

The Virginia Christian

April 2023



Clergy Retreat at Eagle Eyrie, September 24-26, 2023

Clergy - please come, rest, relax and renew.

Congregations - please treat this as a gift for your ministers to keep them physically, mentally and spiritually healthy in order that they can take care of their congregations.

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<https://youtu.be/oGp95trgd7A>



COME
REST, RELAX,
PLAY, RENEW



9/24-9/26
CLERGY
RETREAT

EAGLE EYRIE
RETREAT CENTER
LYNCHBURG VIRGINIA

[Death of Rev. Joe T. Lindsoe:](#)

The Rev. Dr. Joe T Lindsoe, long time Disciples minister, died on April 11, 2023. He received his Bachelor of Divinity and Masters in Christian Education from Lexington Theological Seminary. In 1977, he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the same institution. Joe served churches in Richmond, Arlington, Rocky Mount and Roanoke, Virginia. Then as part of an exchange ministry, he served in Adelaide, Australia. Throughout his retirement years, Joe served many churches as an interim minister. Joe is survived by his daughter, Dulcie Lindsoe-Johansen, step-daughter Resa Roseberry Payne, and step-son, Greg Roseberry. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dulcie Rosetta Simpson, his son, Eric Joe Lindsoe, and his wife, Betty Keister Roseberry Lindsoe. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2:00 at Timberlake Christian Church (DOC), 20261 Lynchburg Hwy, Lynchburg, Va.

[50 Chairs Available](#)

Timberlake Christian Church has 50 chairs that are available with steel frames. The upholstery on them is worn, fraying and in many cases coming off but otherwise they are in good condition. If anyone might be interested, please contact Rev. Ben Moore. Email: benmoore@tccdoc.org
Phone: 540-354-9076



[Earthquake Disaster in Turkey and Syria:](#)

Here is a link to some ongoing stats: <https://turkiyeeq.thedeep.io/>

and I would encourage giving through Week of Compassion:
<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/update-turkey-syria>

**DISASTER: YOU AND
YOUR CHURCH:
PREPARING,
RECOVERING, AND
RESPONDING.**



Sunday, May 7, 2023 @

5:00 p.m.

Hillsville Christian Church,
120 Edgewood Drive, Hillsville, VA



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster
Retired Healthcare
Chaplain, Former Pastor and
University Faculty



Ben Webster
Dep. Director Ben Webster, SC. CEM
Emergency Management and
Response Professional

The presentation is open to the public.

For more information contact:

Rev. Monika Hunter at 276-525-2330 / ministermondee@gmail.com; or

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster at 270-963-8610 / jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com

JOIN US!
MAY 19 - 21
CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP

WORK WEEKEND



Registration: <https://forms.gle/V3imYVPT8QMhb9Fa7>



**IF YOUR CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO
COME ANY OTHER WEEKEND, PLEASE
CONTACT RON SCHWARZ AT
ADMIN@CRAIGSPRINGS.ORG
540-864-5768**

Summary of Work Weekend Tasks

Much needs to be done each spring to prepare the camp for the summer season, but as they say many hands make for light work. What follows is a summary list. For the most part they require labor, along with tools and supplies that the camp keeps on-hand. However, if you choose to bring some of your own tools and supplies it will be greatly appreciated and it will stretch what we have on hand. There is something for everyone, so come one come all.

Cleaning: All rooms in all buildings need to be cleaned & inspected for needed repairs.

Screening: There are screens on doors and windows that need to be patched or replaced.

Leaf Removal: In the fall and winter leaves blow in next to the buildings and into the ditches. To protect the buildings from rot and allow them to dry, these leaves need to be removed and spread into the woods.

Landscaping: If you have a green thumb, bring your own equipment or use what we have and work on the various flower beds, bushes, ivy and creeper.

Game Room: Everything needs to be removed, the room and equipment cleaned, and everything returned in an ORGANIZED way.

Ball Court: The court needs leaves removed, then scraped and pressure washed. A new ball box needs to be built on the side next to the road. Also repairs need to be made on the gate(s) & fencing. Donations of good serviceable balls would be appreciated..

Equipment: Trimmers and Mowers - Service, & Repair as needed and possible.

Firewood: Firewood needs to be cut, split, and stacked, please bring your own equipment.

Trail Work: Build and mark new trail-head from ball field connecting along the brook to the white blazed trail to the Potts Mountain overlooks, AND trail maintenance on the Potts Mountain Trail

Building Repairs: A variety of minor repairs need to be made by those with the skills.

