

The Virginia Christian

February, 2025

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I shared this message of Joy and absolute pride for the Disciples in Virginia (churches, clergy and members) whom I am entrusted to care and journey with: It should be obvious that we are called to live with a sense of abundance from a God who calls us to Rise Together.

Last year the churches of Virginia gave 73,000 (thats right 73) more to offerings to the wider church. You heard the need to help those suffering from natural disasters and you responded in abundance! This year's Intergenerational Mission Camp set the outrageous goal of 90 people for this year's trip and in 3 weeks you responded and the trip is now completely full. More options are growing so stay tuned.

In addition, our Anti Racism/Pro Reconciliation team is gearing up to provide productive workshops and conversations for us to RISE to the best we can be as the Children of God that we are created to be!

New Church Team has set a goal to start 2 new churches!

The Youth Council is on the RISE and has held its first Lock-in event with plans to hold a weekend retreat soon.

The Disciples Women held a huge retreat this past October and energy continues to build toward their next SPA Events and the next October Retreat!

We are Moving forward with the Renovation of the kitchen at Craig Springs (a dream for many decades)!

We are finding new ways to connect, gather and help each other as we RISE Together as Disciples in Virginia!

If you hear stories of the declining church . . . tell them a few of these stories and let us RISE Together.

With a Full Heart
Your Regional Minister
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Clergy News

Michael Burnett was installed as Associate Pastor at Hilton Christian Church on Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm.



For Disciples College Students **HELM's Leadership Fellows** is a four-year program for college students and seeks to cultivate and strengthen participants' potential for leadership. LFP includes a scholarship, annual retreat, and an international cross cultural experience. It is a comprehensive leadership development program where cohorts of students connect, learn, grow, and explore together.

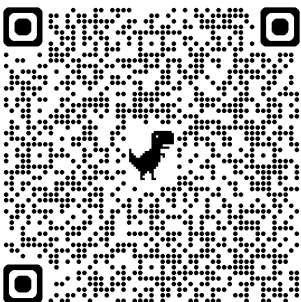
Those preparing to enter college can submit their application online at:
<https://helmdisciples.org/leadership-programs/leadership-fellows-program/>

New Church Minister

Last year, hundreds of you joined New Church Ministry's IMPACT episodes as we explored DisciplesNEXT. In 2025, our ministry wants to keep the ball rolling – but with input from our audience! We value your opinions and strive to deliver content that is helpful, relevant, and thought provoking. We also know that many of you work bi- or even tri-vocationally, while taking care of children, elderly parents, going to school, and much more. So, please help our team choose what webinar content to focus on by selecting what you'd like to learn about, and what days and times of the week work best for you, from this short survey.

Copy and paste the URL below to go to surveymonkey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCMContent2025?fbclid=IwY2xjawIhq0xleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHVSbO2jv-_yHcbaDF8Z8WhUoWVBCIck5MggZl9kQjZOxv28uvpp3ApCIDg_aem_z0-WwqQk-YqMs1RZZSwMpg





PDC Cleanup Day

Women's bathroom - downstairs:

Baseboard molding needs to be replaced
 Ceiling tiles with water damage
 Sink beside the stalls is pulling away from the wall
 Fresh paint
 Replace blinking light
 Clean vent
 Deep clean floors

Men's bathroom – downstairs:

Check molding
 Check ceiling tiles over the sink
 Crack behind sink (may need caulking)
 Change piping under urinal to match fixture
 Check for mold

Fellowship hall/General needs:

All windows need to be cleaned
 Clean out storage areas
 Check wall between back stairs
 Area rooms need to be cleaned and organized
 Clean walls
 Replace window treatments
 Check all baseboards (? Water damage)

PDC Cleanup Day

Upstairs sanctuary:

Fresh paint throughout sanctuary
 New doors?
 Carpet?
 General cleaning

Dorm rooms/house:

Replace flooring – vinyl plank/cove base
 Replace bathrooms in dorms
 Paint living area
 Kitchen modifications (TBD)

Outside:

Clear out kudzu
 Clean PDC sign replace lettering/lighting
 Parking lot – clear weeds
 General beautification
 Leaves need to be blown around doors

Attic rooms:

Need to be organized
 Cleaned out

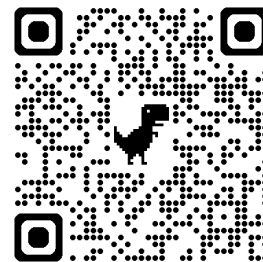
Kitchen:

Needs to be organized
 Cleaned up

House/Dormitory:

Basement (multiple needs)

Register Here: <https://wmt.suran.com/main/preview/15717>



Virginia Disciple Women

Spring 2025 SPA+ Days

(Study, Prayer, Action, and Self Care)

Saturday, April 5, 2025

THE POWER OF GRACE

This annual event provides a "time away" for women to gather to pray, study, encourage one another, care for oneself, and fellowship together. Women's resources are introduced and events for the upcoming year showcased.

