



Regional Updates

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina

July-
August
2019

On July 1, a new prayer vigil began for our Regional church. With thanksgiving, I share that we have just passed day 57, and our morning prayer remains fervent and determined. To frame our prayer, we are focusing on the books of Acts. God's illumination has revealed a panorama of early church evolution. Each participant is feeling a renewed commitment to God, humanity, and the church. Additionally, we have learned some precious lessons reading about interesting characters.

There is Peter, the great Pentecost preacher, who learned that God's favor extended to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. We also met Barnabas, a wise man, full of the Holy Spirit, who is responsible for bringing Paul to the public platform of ministry. Along the way, we encountered Apollos, a fiery evangelist with a teachable spirit, who left the limitation of John's Baptism unto repentance to embrace the liberty of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With women emerging more in the narrative, we met Lydia, considered one of the Merchant Princesses of Antioch. She ranked at the top of society for her success in dyed fabrics. With no synagogue, the riverside became the place of prayer and preaching, and Lydia, along with her household, came to know Jesus. We met Priscilla and Aquilla, bi-vocational pastors, who helped Paul organize numerous churches. Timothy, we understood to be the beloved son of Paul preparing for succession.

And lest we forget, there was Paul, leading the way. He was a Roman operative turned Apostle, whose Damascus road experience illuminated his transformation and his future suffering for Christ. Despite Paul's challenges, he and many other disciples managed to turn the world upside down with the gospel.

During this season of prayer, we have seen ourselves in Acts. We are vulnerable, dependent, and longing for relationship. However, we have also seen ourselves as strong, vibrant, and victorious. We have also witnessed the fellowship and love experienced by the believers at the table. This record of the early church's development reminds us of Jesus. His body and blood were bathed in purpose! His was the ultimate ACT for us!

Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister



Treasurer's Report for Period Jan 1 – Jun 30, 2019
Summary of Operational Accounts Income and Expense

	May	Jun	YTD
Operational Income:			
General	\$ 19,471	\$ 18,818	\$ 108,966
Program	510		18,562
Camp Caroline	50,206	38,418	156,023
Total Income	\$ 70,187	\$ 57,236	\$ 283,551
Operational Expenditures:			
General	\$ 15,473	\$ 18,770	\$ 115,557
Program	2,981	1,051	4,898
Camp Caroline	22,530	42,165	158,455
Total Expenditures	\$ 40,984	\$ 61,986	\$ 278,910
Net Income	\$ 29,203	\$ (4,750)	\$ 4,641

As you can see, we had a wonderful month of May, with a surplus (income exceeding expenses) of \$29,203. For the month of June, we had an operating deficit (expenses exceeding income) of \$4,750. Year to Date figures, which include the six months from January through June, reflect a surplus of \$4641.

To help you get this into perspective, note that as of June 30 last year, we had a \$46,991 deficit. This year we are experiencing great progress towards achieving a more stable financial position! We are grateful for the generosity of so many congregations and individuals which are making this possible.

Why give to the Region? Your Region, the Christian Church in North Carolina, is your congregation's partner in doing ministry. Through the Region, all of the Disciples of Christ congregations in North Carolina work together. As retired Regional Minister Rex Horne puts it, "In the Region, we accomplish God's work together in ways not possible alone." Your congregation is stronger and more effective due to the work of the Region.

Submitted by Kathy Smith, CCNC Treasurer

Barton's Experience in Des Moines

God calls us to “Abide in Me,” and, in keeping with this theme for the 2019 General Assembly in Des Moines, we were allowed to do just that in extraordinary ways throughout our Iowa experience. Barton was fortunate to send a team of four staff members (Amanda Metts, Rachel Moore, Kathy Daughety, and David Finnegan-Hosey) and four students (John Christian Newkirk, Sara Liles, Clint Marsh, and Jailynn Thomas), along with our president, Dr. Douglas N. Searcy, to represent the College.

The Barton College team welcomed this intentional opportunity to celebrate our relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and to share the Barton story with all whom we met. And, we were met with enthusiasm, hospitality, and open arms at every turn during our General Assembly experience.

Visitors to the Barton College booth in the College and University Quad of the Exhibition Hall were treated to a daily “tailgate welcome,” which proved to be incredibly popular with young and old, as prospective students and their families, as well as alumni and friends, stopped by to get the latest details on Barton’s expanding campus and programs. We couldn’t wait to invite them to the opening Barton football game in fall 2020, or tell them about the new esports arena and the newly renovated culinary center, both of which are scheduled to open in fall 2019. We even shared Barton football t-shirts with our van shuttle drivers who were equally excited to sport the Barton insignia and share our story on their days off. One driver told us that he wore his Barton t-shirt to his family reunion that weekend!