Oak Lodge

This major renovation project has a variety of components remaining. Many require the skills of electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and various other building skills. For specific details and become part of this major renovation project contact admin@craigsprings.org.

Clubhouse

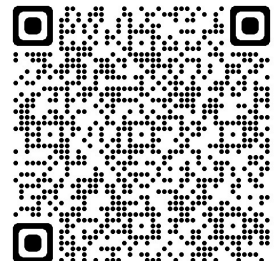
This project includes both inside and outside work and needs funding. The Campfire area needs picnic tables repaired or replaced. Benches around the campfire could be added. The Clubhouse itself needs to be thoroughly cleaned, some minor repairs to be made.

[Continuing Education Online Options offered by Disciples in Christian Church in the Southwest](#)

CCSW is offering a couple of Education Opportunities coming up that I would like to share with you all.

1. Saturday, Jun 10 (10 AM CDT-4 PM CDT) We'll be offering Healthy Boundaries. ONLINE Healthy Boundaries Tickets, Sat, Jun 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite
2. Through May we are going to offer our class on Preaching (Proclamation of the Word) as a 7 PM CDT/6 PM MDT, Monday evenings for four consecutive Mondays. Ninety minutes each session. During each session, one of our four presenters will talk generally about how they approach preaching, and then specifically about how they would address a particular text. Together, they will imagine a sermon series entitled, "Stewardship By the Numbers." The second half of the evening will be spent in cohort groups who will think through how they would engage the text, theme, and task. Below is the blurb I'm using to share this out.

In "CCSW Learn: Proclamation of the Word," participants will explore the preaching task with four excellent Disciples preachers (Rev. Dr. Marilyn Fiddmont from Christian Church Foundation; Rev. Penny Bidy, from Brookhollow Christian Church; Rev. Gilberto Collazo from Disciples Church Extension Fund and Rev. Mark Denton from West Mesa Christian Church, Albuquerque, NM). Each week will explore a biblical text with an eye to how the text might fit into a stewardship sermon series. The presenters' sermon series will be entitled "Stewardship by the Numbers." Participants will also work in cohort groups to consider their own preaching ministry and their own approaches to preaching about Stewardship. This is a chance to learn from presenters and truly collaborate with fellow ministers. Here's the URL you can share out and use to register. <https://tinyurl.com/ccswlearn>

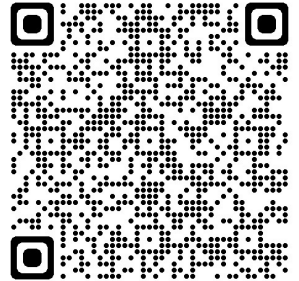


Grant Request Funds Available:

Please consider applying for a grant to help your ministry. The Administrative Council will review all requests during their every other month meetings. Dream Disciples Dream!

(Anti-Racism actions and events, New Church Exploration Grants and the newly established Ministry Dream Seed Grants made possible through sale of the Summit)

Apply now at: <https://forms.gle/6Uqqi2atPrLyMModA>



KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville

General Assembly 2023

Mark your calendars and start making plans - the 2023 General Assembly "The Kingdom of God Within Us, Among Us" will be held in Louisville, KY, July 29 - August 1. Engage in the dynamic discernment of the church, gather for energizing worship and deepen your faith with bible study and workshops.

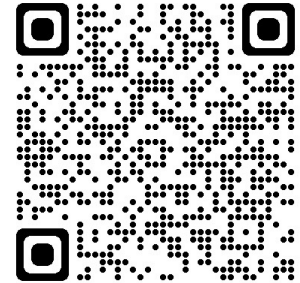
Register here: <https://ga.disciples.org/>

[Virginia Camping Ministry Opens Up Registrations](#)

This year we have camps that take place at Craig Springs, University of Lynchburg and other locations. There are camps for youth and adults. We are expanding our camping ministry because a positive Spiritual/Camp experience is a good thing for all of us! Check out the online registration page here.....keep checking back as we are continuing to add new camps.