Registration

Name:	Email:
Address:	Church:
City :	Phone number:
State:	Emergency contact:

Fees and Resources

☐ \$20: Lunch and Program Food Allergies _____

DEADLINE: Form and fees must be received at the Regional Office by March 28, 2025 to hold your place. Return reservation form with check payable to: Christian Church in Virginia, 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502. You may also register and pay online at www.ccinva.org.

ALL SPA DAYS WILL BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Saturday, April 5, 2025- Timberlake CC-20261 Lynchburg Hwy, Lynchburg, VA
Saturday, April 5, 2025-Olive Branch CC-7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA
Saturday, April 5, 2025-Pembroke CC-513 Snidow Street, Pembroke, VA
Saturday, April 5, 2025-Antioch Christian Church, 555 Spencer-Preston Rd, Martinsville, VA
Saturday, April 5, 2025- Bon Air CC- 2071 Buford Road, North Chesterfield Richmond, VA

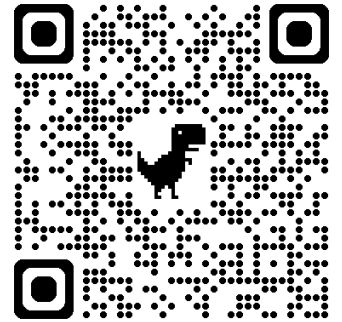
SPA SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. -Gathering and Registration
10:00 a.m. -Study and Self Care
12:00 p.m. -Dedication of Blessing Boxes and other offerings
12:30 p.m. -Lunch
1:30-2:00 p.m. Pass It On-What's happening this year for women in the Virginia Region

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Register me for Lynchburg, VA | <input type="checkbox"/> Register me for Richmond, VA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Register me for Williamsburg, VA | <input type="checkbox"/> Register me for Martinsville, VA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Register me for Pembroke, VA | |

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:

Landscaping
Screening
Ceiling Fans
Clubhouse
Firewood Area
Painting
Small Engine Mechanic

Siding Assistance
Craft Room
Swimming Pool
Dining Hall
Horseshoe Pits
Pond Seating
Challenge Course

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.

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

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)

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

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/>



Mission Wednesday Zoom Check ins:

Below are a few links and information regarding our common effort to help with recovery and rebuild efforts in North Carolina following the hurricane. Like most disasters, there has been lots of attention for recovery and clean up efforts but this area will need years of rebuilding. We are working with Christmount and Week of Compassion to determine when and how we can be part of long term recovery/rebuild efforts. With this goal in mind we are beginning to collect names/contacts for individuals/churches who might want to be part of mission trips to the area. We know not every church can organize something but together as region we can join together and make a real impact. Please pass along the link/QR code to individuals who might be interested. We will also continue to meet via zoom calls every other week to share information, resources and ways churches/individuals can make a real difference... Thank you, as always, for being willing to work together as Disciples in Virginia.

See Video, QR code, Website link and zoom schedule/link below:

The zoom link (noon on most 2nd and 4th Wednesdays is: ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/485473273?pwd=MkxtZlVXK0h3ay9zZz09>

<https://youtu.be/ee0-a8DT08M>

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



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, 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 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 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.

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.

Bethany Christian Church, 3115 Fleming Ave NW, Roanoke, VA 24012 is currently searching for a part-time minister. Contact me at 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

Saumsville Christian Church, Saumsville, VA is seeking a part-time minister. Contact me for more information at 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

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Camp Registration Here: <https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry>



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 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 or 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



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJpkMBd_h1SWc6HyknnJUcRFWZ6P05M8idwATImTmVPLmZWg/viewform

Contact:

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January 10, 2025

Seventh Street Christian Church Hosts Final Worship Service at 4101 Grove Ave.

A Celebration of Gratitude and Transition

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 4101 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA

Richmond, VA – Seventh Street Christian Church invites the community to a heartfelt final worship service at its long-standing location of 4101 Grove Avenue on Saturday, April 26, 2024, at 3:00 PM. This special gathering will highlight the church's rich history, acknowledge its current transformation, and celebrate the many memories created within its beloved walls. Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be preaching at the service.

As the church reflects on its past, it is essential to honor the foundation laid by the early leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including Thomas and Alexander Campbell, whose visits inspired the formation of Sycamore Christian Church in the 1830s. The congregation built a dedicated space officially becoming Seventh Street Christian Church on July 14, 1872. Over the years, the church has nurtured generations of faith and community, ultimately relocating to its current site at Malvern & Grove in September 1950 in response to significant growth.

