

The Virginia Christian

September, 2026

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Reverend Ken Davis Retirement Celebration!

**MT. OLIVE EAST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Dr.
Kenneth Davis**

Retirement Celebration
36 years
Pastorial Leadership

GUEST SPEAKERS

Rev. John Adams
First Galilee MBC
Martinsville, VA
Wednesday

Rev. Steven Mayhan
First Christian Church
Concord, NC
Thursday

Rev. Antonio Redd
Lovely Valley MBC
Wirtz, VA
Friday

**3611 SPENCER PRESTON ROAD
MARTINSVILLE, VA**

**OCTOBER
28-30
@
7PM
nightly**

New Administrative Secretary Position

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia is seeking a faithful, organized, and hospitable Administrative Secretary to support the shared ministry of the Region. This role offers an opportunity to serve congregations, clergy, ministry leaders, and regional programs through dependable administrative support, gracious communication, and careful stewardship of information and resources.

The Administrative Secretary serves as a welcoming and dependable presence in the regional office and helps sustain the ministries of the church across Virginia. This position supports communication, recordkeeping, financial processes, event coordination, and office operations, helping the Region remain organized, responsive, and connected. The person in this role will work closely with staff, ministers, congregations, committees, and ministry partners in support of the mission and witness of the church. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to bsdinvirginia@gmail.com

To see a message from the Regional Minister about this position, go here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vEiOV6wqT-iS5ozTT7qECLincciKN8qb/view>

For more information go to the Regional Website at:
<https://www.ccinva.org/administrative-assistant-position>.



Rappahannock Christian Church

Rappahannock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dunnsville, VA, celebrated the baptisms of eight people in the beautiful Rappahannock River at Norton Point on Sunday, August 23, 2026. With over 115 people in attendance, we celebrated and welcomed our newest members to the Body of Christ at RCC. Lily Childress, Lucas McComb, Michael, Brantley and Braelynn Singleton, Drew and Camden Hutt, and Nolan Mozingo. We are grateful for the moving of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in our church! We are also grateful to our newly formed singing ensemble and our youth, Lucas and Lily, for sharing their incredible musical gifts with the church on this beautiful day.



You could be the one they are looking for . . .
Week of Compassion seeks leaders for small group disaster response mission work

We are searching for experienced volunteers for Mission work over the next several months and into 2027. Pastors Greg and Debbie Ott are in the process of being trained as Week of Compassion leaders for small group disaster response mission work (6-8 people). We need skilled volunteers in the following areas:

- > brick and cinderblock installation (adding to existing block walls for a house foundation).
- > work with concrete (form, pour, and finish concrete sidewalks and stoops).
- > installation of wooden decks and ramps w/ landings (houses are on foundations 7-8 blocks high).

We are building a list because everyone will not be available all the same time. We are a very flexible and quick return group to serve in MD, VA, NC areas.

Thank you!
Rev. Greg Ott

If you could imagine yourself as part of this team send a note to Greg Ott <chalicevb@gmail.com> or Debbie Ott <debbieott757@gmail.com>

Craig Springs Kitchen Renovation to Begin Fall 2027:

We are excited to announce that the Craig Springs Kitchen Renovation will begin in the fall of 2027. This project has been needed for some time and I am excited to announce that we intend to start the project following the camp season next year. Please join us in prayer for this project and for the many lives that have experienced and will experience God's love on the Holy Mountain we call Craig Springs:

- Share this video
- Contribute/Pledge a gift individually
- Talk to your church about a contribution for this important ministry
- Encourage your church to hold a retreat at Craig Springs

PS. Camp numbers have grown over last year.....

<https://youtu.be/7jQJwR0b8Jg> (Announcement Video)

<https://www.ccinva.org/cskitchen> (Kitchen Renovation Page)

Blessings BSD



Registration Here:

<https://christianchurchinvirginia.regfox.com/arpr-2026>

Virginia Anti-Racism & Pro-Reconciliation Ministry 2026 WORKSHOPS



- Saturday, October 24, 2026 - Westside Christian Church
Pastor Jennifer Larson, hosting
Time: 9:00am
Location: 535 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, Virginia 23701

- Saturday, TBA - Craig Springs Camp Center
Pastor Ron Schwarz, hosting
Time: 9:00am
Location: 30 Craig Springs Circle, New Castle, Virginia 24127

Open Ministry Positions

If you are interested, contact Bill Spangler-Dunning at bsdinvirginia@gmail.com

Chalice Christian Church. 5612 Haden Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 is seeking a full-time minister that will transition from Associate to Senior Pastor.