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

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[Regional Mission Trip being added to Virginia Camping Ministry Opportunities \(for both youth and adults\)](#)

July 4 - 8

Western Kentucky Tornado Rebuild

Looking for a way to make a difference and get members in your congregation excited about how church can really make a difference in the world? The Christian Church in Virginia (Disciples of Christ) is adding a mission trip to the 2023 camp schedule. Participants will do tornado relief work in Western Kentucky from July 4 - 8. The group will stay at First Christian Church, Princeton, KY. CrossRoads Missions will provide most of our meals. The lodging and meals are provided by generous donors. This is open to middle school students (rising 6th graders or at least 11 years old), high school students and adults of any age. The participants need to have the ability to go up and down stairs to the bunk rooms and work outside during hot and humid days. Those over 16 years of age will build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Dawson Springs, KY and those 11 years of age to 15 years of age and their chaperones will do other tornado recovery work and community development work. The cost is \$100.00 if you ride in the van, \$50.00 if you provide your own transportation. Additional costs will be lunch on the way and on the way back and ice cream and other snacks. You can register through the Craig Springs camp portal. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster at jonathanwebsterbcc@gmail.com or 270-963-8527.

You can register for this camp on the Virginia Camp Ministry page:

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

Here is a video about where and why we are headed to Western Kentucky to help our sisters and brothers and show how CHURCH can make a difference!

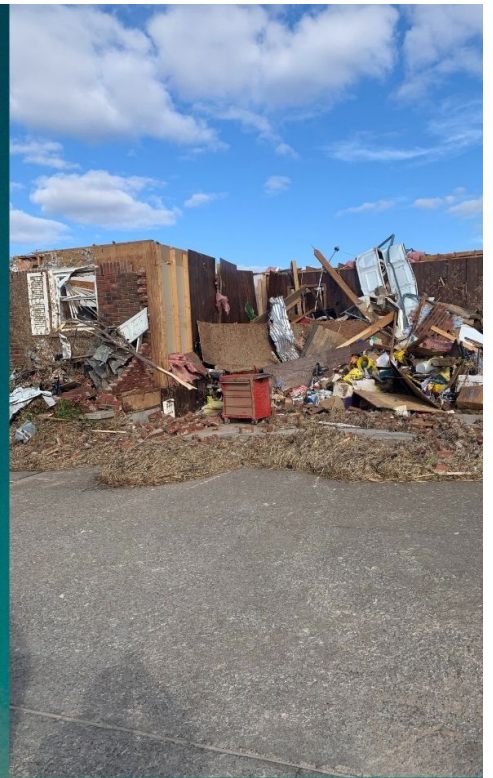
<https://vimeo.com/693227008>

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN VA REGIONAL 2023 MISSION TRIP

Western Kentucky to help with
Tornado recovery efforts

**TUESDAY, JULY 4-
SATURDAY, JULY 8**



Accommodations are provided by
First Christian, Princeton, KY.

16 years and above will be building
Habitat for Humanity Homes for Tornado families,
11 to 15 years old will be doing other tornado recovery
and community development with our chaperones.
We will have devotionals each day and end the week
with an evening at Kentucky Lake.

**The cost is \$100 per person or \$50 per person if
you provide your own transportation.**

Registration is on the Craig Springs Camp Portal

Virginia Camping Ministry | Ccinva



**Use the QRCode to learn a little
bit about our partner and their
work**



To register for the ARPR training, go to <https://www.ccinva.org/arpr>

Anti-Racism & Pro-Reconciliation Ministry

Schedule Trainings

District 8 - Hilton Christian Church
100 James River Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23601
Pastor Natalia Chamberlain
Email: ncchamberlain@yahoo.com
Contact Person: Pastor Natalia Chamberlain
Training Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

**Virginia Region ARPR Clergy Workshop
(In person only)**
Virginia Union Presbyterian Seminary
3401 Brook Road
Richmond, Virginia, 23227
Contact Person: Marilyn Whittaker
Email: mwhittaker59@icloud.com
May 6, 2023

District 1 - Hillsville Christian Church
120 Edgewood Drive, Hillsville, Virginia 24343
Pastor Monika Hunter
Email: hillsvilleccpastor@gmail.com
Contact Person: Pastor Monika Hunter
Training Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023

District 11- Strasburg Christian Church
165 High Street, Strasburg, Virginia 22657
Pastor Rob Lovett
Email: sttrchrch@shentel.net
Contact Person: Pastor Rob Lovett
Training Date: June 10, 2023

District 2 - Unity Christian Church
400 Tyler Ave. Radford, Virginia 24141
Pastor Wendy Wilson
Email: unity2012@verizon.net
Contact Person: Pastor Wendy Wilson
Training Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

District 3 – Loudon Avenue Christian Church
730 Loudon Avenue, NW, Roanoke, VA
Pastor Anthony Holmes, Jr.
Email: loudonavenue@gmail.com
Contact Person: Reverend Eva Hughs
Workshop Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023

