

the COORDINATOR

MAY 2025



**REGISTER
ONLINE FOR
SUMMER 2025**

Junior Camp (gr. 3-5) June 2-6
Sailing Camp (gr. 6-12) June 9-13
Discovery Camp (gr. K-2) June 20-22
Chi Rho Camp (gr. 6-8) June 23-28
CYF Camp (gr. 9-12) June 30-July 5



www.campkumbaya.org



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REGISTER TODAY!
<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

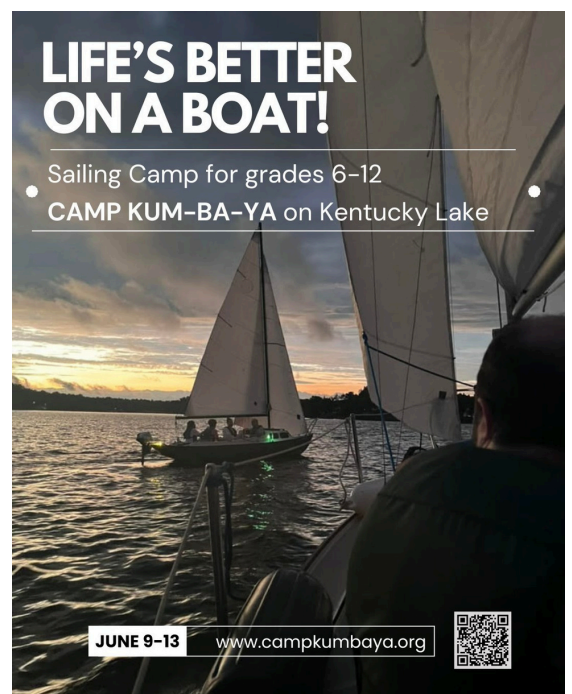
IT'S CAMP TIME!

Now's the time to register for camps at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and benefit from the early bird discount, which ends May 1. Each camp offers a different curriculum and provides a unique experience. For example, Sailing Camp is a grand adventure for grades 6-12. Campers learn about God as they learn to sail on Kentucky Lake. Youth can register for more than one camp, so we would love to have them join us for both Sailing Camp AND Chi Rho or CYF.

Registration information:

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

Postcards, brochures, graphics and video for inviting others to camp: <http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/>



MORE CAMP NEWS

SUMMER ASSISTANT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 1

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at a camp? Considering a vocation in camping ministry? Just love being at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Or, know someone who has the gifts and love for outdoor ministries?

This summer, the camp will be hiring a seasonal summer assistant for our larger camps. The summer assistant will help clean and care for the facilities and grounds, assist the kitchen manager at mealtimes, and help with first aid and general safety. See the camp's webpage for the application and more details. Application deadline is extended to **May 1**.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org>



WORK DAY IS APRIL 26

This Saturday, **April 26**, is our spring work day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Each year we gather volunteers of all ages at the camp to spend a few hours preparing the campground for hosting summer activities and guests. We'll organize closets, do spring cleaning, gather limbs, and use powertools to make repairs on our facility. Our camp manager, Becca Teckenbrock, also has a few special projects for us to tackle this year. Bring your tools, water bottle, and work gloves. Breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided.

COUNSELORS FOR JUNIOR CAMP

Be a Camp
Counselor
or CIT!



<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2025 DATES

YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT CCINKY.NET

SPRING WORK WEEKEND	TBD
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 30-JUNE 1
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 2-7
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 8-14
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 16-20
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 20-22
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 23-28
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JUNE 30-JULY 5
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 7-12
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 19
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 29-SEPT 1

*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO

Counselors are still being recruited for Junior Camp (June 2-6). Help us start our summer off strong and apply today. Also, do you know youth or young adults (16 or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/>

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S NEWS

KNIT/QUILT/CRAFT RETREAT: JUNE 30-JULY 3

This year's Knit/Quilt/Craft Retreat will return to Berea, Kentucky at First Christian Church, Berea. The retreat cost is \$190, covering five meals, facilities, and activities. Participants make their own housing arrangements. Registration is due **June 22**. Registration form and link are available on the website below.

This retreat is primarily a spiritual life retreat, organized to help participants connect their creative work to their journey with God. Morning and evening prayers are included every day, with full worship and communion at the close. There is a group project to raise money for Week of Compassion. Tours will be offered of Berea College's many craft programs. There is space for sewing machines, knitting and crochet circles, painting, clay work, and even weaving. The hum of machines, the sound of laughter and conversation, the time for saying thank you God, and many moments to just breathe... that is what it's all about.

Berea has a number of motels and B&Bs, and we have a block of rooms reserved at Boone Tavern. Reservations can be made using booking number 12729. Rooms are \$120/night plus tax; reservations for these rooms must be made by **May 31**.

