday, May 2nd: Noon - 5 PM
- Saturday, May 3rd: 10 AM - 5 PM
- Sunday, May 4th: 9 AM - Noon (Including Worship)

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Rev. Dr. April Johnson  
Executive Director

***The Virginia Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Ministry had its annual training on Feb. 27- March 1 in Martinsville, VA.***

The Virginia Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Ministry has its 3-day training at Broad Street Christian Church in Martinsville, VA. Hosted by the Ministry Chair, Marilyn Whittaker, the weekend started with a family dinner and led into two days of intense talks and study. This prepares members of the Ministry an opportunity to learn new material and prepare themselves to go out into the Region and share with congregations about racism and reconciliation.



Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn  
McHenry, Keynote

Among the VA Ministry, 5 other Regions (such as Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Chicago, and Illinois representatives) were in attendance. Our Special Guest Rev. Dr. April Johnson, who serves as the Minister of Reconciliation Ministries for the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) for the United States and Canada and our very own, Rev. Kevin McNeil.

Our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn McHenry of First Christian Reidsville, NC closed out the weekend with her dynamic message of reconciliation.

This year, the VA AR/PR Ministry is taking a new direction and presenting numerous opportunities for continued engagement. Please watch for updates from the Ministry in your community on the region's website.



Everyone occasionally gathered to discuss their expectations and what they hoped to learn from this experience.



## HEALTHY BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP

### DISTRICT IV CHURCHES



**The District IV Churches hosted a Healthy Boundaries Workshop at the New College Institute in Martinsville, Virginia on Saturday, March 15, 2025. "In the photo are Reverend Diane Walker, Reverend Kevin McNeil, Elder Marilyn Whittaker, (Moderator of District IV), and Minister Ken Walker. District IV was very blessed to have so many participants, both laity and clergy, from the Virginia and North Carolina Regions. Everyone receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop.**



### FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

2931 West Main Street | Salem, VA 24153  
Office: 540.380.4636 | Fax: 540.380.4522

### Music Director/Accompanist

Fort Lewis Christian Church is looking for an individual who will be responsible for directing and developing the choir, musicians and other musical participants. Must be able to perform a variety of both traditional and contemporary songs/music. Seeking a visionary and builder that will develop leaders and possibly other choirs.

#### Requirements:

- At least three (3) years' experience leading choirs
- Bachelor's degree in music preferred
- Vocal proficiency
- Ability to play piano proficiently and other instruments strongly preferred
- Effective public speaking skills

#### Responsibilities:

- Ability to teach and lead adult choir
- To develop, teach and lead other varied music programs such as youth choir, children's choir, music programs for special events, etc.
- To be present and perform during regularly scheduled choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special events as required by the Church
- Coordinate music for regular services and/or special music programs with the Minister and Worship Committee
- To recruit and develop new choir members

Anticipated commitment is at least 15 hours weekly.

**Salary is \$17,000/year**

Interested applicants may mail a cover letter and resume to:

**Fort Lewis Christian Church**

**ATTN: Search Committee – Music Director/Accompanist Resume**

**2931 W Main Street**

**Salem VA 24153**

Or send a cover letter and resume as an attachment by email to:

**mattflccd@gmail.com** with subject line: **Music Director/Accompanist Resume**

## Open Ministry Positions

**First Christian Church, Salem, VA** is seeking a qualified part-time Music Director. The candidate would be directing our chancel choir and praise band. A vocalist would be a plus! Estimated time would be 25 hours per month. Interested candidates should forward a resume to FCC at [fccsalemva@gmail.com](mailto:fccsalemva@gmail.com), Attention: Music Director

**Slash Christian Church** located at 11353 Mt. Hermon Rd., Ashland, VA 23005 is looking for a part-time youth minister. Contact Michael Weeks at [pastormichael@slashcc.org](mailto:pastormichael@slashcc.org) for more information.

**Parkview Christian Church**, 3201 Western Branch Blvd., Chesapeake, VA is looking for a Bi-Vocational minister. Please reach out to me at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Ashland Christian Church**, 301 S. James St., Ashland, VA 23005 is seeking a full-time minister. See their active profile on the General Church Search and Call site or contact me for more information.

**Hillsville Christian Church**, 120 Edgewood Drive, Hillsville, VA is seeking an interim ministry and will soon begin the process of searching for a full-time minister. Reach out to me if you are interested at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com).

**Jerusalem Christian Church**, 35 Meadow Garden Lane, Martinsville, VA 24112 is currently looking for their next pastor. Reach out to me for more information at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com).