In its mission to invest more in the community, Seventh Street Christian Church is currently navigating a significant transition by selling its property and moving worship to a temporary space. This decision allows the church to direct more resources—time, energy, and finances—into enhancing community outreach and stewardship.

As we gather to commemorate this significant moment, we invite former ministers, parishioners, friends, and community members to join in this celebration of gratitude. Join us for this momentous occasion as we express our appreciation for the past while looking forward to new opportunities to serve our community.

For further details, please contact Rev. Hollie Woodruff at 804-358-4194 or Revhollie@seventhstreetchristianchurch.org.



District IV Board Meeting

The District Board meeting was held on 2/10/25 at 7:00 pm. There were 18 members in attendance with 12 churches represented. There were no minutes presented for approval.

The interim treasurer, Robert Smith, reported that the balance brought forward from 2024 was \$3404.78. Church dues/contributions were remitted by Doe Run CC and Jerusalem CC for a total of \$85.00 bringing the balance to \$3489.78. Churches were reminded to make their individual dues/contributions.

Business included:

An announcement was made that the pastor from Corinth CC, Chatham, VA, Rev. Gary Page, had passed away in late January.

Flo reported that Rocky Mount CC, Boones Mill CC and Doe Run CC's, will be combining choirs for an Easter cantata to be performed at Boones Mill CC on 4/12/25 and Rocky Mount CC on 4/18/25 at 7:00 pm respectively.

Rev. Jordan Smith-Arrington reported that Boones Mill CC is supporting Franklin County Foster Care programs by providing needed items when children and staff must live at the facility until children can be placed with families. Boones Mill CC is also doing a fund raiser to update/refurbish the family meeting room at the Social Services office.

Rev. Scott Oliver from Snow Creek CC thanked the churches and individuals who participated in the District Advent Service held 12/29/24 that concluded the calendar year. Rev. Oliver was especially grateful for the musicians from Boones Mill CC and Rocky Mount CC who sang, played instruments, and accompanied the hymns. Boones Mill had a female quartet to sing and a flute player for several special instrumentals. Many attendees participated in the scripture readings. The Snow Creek CC family provided an amazing and most delicious soup/chili lunch and homemade cookies for dessert. Small gifts were given to individuals at the conclusion of the service from the district by the Moderator, Marilyn Whittaker and the secretary Marquitta Joyce.

A Black History Program will be held at the Piedmont District, Reidsville NC, 2/23/25 at 3:00 pm.

Information regarding the Boundaries Workshop on March 15 has been mailed to all District Churches. This will be held in Martinsville at the New College Institute. It was recommended that all church leadership should attend to include those working with youth and children.

The General Board of DOC has requested three representatives be established from each congregation to participate in DOC business. Some Ministers participating in our zoom meeting had not received this information.

The General Assembly will extend to meeting in person every three years (due to cost) after July 2025 and convenes in Memphis, TN, July 12-15th. The goal is to have three members from each congregation represented. This is for the larger church to stay more connected and congregations have more participation in the larger church.

A copy of the Virginia Region Administrative Council for 2025 to 2027 was presented to District IV Board Members. (Flo has a copy). District IV mailbox is P.O. Box 3222, Martinsville, VA 24112

The Bylaws Revision Committee was established in 2024 but had not met. Members are Rev. Scott Oliver, Marquitta Joyce and Mabel Peters.

The Craig Springs camp schedule is posted on the Region website.

The Piedmont district camp schedule was not available. Rev. Kara Fleurigard will report later.

Rev. Mike Carrow, pastor of Calvary CC retired 12/31/24 and retired as District IV treasurer after serving for fifteen years. The Board voted to present a plaque of thanks and dedication for his years of service along with a \$50.00 gift card to his favorite restaurant.

Rev. Robert Smith, pastor of Jerusalem CC retired 12/31/24.

There were no Disciple Men or Youth reports. The Disciple Women reported: a very successful retreat was held in October at Smith Mountain Lake- 4-H Center. The theme was "Sowing Seeds of Faith." The retreat hosted an Anti-Racism Pro Reconciliation workshop conducted by the VA Region on Friday prior to the retreat. Mount Olive East CC Disciples Women are celebrating 50 years of Disciple Women Ministry with a special recognition on 2/16/25. The VA Disciples Women's Cabinet met 2/08/25 at the Regional Office in Lynchburg.

The District IV CC in VA 2025 calendar was presented. District IV will host another Picnic on 9/2025 and it was requested that all churches put this date on their calendars now to increase participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Flo Parcell, District IV Board Member