Piedmont District Convention
3300 Wentworth Street, Reidsville, NC 27320
Christian Church Campsite
Pastor Kathy Thomas-Grant, PCD Moderator
Email: kjstthomas1026@gmail.com
Contact Person: Pastor Kathy Thomas-Grant,
PCD Moderator
Training Date: March 11, 2023

Virginia Region ARPR Table Talk Workshop
University of Lynchburg
1501 Lakeside Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24501
Contact Person: Marilyn Whittaker
Email: mwhittaker59@icloud.com
Date: June 20, 2023
1:00 – 3:00 pm

District 5 - Timberlake Christian Church
20261 Lynchburg Highway
Lynchburg, VA 24502
Pastor Ben Moore
Email: benmoore@tccdoc.org
Contact Person: Pastor Ben Moore
Training Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023



ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLE MUSICIANS

APRIL 2023

AN ADM UPDATE!

Plans have been made for ADM to have a presence at the 2023 Church's General Assembly this summer in Louisville, KY on July 29-August 1. We will have a booth in the Exhibit Area, a vocal presence in the GA Choir, an ADM Meeting (place and time to be announced later), and an ADM Session at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1 (see below).

ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLES MUSICIANS

ADM will have a panel discussion and Power Point presentation of its history, its annual summer conferences and their offerings, and its place within the music and worship components of the Church in hopes of further expanding the knowledge and understanding of the past sixty-one-year existence and presence of the Association of Disciple Musicians within the Christian Church (DOC). Our hope is not only to make more people aware of ADM but to develop a collaboration with the other music/worship ministries within the church.



A Farewell to Warren Lynn

As much as we hate to see you go, ADM can't help but share in your joy on the occasion of your retirement! You were a constant source of encouragement and guidance for ADM, and we truly appreciate everything you have done for us. Please accept ADM's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your retirement!

Brenda Hagedon, ADM Council President



THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE
Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry (VDWM)
2023 Fall Retreat October 6-8
Hilton Garden Inn, 4025 Wards Road, Lynchburg, VA
REGISTRATION
Registration Deadline August 31, 2023

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Email _____ Home Church _____

Registration Fee: \$155.00

includes all programs, 3 Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast

Dietary restrictions _____

NOTE: Your registration fee provides a significant conference room discount.

*Please make checks payable to & mail check & registration form directly to:
Christian Church in Virginia; 1290 Enterprise Dr; Lynchburg, VA 24502-5744*

Hotel Reservations must be made on your own.
Hotel Discounted Rate Deadline: September 6, 2023

The VDWM rate: \$151/night, including all taxes.

Phone Reservations-Call: 434-239-3006 (front desk)

Use group code VDW or Virginia Disciples Woman's Retreat for discounted rate

Book Online-use the following link to get the discounted rate:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LYHLVGI&groupCode=VDW&arrivaldate=2023-10-06&departuredate=2023-10-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Please let the hotel know of any mobility challenges that may require attention.

~see over for hotel amenities & driving directions

- Each room is equipped with a microwave, a refrigerator, Keurig® coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.
- Wireless and High Speed Internet are complimentary in every room.
- Enjoy the hotel's indoor heated pool with spa and state-of-the-art fitness center featuring Precor® fitness equipment
- 24-hour complimentary access to our business center which includes copies, faxes and the use of two PC terminals for our registered guests
- The Garden Grill and Bar® offers sumptuous dining and features upscale American cuisine. It is open daily for breakfast and dinner.
- 24-hour Pavilion Pantry® convenience mart.

Driving Directions

Driving South US-29 BUS S/Lynchburg Expressway:

- 1) Take Left Hand Exit for US-29 BUS S/Wards Road (Signs for Danville)
- 2) Stay Right at the fork, continue on Wards Road
- 3) Drive 1.3 miles and turn left at Aspen Dental
- 4) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left

Driving North on US-29:

- 1) After passing the entrance of Lynchburg Regional Airport turn right after 2nd light
- 2) Travel .02 miles past Aspen Dental to HGI entrance

Driving East on RT 460:

- 1) Take Exit for US-29 BUS N ramp to Lynchburg
- 2) Travel .04 miles turn right at Aspen Dental
- 3) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left

Driving West on RT 460:

- 1) After Passing Liberty University take exit for US-29 BUS N
- 2) Stay in right hand lane and make an immediate right at Aspen Dental
- 3) Follow service road .02 miles to HGI entrance on left