<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>



DISCIPLES WOMEN SPRING CONFERENCE SCRAPBOOK: THANKS, PADUCAH FIRST CHRISTIAN, FOR HOSTING!



DISCIPLES MEN'S NEWS

FREE CURRICULUM, GUIDE, AND MORE!

Looking for a curriculum for your men's group or class?

Disciples Men has recently made all three installments of *The Jesus Way* curriculum available for FREE download—offering over 50 lessons to help men's groups grow in faith and relationship with God and each other. Other resources available:

- Desktop guide for starting or revitalizing a men's group.
- The Pathway to Blessing study (coming soon!)
- A new video-based study on cultivating friendship among men, releasing mid-May

Explore all resources on the Disciples Men resource page.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/ministry-programs/disciples-men/>



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025



The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mark your calendars to join us **July 12-15**, for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church.

<https://ga.disciples.org>



HELP BUILD HOPE
Frame a house for a disaster-impacted family, part of Week of Compassion's long-term tornado recovery in Kentucky.
build host site: The BLVD (Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, Memphis)
Plan to come early to help frame a home for our Kentucky neighbors!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The 2025 General Assembly will offer two dynamic programming tracks for youth (middle school and high school). Participants will gather with youth from across the US and Canada and engage in experiential learning sessions designed to explore what it means to live beyond expectations, boundaries, and challenges. Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) will also provide invaluable leadership training, equipping youth with the skills and confidence to grow as leaders in their communities and the church. A visit to the National Civil Rights Museum on Sunday will offer powerful historical perspective, culminating in a panel discussion where young voices can reflect on faith, justice, and their role in shaping the future.

MORE RESOURCES AND TRAININGS

NEXT CCK WEBINAR

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES



“Creating a New Stream of Income to Support Your Ministry”

Saturday, May 17 via Zoom
10:00 AM ET/9:00 AMCT

Congregations today are having to think creatively about how to fund their ministry. With aging facilities and rising costs, churches are struggling to meet their most basic demands, let alone try something new. What if your church had an additional stream of income to support ministries that were important to your congregation? What if this stream of income was the result of a meaningful program that congregants supported passionately and faithfully?

Join Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown, vice-president of Development for the Southeast Zone of the Christian Church Foundation, will present a webinar on how legacy giving can provide a sustained revenue stream. He will share first-hand experience from 20 years of congregational ministry, offering examples of how legacy giving can not only help fund ministry for the future, but also transform the overall culture of generosity in your church.

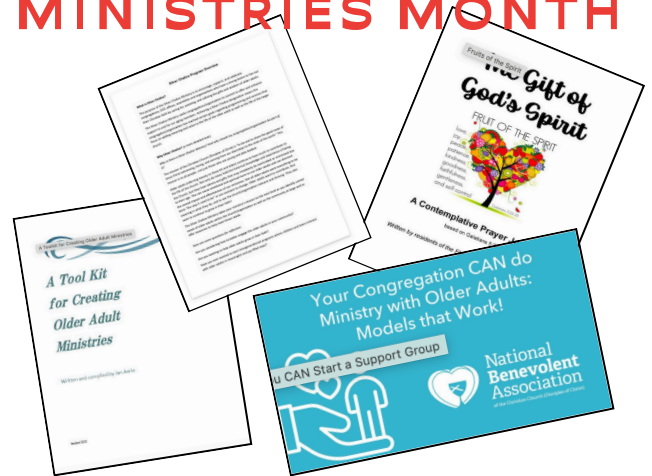
<http://www.ccinky.net/equipping-disciples/>

BODY BUILDING

Did your church have new guests on Easter Sunday? Were there new young faces at your egg hunt? How will you reach out to them now? What events will you invite them to next--maybe a Mothers or Fathers Day event, VBS, a Bible study, or a service project? Is there room in your ministry to include them and their spiritual gifts?



OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES MONTH



May is Older Adults Month, a time to honor the legacy and leadership of older adults in our congregations and communities who have shaped us, and continue to contribute with their faith, wisdom, and service. Designate a Sunday in May for a special celebration and recognition service. Explore these great resources, including the Silver Chalice ministry and *A Toolkit for Creating Older Adult Ministries*, to see how your church might enhance its ministries with older adults.

