

the COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY 2025

“I Pray They Will Be One” John 17:21



West Area Workshops

First Christian Church, Henderson • March 1, 2025

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS 2025!

The registration is open now on our website for the **March 1** West Area Workshops at Henderson First Christian Church (830 S. Green St.) The Leadership Development Team has selected the theme “I Pray They Will Be One” with John 17:18-23 as our guiding scripture.

Saturday, March 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. Central Registration and Exhibits
10:30-11 a.m. Opening Worship
11:10-noon Workshop #1
12:10-12:50 p.m. Lunch
1-1:50 p.m. Workshop #2
2-2:50 p.m. Workshop #3
3-3:30 p.m. Closing Worship

The registration form is now available on the West Area homepage. There, you'll find detailed descriptions about each workshop.

The deadline to register is **February 18**. The cost is \$20. Please spread the word to anyone and everyone who might gain from this day of workshops, worship, and fellowship.

Workshops:

- “21st Century Women’s Ministry!” with Marsha Thornton, Jr.
- “Creating a New Stream of Income to Support Your Ministry” with Rev. Nathan Brown
- “Exploring the Beauty of Christian Hymnody” Rev. Dr. Jody Blake
- “Let’s Dance—A Listening Session” with Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II
- “Love in Action: Strengthening Community Resilience in Times of Disaster” with Tineka Fitzgerald
- “Social Media Ministry” with Kimberly Simons
- “Square Pegs and Round Holes – How Should We Seek to Understand the Dramatic Changes in the Church Occurring Today and Put Them to Godly Use” with Rev. Greg Alexander
- “That We May Have Boldness: Workshopping Your Church’s Youth Ministry Right Now” with Eric Nance Woehler
- “The Work of the Diaconate” with Rev. James Trader, II

www.westareadisciples.org



Save the Date!

The Kentucky Disciples
Women's Choral Retreat

Sing into Spring!

Friday, February 21 ~ Sunday, February 23, 2025
Madison Avenue Christian Church
1530 Madison Avenue Covington, KY 41011

www.ccinky.net The Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat
(859) 322-5653 - Shari @shari.caldarelli@gmail.com

FOR YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 21-23 at First Christian Georgetown
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for links.

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. Central at Henderson First Christian

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 12, at Paducah First Christian
<http://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/>

SPRING WORK DAY AT KBY

Saturday, April 26. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central, and Work Day begins at 8 a.m.

REGIONAL CLERGY RETREAT

April 27-29, at Nazareth Retreat Center, Bardstown. Spots are limited.

SUMMER CAMP AT KBY

See "Camp News" page for details.
www.campkumbaya.org

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 12-15, in Memphis
<https://ga.disciples.org>

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

Two webinars in February!
Financial Best Practices for Clergy & Lay Leaders
Saturday, February 15 via Zoom at 9:00 AM CST

Social Media Boundaries
Thursday, February 27 via Zoom at 11:00 AM CST

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

JULY 12-15 2025 MEMPHIS

BEYOND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Registration is now open!
<https://ga.disciples.org>

Compassion

HEARD AND SEEN

SPECIAL OFFERING 2025
FEBRUARY 16 & 23

Special Offering materials available at
<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/2025.htm>

JOIN THE 2025 PRAYER CHAIN

Pray along with us through the West Area Prayer Chain calendar.

Feb. 2 Baskett Christian Church
Feb. 9 Beech Grove Christian Church
Feb. 16 First Christian Church, Benton
Feb. 23 First Christian Church,
Bowling Green

CAMP NEWS

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

The 2025 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Summer Camp online registration officially opens February 1. See our registration page for the guide and link.

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

Invite someone to summer camp using our promotional postcard, graphics, flier, or video!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/>

APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR OR CIT

We are so thankful for our over 52 directors, counselors, and counselors-in-training who volunteered to make summer camp 2024 possible. Be a part of our 2025 team and apply today. Also, do you know youth or young adults (16 years old or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry. CIT

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



See 2025 dates and pricing from our sister camp in Yosemite, Kentucky.
<http://www.ccinky.net/camp/wakon-da-ho/>

CAMP KBY
 & RETREAT CENTER

- 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

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 REGISTRATION BEGINS

SAVE THE DATES www.campkumbaya.org 4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton

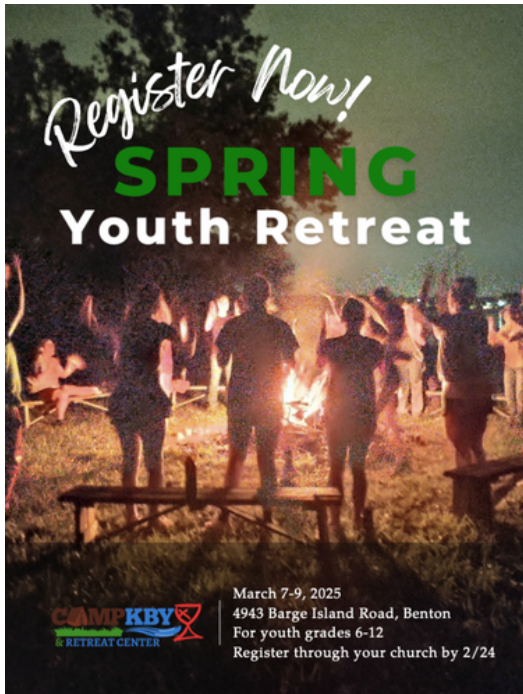
CAMP WAKON'DA-HO

2025 DATES

YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT CCINKY.NET

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| 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 |

YOUTH NEWS



REGISTER FOR THE WAYC 2025 SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) has planned a wonderful retreat at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Road near Benton) for all youth grades 6-12 and adult sponsors on **March 7-9**. Rev. Kevin Toth will be our keynoter as we explore sabbath and rest.

