



KBY/WEST AREA NEWS

A Word from the West

Greetings, Friends and Colleagues! As we begin this New Year, I would like to invite you to think about the top five best things in your life and your church life. It may feel like everyone is looking for the “potholes” and all the negative stuff floating around, and we may be tempted to get on that track. Not so! Scripture would lead us on a better path:

“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”
(Psalm 118:24)

It’s not necessary to ignore significant issues in life; however, we can create a much better tone if we begin to remember and focus on some of the things that bring us joy and hope. Here’s what I’m thinking today as I give thanks for ministry and for the “congregation” I serve in the West Area of Kentucky:

- (1) There are **45 churches** in this “congregation” that are doing wonderful ministry. You know...things like sharing in worship on Sunday or another day, inviting one another to share in prayer for many, things like enjoying potlucks and coffee and realizing all of that is holy conversation!
- (2) We have churches led by **ministers who are doing their best** to provide good pastoral care, kindness, and inspiration through sermons and newsletters and leadership every day.
- (3) We have a wonderful campground, **Camp Kum-Ba-Ya**, that allows us time to think, to laugh, to enjoy God’s creation on many occasions.
- (4) This area has **long-time friends and supporters** who know all about what it means to support and secure the future of ministry for young persons and adults.
- (5) There is a fine network of those who reach out to one another in clergy groups, office administration, and groups of shared interests. **I’m grateful for the partnership with Glori Cope** and her extensive knowledge of and care for our “congregation.”

There is a much longer list, but I invite us to consider 5 things for now! So, this is what I hope for this year. May we be attentive to joy and hope, but let us always be looking ahead and to the side...looking for new styles of ministry, new ways of improving what we do together. The future always beckons, and I hope we are looking for the best. I think we can leave the negative stuff for another day; instead, together let us bring our best to our church every week and our larger congregation of the West Area and the Kentucky Region all along the way. Peace, dear Friends!

Beth Dobyns, West Area Minister



This past year I have served on the National Youth Advisory Board for Souper Bowl of Caring. If you don't know what Souper Bowl of caring is, it is a charity that collects money on Super Bowl Sunday. We ask that everyone in the congregation donate a dollar or more. All of the donations go to a local charity that deals with poverty and hunger of your choice. At our church we have participated for over a decade, it has been a very rewarding experience! To learn more please visit www.tacklehunger.org. If you would like to get your church involved, please email me at baileygottman@yahoo.com, I will get you registered and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Bailey Gottman,
First Christian Paducah

Camp is available for groups besides Disciples. If you know of a Scout group, another denomination, a soccer team, a family reunion, etc. have them call to schedule.

In 2016 we had the following:

Weekend Groups

Sebree CC & Owensboro FCC

All Day Groups

Murray FCC & Benton FCC

Outside Groups

2 - for three-day use

2 - for two-day use

Women's Retreat Dates Set 2017

March 3-5	Choral Retreat Jeffersontown CC
April 22	Spring Conference 9:30 to 3:30
April 29	Spring Conference 10 to 4 South Elkhorn

Watch for more information.

Far West Men's Work Day April 22

Everyone is invited to help at Camp KBY on April 22 to get ready for an awesome summer. Men, women and youth are all encouraged to come to camp.

Projects could include:

- Update the staff cabins
- Pavilion repairs
- Gutter cleaning
- Paint the kitchen and pantry
- Replace some of the steps at the cabins
- Ceiling repair in the Billy Williams Lodge
 - men's bathroom
- Install a couple solar lights

Before camp we would like to have a couple loads of sand for the beach and some dense grade rock for road at the boys side

Come have fun - we will have breakfast and lunch. Email and let us know if you will be available.

KBY Alternate Gift List

Expanding our boundaries beyond
Summer Youth Events

Solar Eclipse Weekend, August 2017
American Quilters Spring and Fall, 2017

It takes more than summer youth events to make ends meet. Kum-Ba-Ya is a beautiful holy ground that we are reaching out to other groups to use year round. In order to make this happen, we need your help with some larger ticket items. If someone on your shopping list can't think of a thing they need, consider sending a gift to KBY. We will send them an appropriate card acknowledging your gift. If you have a person you would love to honor or to remember with a special donation give us a call. (270-821-1332). Response was great for the Alternate Christmas Gifts - Thank you so much!!!

6' Commercial Grade Fold-in-half Tables (~~6-3~~)
\$57.98 each

Commercial Grade Folding Chairs (~~100~~ 96)
\$19.98 each

Hanging chair caddy (3)
\$149.98 each

Cloth Table Covers for round tables (4 sets)
\$105.42 each

Cloth Table Covers for long tables (1)
\$54.88 for 6 pack

Plates - Porcelain (white) (~~5~~ 2)
\$43.99/case+\$18.08 shipping

We have a big-ticket item. The dock needs to be replaced. One estimate is \$9,200. If you would like to make a gift toward this, please indicate "DOCK" on the memo line.

Camp Dates

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

The Kum-Ba-Ya application is available by
clicking this link:

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Application-2017-updated.pdf>

	grades	
Spring Work Retreat		April 21-22
Chi Rho Sailing (limit to 15)	6-8	June 4-9
CYF	9-12	June 11-17
CYF Sailing (limit to 15)	9-13	June 18-23
Young Disciples	3	June 23-25
Chi Rho	6-8	June 26-July 1
Junior	4-5	July 3-7
Discovery	1-2	July 7-9
All Y'all		Sept. 22-24

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Spring Work Retreat		March 24-26
Mini	3	June 2-4
CYF1	9-12	June 5-10
Eighter's	8	June 11-17
Junior1	4-5	June 19-23
Camp 101A	1-2	June 23-25
CYF2	9-12	June 26-July 1
Chi Rho1	6-8	July 3-8
Junior2 (50 ppl max)	4-5	July 10-14
Camp 101B	1-2	June 14-16
Chi Rho2	6-8	July 17-22
Y'all Camp		Sept. 1-3

West Area Youth Ski-Thing 2017

January 27-28

For Youth in Grades 6-12

Kum-Ba-Ya note cards are available by calling the West Area Office. These would make great gifts. There are 10 cards in each and cost \$20.00 per set.

We had several requests for postcards with the canoes. They have arrived and are ready. \$2.00 each with an envelope.

Spring Youth Work Retreat
April 21-22
No Charge!!!

Youth will work with the **Far West Men's** group on several projects. Registration forms will be on the website.

One Kentucky
April 28-30
Camp Loucon

\$95 per youth; \$75 per adult sponsor. Registration Information available soon.



Join us for a great weekend!!
August 19-21 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
Solar Eclipse
 4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton KY 42025

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Arrive on Saturday and leave after the Solar Eclipse on Monday. We are offering tent sites; cabins; cabins with air conditioning and three meals a day. We have several reservations already, so don't wait too long. Call the West Area Office to register. We now accept most credit cards. Phone: 270-821-1332. Website has registration form and additional information. www.campkumbaya.org

Counselors Needed!! Please contact the West Area Office [270-821-1332 or cckwaglo@bellsouth.net] to volunteer to counsel this summer. It is great fun!!



Employment Opportunities

KBY is looking for two people to work this summer. Give us a call for additional information.

Lifeguard/Assistant First Aid

Requirements: certified by the Red Cross in First Aid and CPR, Waterfront Safety, Life Guarding and if required, the Marshall County Food Handlers class

First Aid Safety Officer, Canteen & Recreation Equipment Supervisor

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Additional Requirement: Age 21 or older