

# *The Virginia Christian*

*March 27, 2023*



## Next DOCTALKS

The next DOCTALKS episode will be on March 30th, 12 noon EST and will focus on Disciples Indigenous Ministries. Come learn about this growing and vital ministry in the larger church and perhaps discover how you might get involved.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/48573272>

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## Clergy Anniversaries:

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Davis celebrated his 32nd year at Mt. Olive East Christian Church, Martinsville. Send Rev. Dr. Davis an email of congratulations at [kdavis@embarqmail.com](mailto:kdavis@embarqmail.com)

Rev. George W. Price celebrated his 1 year anniversary at Mt. Zion Christian Church, Martinsville. Send him a note of congratulations at [gwpricesr@yahoo.com](mailto:gwpricesr@yahoo.com)

Rev. Kenny Hooker celebrated his 9th Pastoral Anniversary at Meadow Christian Church on Sunday, March 19th. Send him a note of congratulations at [kenneth.hooker@aol.com](mailto:kenneth.hooker@aol.com)



## Death of Minister Rev. L. Winston Wright:

The Reverend L. Winston Wright, Jr. passed away on March 19th. He retired in 1994 where he had most recently served at Philippi Christian Church in Deltaville, VA. Prior to that he had been the minister at Seventh Street Christian Church in Richmond. His wife, Sandy, said she was blessed to have been married to this good man for 41 years. He was beloved by friends and family, and he will be missed by all who knew him. You can send a note to Sandy Wright at [wwright@va.metrocast.net](mailto:wwright@va.metrocast.net)

## **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](mailto:benmoore@tccdoc.org)  
Phone: 540-354-9076



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## **Antioch Christian Church to Celebrate with an OPEN HOUSE**

A Great Day for Celebration! Some years ago, Antioch Christian Church caught fire and burned. For several years they have been rebuilding and now is the time for an Open House. Come celebrate with them as they rejoice with the God we follow. Rev. Junior Wimbush and the Antioch Christian Church family are pleased to announce their Floating Open House, Saturday, April 15th, 2023 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. "God has blessed us beyond measure and we want to celebrate this blessing with our fellow churches. On Sunday morning, Rev. Merinda Easley, Pastor of Shaw Christian Church, will preach at our 11:00 am Service, as we conclude our celebration. Hoping to see you Saturday or Sunday, or both days.

Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Rita Wade - Church Clerk  
Phone: 276-957-3433  
Email: [waderita@yahoo.com](mailto:waderita@yahoo.com)

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## **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>

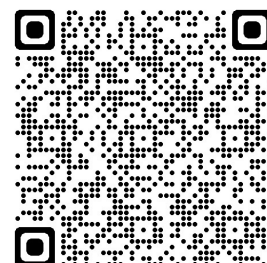
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## **Continuing Education Online Options offered by Disciples in Christian Church in the Southwest**

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 Biddy, 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>



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## **Part-Time Coordinator of Children's Ministry at Unity Christian Church, Radford**

Unity Christian Church is looking for someone to coordinate our various children's ministries and programs which would include activities such as children's worship, seasonal activities, and Vacation Bible School. The Coordinator would report to Senior Pastor and would work collaboratively with church parents and church members. The coordinator would be expected to work 5-10- hours a week. Pay is \$12.00/hour. If interested, please contact the church office at 540-639-3696.

[office@unitychristianchurhradford.org](mailto:office@unitychristianchurhradford.org)

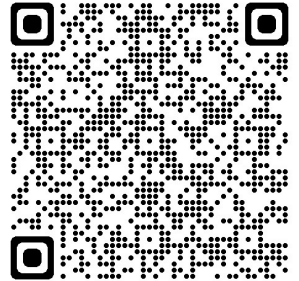
Rev. Wendy Wilson

## 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>



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# 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/>

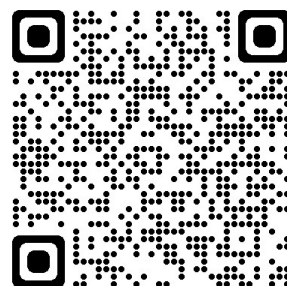
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## [Virginia Camping Ministry Opens Up Registrations](https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry)

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.