<https://www.nbacares.org/resources/aging-in-faith-clergy-worship-resources-spiritual-care-older-adults/>

Building Community Through Storytelling: Sharing Bible Stories and Our Own Stories



Free Webinar by
Older Adult Ministries
Wednesday, April 30th
11:00am CT

National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Evangeli- cal)

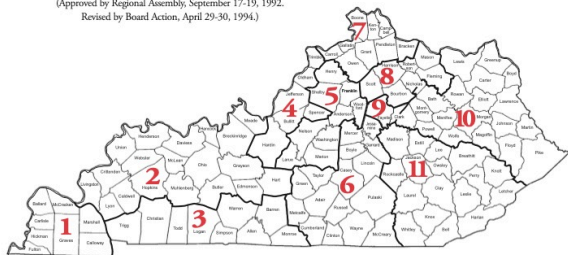
And, on Wednesday, **April 30**, NBA's Older Adult Ministry will be presenting the "Building Community Through Storytelling: Sharing Bible Stories and Our Own Stories" webinar. Revs. Kaye Edwards and Elaine Austin of Worship and Wonder Bible Storytelling will share ways this multi-sensory approach brings life experiences into dialogue with all ages and with God. The webinar will take place at 11 a.m. Central and there is no cost to attend. Discover more and register to attend.

<https://buff.ly/zyt19Xj>

CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

(Approved by Regional Assembly, September 17-19, 1992.
Revised by Board Action, April 29-30, 1994.)



MAY MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, May 27, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain with us.

May 4	First Christian Church, Glasgow
May 11	First Christian Church, Greenville
May 18	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 25	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon

NEW GMAIL EMAIL

Rachel and Teri are transitioning to Gmail email addresses. Please change our work email addresses in your contacts list:

teri.westarea@gmail.com (Teri Arp, West Area Office Manager)

westareaminister@gmail.com (Rachel Nance Woehler, West Area Reg. Minister)

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On March 3, Bowling Green First Christian celebrated the almost 10-year ministry of Associate Minister Rev. Kyle McDougall. Kyle has received a call to serve as the pastor of Erlanger Christian Church in northern Kentucky.

(Pictured right with Senior Minister Rev. Megan Huston)



On March 30, Russellville First Christian and Berea Christian near Russellville came together to recognize the ordination of Rev. Dr. Larry Baker. Thanks be to God for his calling to become a minister with standing in the Disciples of Christ.

(Pictured center with, L to R, Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler, Rev. Dr. Dan Lovell and Rev. Josh Snyder)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Caregivers: The CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support group is a safe space for you to share your questions and concerns. Join us!

Thursday, May 1, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, who published the book, *Dementia, Caregiving, and Christian Discipleship: Managing Ministry for Dementia Patients and their Caregivers*. To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com

GREAT WAYS TO GIVE TO CAMP

- Collect and donate items for our camp canteen--like canned soft drinks, regular sized candy bars, and individual bags of chips or snacks
- Donate luau leis and canned drinks for our end-of-camp beach parties
- Purchase needed items from our Amazon wish list.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share
- Make a financial contribution that allows us to use your gift where it is most needed: <http://www.campkumbaya.org/howyoucanhelp/>



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING 2025



<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost/>



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An Invitation to Join the West Area Prayer Chain

In 2021, the West Area connected in a powerful chain of prayer. Let's covenant to pray for one another again in 2025!

Each Sunday and the following week, the prayer chain invites to pray for one of our churches or ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will begin the first Sunday after Epiphany on January 12 and take us throughout the year to the Sunday before Advent. We might list each one on our prayer lists in our newsletters and bulletins. We could raise up their names in worship, in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. It's an opportunity to invite our Elders, Deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers.

Thanks be to God that we are able to connect across the miles in a chain of prayer with one another.

"I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers."
(Ephesians 1:16-19a)

January 12	The retired ministers of the West Area
January 19	Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell
January 26	Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
February 2	Baskett Christian Church, Baskett
February 9	Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove
February 16	First Christian Church, Benton
February 23	First Christian Church, Bowling Green
March 2	Cadiz Christian Church, Cadiz
March 9	Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
March 16	Crofton Christian Church, Crofton
March 23	First Christian Church, Dawson Springs
March 30	Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

April 6	Ilseley Christian Church, Dawson Springs
April 13	First Christian Church, Earlington
April 20	The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton
April 27	First Christian Church, Fulton
May 4	First Christian Church, Glasgow
May 11	First Christian Church, Greenville
May 18	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 25	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon
June 1	First Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 8	Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 15	Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 22	First Christian Church, Madisonville
June 29	Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville
July 6	Potluck Church, Madisonville
July 13	First Christian Church, Mayfield
July 20	Second Christian Church, Mayfield
July 27	First Christian Church, Murray
August 3	First Christian Church, Nortonville
August 10	First Christian Church, Owensboro
August 17	First Christian Church, Paducah
August 24	Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke
August 31	Christian Care Communities of Owensboro
September 7	First Christian Church, Princeton
September 14	First Christian Church, Providence
September 21	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
September 28	First Christian Church, Russellville
October 5	First Christian Church, Sebree
October 12	First Christian Church, Smiths Grove
October 19	Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah
October 26	Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green
November 2	Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville
November 9	Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe
November 16	The leadership and staff of the Christian Church In Kentucky
November 23	The leadership and staff of the West Area