Registration is \$50, with sponsorship from WAYC. More details (including the youth-to-adult ratio, packing list, and schedule) are available in the registration packet at www.westareadisciples.org or using the QR code below. Please see your youth leaders for more details and register through your church by February 24.



GOING ON A MISSION TRIP?

Would your church like some help with that mission trip? The Christian Church in Kentucky offers up to 10 Youth Mission Trip Partnership Grants. The form below needs to be turned in at least two months prior to your mission trip. The first 10 churches who apply are considered first.

For a domestic mission trip you can get up to \$250 and for an international mission trip you can get up to \$500. All we ask is that you send us some stories and pictures for our website and other media forms. Only 10 grants are available each year. Start planning now! You may send the form to Christian Church in Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

<https://www.ccinky.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Youth-Outreach-Partner-Grant-Application.pdf>

DHM Youth Pastors & Volunteers Pre-Assembly Conference:
BLOOMING TO PLANT

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OPENING OURSELVES
BEYOND
THE PERIMETER

SAVE THE DATE
7.11.2025
LINDENWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MEMPHIS, TN

HOTEL & REGISTRATION INFO TO FOLLOW



Plan to go early to the General Assembly in Memphis and attend a pre-assembly event, like this one for youth pastors and volunteers!

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/events/blooming-to-plant/>



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



FEB. MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, February 25, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, February 11, at 10 a.m. Central We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Daniel Lyvers completed his associate ministry at First Christian Church of Bowling Green in December, accepting a call to serve as the senior minister at First Christian Church of Chattanooga.

TIME TO PREPARE YOUR 2025 DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Church staff, please complete and submit the 2025 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and helps us connect and partner in ministry. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com or mail it by **March 15**. Or use our new online form:

<https://forms.gle/fj7zSipEKzmayydz7>

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>

ALEX REPORTING IN FEBRUARY

ALEX Yearbook reporting opens on February 3 for congregations to enter their statistics for 2024 on the ALEX site through March 31.

<https://disciples.org/alex/>



FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

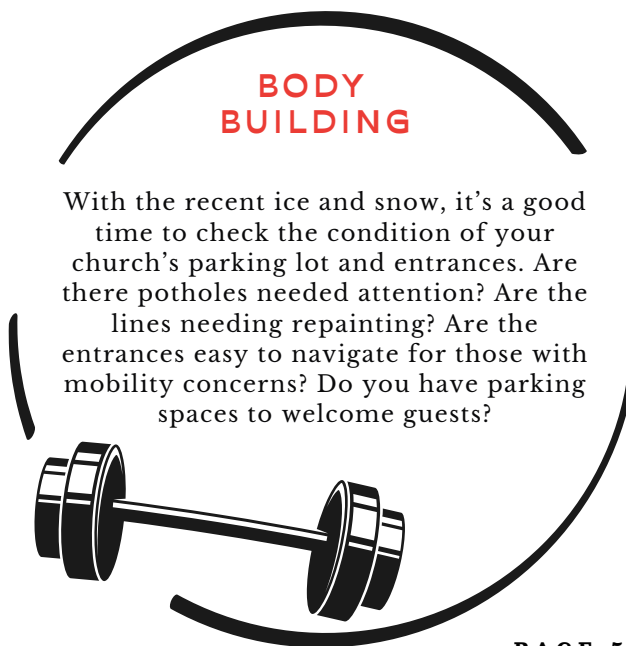
Caregivers: Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support group and find a safe space to share your challenges and joys.

Thursday, February 6, 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



BODY BUILDING

With the recent ice and snow, it's a good time to check the condition of your church's parking lot and entrances. Are there potholes needing attention? Are the lines needing repainting? Are the entrances easy to navigate for those with mobility concerns? Do you have parking spaces to welcome guests?



FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

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| Total Receipts | \$10,171.35 |
| Total Expenses | \$9,723.75 |
| Positive Cash Flow for November | \$447.60 |
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| Total Operations Balance as of 11/30/24 | \$95,620.69 |
| Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 11/30/24 | \$9,240.35 |
| End of Month Operating and Restricted Balance | \$104,861.04 |
| Less Funds Transferred to DCEF for investment purposes | \$70,000.00 |
| Cash on hand balance | \$34,861.04 |

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

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| Total Receipts | \$5,127.20 |
| Total Expenses | \$6,672.17 |
| Negative Cash Flow for November | -\$1,544.97 |
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| Total Operations Balance as of 11/30/24 | \$29,269.43 |
| Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 11/30/24 | \$89,533.39 |
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| Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 11/30/24 | \$118,802.82 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

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| Total Receipts | \$5,631.48 |
| Total Expenses | \$8,079.25 |
| Negative Cash Flow for December | -\$2,447.77 |
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| Total Operations Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$23,032.90 |
| Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$9,240.35 |
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| Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$32,273.25 |

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

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| Total Receipts | \$279.31 |
| Total Expenses | \$7,340.46 |
| Negative Cash Flow for December | -\$7,061.15 |
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| Total Operations Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$22,208.28 |
| Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$89,600.14 |
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| Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 12/31/24 | \$111,808.42 |

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
Treasurer



CCK-West Area or Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
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Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

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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)

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| 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 | First 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 |

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| 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 |