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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](mailto: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>

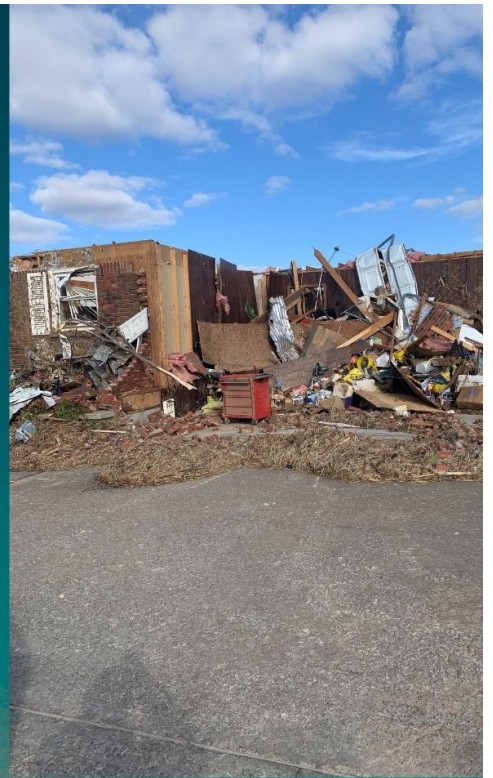
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# CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN VA REGIONAL 2023 MISSION TRIP

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**



# Men's Retreat Has Been Postponed Until Further Notice

## Men's Retreat April 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

### How to Share Your Faith in Today's Society

Leader: Pastor Greg Ott of Chalice Christian Church (DOC)

In Virginia Beach VA

Host: Pastor Rich Plocinski of Bethany Beach Christian Church (DOC)

in Bethany Beach DE

Scripture Text: Matthew 13:31 – 32 (Parable of the Mustard Seed)

#### Cost:

With Lodging            \$220 – Early Bird Fee (Before 4/1/23)

\$230 - After 4/1/23

No Lodging              \$90 – Early Bird Fee (Before 4/1/23)

\$100 – After 4/1/23

Cost includes lodging in Campbell Hall, one dinner (opening night), breakfast and lunch for two days, and breakfast on last day. Bring your golf clubs with you for a possible golf outing during retreat.

**If interested, please contact Pastor Greg Ott at  
757-510-0686 / [pastorgregott@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgregott@gmail.com)**



## ~SAVE THE DATE~

2023 DWM WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

HILTON GARDEN INN; LYNCHBURG, VA

Questions? CONTACT: Marney Brickhouse

cbrickhouse6@cox.net; 757-880-2545



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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](mailto: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.co](mailto:mwhittaker59@icloud.co)  
May 6, 2023

**District 1** - Hillsville Christian Church  
120 Edgewood Drive, Hillsville, Virginia 24343  
Pastor Monika Hunter  
Email: [hillsvilleccpastor@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:benmoore@tccdoc.org)  
Contact Person: Pastor Ben Moore  
Training Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

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## VIRGINIA CAMPING MINISTRY

### Craig Springs Summer Camps

Camps start on Monday this year except Grand Camp and Family Camp.....be sure to check your dates.



- June 19 - 23 New Covenant Camp is catered for our younger campers. Open to those who have completed 1st through 5th grade.
- June 25 - 30 Nature Camp (campers arrive on 26th). A camp experience for young campers who otherwise may not be able to attend camp. Adults serve as mentors to our high school campers. (By invitation only)
- July 3 - 8 Special Camp is dedicated to campers with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- July 10 - 15 Triple 1 Camp offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
- July 17 - 22 CAMPDD (Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama), pronounced "Camped," is open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
- July 24 - 29 Triple 2 Camp offers the traditional church camp experience. Open to campers who have completed 3rd through 12th grade.
- August 4 - 6 Family Camp is a weekend getaway open to all ages.

**Grand Camp 2023**  
**University of Lynchburg**  
Friday, July 7 - 4:00 pm -  
Saturday, July 8 - 3:00 pm

A weekend retreat for grandparents and their younger grandkids from 4 years old to those who have completed 3rd grade.

### TREC Camp - June 17-24

TREC Camp is an interesting Church Camp program based out of Camp Powhatan in Pulaski County, VA. This week will offer you plenty of new challenges and fun. The camp combines teamwork, leadership, and the confidence building activities of a nationally accredited COPE course with the thrills, skills, and challenges of high adventure programs ranging from white water rafting to zip lining to canoeing to horseback riding to mountain boarding to tubing. Come join us for a church camp experience that will challenge your mind and body.

Cost: \$400.00

TREC Potato Lunch - Sunday, March 19 @ 10:30 FCC

TREC Car Wash - Sunday, June 4 @ 12:00 at Advanced Auto

Organizational Meeting - Monday, May 15 at 6:30 pm

Contact for Registration Info and Medical Forms: Pastor Dan Netting: 540-556-8455/

dannetting@msn.com

[REGISTER HERE:](https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry)

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



**WWW.CCINVA.ORG**

**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](mailto: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.