**Bethany Christian Church**, 3115 Fleming Ave NW, Roanoke, VA 24012 is currently searching for a part-time minister. Contact me at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com) for more information.

**Poole Christian Church**, 7521 Trinity Church Rd., Church Road, VA 23833 seeks a part-time minister (mostly pulpit supply). Contact me for further information at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com)

**Saumsville Christian Church**, Saumsville, VA is seeking a part-time minister. Contact me for more information at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com).

**Snowville Christian Church**, 5436 Lead Mine Road, Snowville, VA 24347 is seeking a part-time minister. Contact me for more information at [bsdinvirginia@gmail.com](mailto:bsdinvirginia@gmail.com)

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# VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY

Register Here: <https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>

**6/22– 6/27 Nature Camp**

**6/29 – 7/4 Special Camp**

**7/6 – 7/11 Triple 1 Camp**

**7/20 – 7/24 – New Covenant**

**7/21 – 7/26 – CAMPDD**

**7/27 – 8/1 – Triple 2 Camp**

**8/1 – 8/3 – Family Camp**

**8/3 – 8/8 – Adult Hiking Camp**

**6/15 – 6/20 Intergenerational Mission Trip**



**6/21 – 6/28 TREC Camp**





# Youth Leadership Symposium

Registration Coming Soon

*Come join the Virginia Youth Council for a weekend of leadership, learning, empowerment, and support. YLS is an opportunity for you to grow in faith, build confidence, and develop leadership skills! Also, come learn about some DOC colleges/universities and scholarships available to you! Workshops include:*

- 1. Bible Study Leadership skills*
- 2. Worship Music leaders*
- 3. Camp Programming*
- 4. DOC - Who Are We?*
- 5. High Education Opportunities at Disciples' Colleges and Universities*



## Nature Camp 2025 Counselor Application

Hi there! Thank you so much for your interest in serving as a counselor at Nature Camp this summer. Nature Camp is a powerful, transformative, important ministry. At Nature Camp, you will be paired one-on-one with a camper who ranges from 8-11 years of age typically. Throughout the week you work to make their week special and memorable! That can be done through hiking, swimming, fishing, dancing, crafting, or endless rounds of four square.

Nature Camp is held at Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center. Counselors will be arriving on June 21st at Craig Springs for training with campers arriving on June 23rd. Please ensure as you apply, that you are able to attend the entire duration of that time. The director for Nature Camp this summer is John Weeks and the assistant director is Tristan Goodman. Along with adult advisors, Nature Camp is fully planned and implemented by the high-school youth Disciples of Christ Youth of Virginia. The purpose of this application is to ensure you are a great fit for Nature Camp and to help us pair you with your future camper! Applications are due prior to registering for Nature Camp. Please be as honest as you can. Even if you have served as a counselor before we ask that you please complete this application. Once accepted, you will receive an email with the registration link.

Applications due by April 15th. Thanks!

John Weeks, Youth Director  
Tristan Goodman, Youth Assistant Director  
Amy Jones, Adult Advisor



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## Virginia Regional Mission Trip

Our Regional Mission Advance Team returned home from a 3-day Trip to Western NC to plan our June 15-20 Third annual Multi-generational Regional Mission Trip on Wednesday March 35, 2025. They met with Seven partners and toured worksites. Our advance team consisted of Diane Clark and Suzanne Dale from Bon Air Christian and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster. On our June trip, we will break up into teams of 8 to 10 people and will be working with two different local Habitat for Humanities building new homes, repairing homes, serving at a food bank, serving a meal to the homeless, sorting donated items, and rebuilding bridges and trails at Christmount. In addition, all mission trip participants will help build a home in the parking lot of Christmount to be gifted to a hurricane survivor and will be doing various other small projects for hurricane survivors.

We have 82 registered including 14 youth (Ages 11-17) 9 young adults (Ages 19-29), Registration is now closed "There is no room in the Inn" every bed is full. We are an official Week of Compassion volunteer team. Each evening, we will have worship led by our youth and young adults, we will have morning watch and devotional times at lunch. We also have a couple of educational programs, will have some fun including gaga ball, pickle ball and spider ball.

How you can help:

Please keep the trip and participants in your daily prayers.

We are taking donations to help offset the cost of the trip and building supplies, please send checks to the regional office, marked June Mission trip.

Thank you for your support and we will look forward to being the hands and feet of Jesus in Western North Carolina this summer, If you have questions please contact Jonathan Webster at 434-774-8494 or [jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com) or Diane Clark at 804-712-5728 or [dianewclark@hotmail.com](mailto:dianewclark@hotmail.com)