Doe Run Christian Church. 3536 Doe Run Road, Rocky Mount, VA is seeking a full-time minister (parsonage included).

Fayette Street Christian Church. 420 Fayette St., Martinsville, VA is seeking a pulpit supply to part-time minister.

First Christian Church, Richlands. 1502 Second Street, Richlands, VA is seeking a full-time (with parsonage).

Loudon Avenue Christian Church. 730 Loudon Ave., NW, Roanoke, VA is seeking a full-time pastor.

Midway Church of Christ, North Tazewell, VA is seeking Sunday Pulpit supply.

Philippi Christian Church. 17276 General Puller Hwy., Deltaville, VA is seeking a ¾ to full-time pastor.

Poole Christian Church. 7521 Trinity Church Road, Church Road, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

Sherry Memorial Christian Church. 729 Mountain Lake Rd., Newport, VA is seeking a part-time minister.

Slash Christian Church. 11353 Mt. Hermon Rd., Ashland, VA is looking for a part-time youth minister. Contact Michael Weeks at pastormichael@slashcc.org for more information.

Unity Christian Church. 400 Tyler Street, Radford, VA is seeking a full-time minister.

West Side Christian Church. 535 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA is seeking a part-time minister.



Craig Springs Camp

Fall Work Weekend

October 9-11, 2026

Join us for work and fellowship as we work together to finish up some 2026 projects and get the camp ready for the winter. There is something for everyone as we paint, organize, and make other preparations. There are also tasks that require skilled labor or assistants, so whatever your skill-set we have tasks for you!

For More information and
a link to the registration page visit:

<https://www.craigsprings.org/get-involved/work-week>



Or to go directly to the Registration Page:

<https://christianchurchinvirginia.regfox.com/2026-fall-workweekend>

If you or your church would like to come some other weekend, please contact Ron Schwarz at

admin@craigsprings.org!

Looking for your next book? Consider **"We Call Ourselves Disciples"**

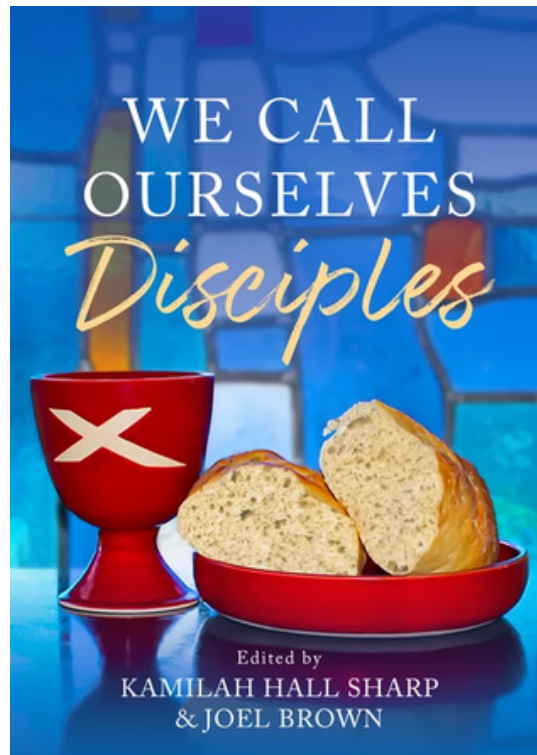
and order it from our own **Chalice Press** at <https://chalicepress.com/.../we-call-ourselves-disciples...>

For a review of this book click here: <https://journalofdiscipliana.org/.../jod/article/view/45/49>

Written by Tristan Spangler-Dunning whom I trust deeply when he recommends a book!

For more book ideas and Discipes History check out the Journal of Discipliana at

<https://journalofdiscipliana.org/index.php/jod/issue/view/6>



<https://disciplespreaching.org/events/disciples-preaching-retreat/> (More Info)

<https://youtu.be/gKaEXV-fdo8?si=ukjXBh3RGsEDkUJV> (Promo Video)