Dr. Searcy was excited to welcome alumni and friends to the Barton Luncheon where he emphasized the vibrancy of Barton’s campus — a campus that has seen tremendous growth in enrollment in recent years,

while expanding its academic (undergraduate and graduate) and co-curricular programs. This captive audience seemed particularly pleased to hear that strategic investments were being made in construction, and technological and facility enhancements, and that we were firmly committed to providing a welcoming and challenging environment for our students. Tradition and innovation continue to thrive on Barton’s campus.



Barton students soon found themselves making new friends with prospective students, some of whom have been visiting the Barton booth since they were very young. And, during the Barton Luncheon, our students were anxious to share their own Barton stories by offering very personal and poignant testimonials that referenced the Barton Experience’s core principles. However, one of the Barton students’ favorite

activities, by far, was the Sunday afternoon “Tailgate Party.” We all enjoyed taking turns serving hot dogs and hamburger and chicken sliders to the first two hundred who stopped by to visit! And, we would be remiss if we didn’t also celebrate the delightfully named restaurants we visited while in Des Moines, such as The Grumpy Goat, Buzzard Billy’s, Bubba’s, and also Smokey Row, with its fragrant coffee and ice creams.

This was Barton Chaplain David Finnegan-Hosey’s first General Assembly, and he summed up his experience well, sharing, “What a blessing and an honor to be able to represent Barton College at General Assembly! While this was my first time at General Assembly, I instantly felt at home, welcomed, and included in the family reunion atmosphere of this incredible gathering. General Assembly provided a beautiful view of the Spirit-inspired energy and diversity of a Church on the move. I am grateful for my time at General Assembly, and grateful to return home to Barton College and to a wonderful Region, which supports our important mission of developing young leaders intellectually, spiritually, culturally, and socially for leadership and service to a world in need.”

These opportunities, and many more, provided countless moments of joy for the Barton team. Abiding in God provided a time for us to reconnect with our beloved Atlantic Christian / Barton alumni and with fellow colleagues from sister educational institutions, and it provided a time for making new friends and nurturing relationships. We look forward to welcoming our friends, old and new, to Barton’s campus with open arms in the year ahead.

Kathy Daughety, Public Relations Director, Barton College



WELCOME TO DES MOINES



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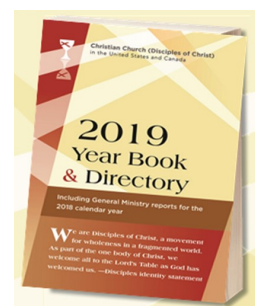
TIME TO ORDER THE 2019 YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY

The annual Year Book & Directory is all about connections between expressions of the Church. Congregations and clergy, general and regional ministries, and General Assembly reports and resolutions are contained in each issue. The Year Book serves as an invaluable resource for church staff and members, as well as the official record of a year in the life of our Church so if you haven't ordered yours, please do so soon! You can also purchase electronic access to the material. Order online or download a PDF to mail with a check. Use this link:

<https://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-YEAR-BOOK-ORDER-FORM.pdf>

For order and billing questions, please call (317) 713-2656.

For other questions, please e-mail yearbook@disciples.org



YEAR BOOK OPTION & PRICE

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*Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops. **Proverbs 3:9***



- All DMF, Blessing Box, Special Offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Christmas), Reconciliation, and Week of Compassion monies should be remitted to the Office of the General Minister & President in Indianapolis. You have the option to send them online or make checks payable to Disciples Mission Fund and mail along with a remittance form to: **OGMP-Treasury Services, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.**
- Your gifts to the Christian Church in North Carolina, including Camp Caroline, should be mailed to the regional office with the CCNC Remittance Form with checks made payable to: **Christian Church in North Carolina (CCNC), PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894.**
- Gifts to Barton College, Lexington Theological Seminary, Christmount, Church World Service (blanket & tools), district dues, etc., should be mailed directly to them. Their address is on the CCNC Remittance Form.

Both of the remittance forms can be found on our website:

ncdisciples.org > About Us > DMF Remittance Form > CCNC Remittance Form

Your congregation's core support to the Disciples Mission Fund helps not only our region, but also the work of the Church across the world - from Global Ministries to Disciples Home Missions and Council on Christian Unity to Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. The health and social services work of National Benevolent Association are made possible as well as the preservation of our stories by Disciples of Christ Historical Society. The work of National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples and Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries is undergirded by your core support. Even the upkeep of disciples.org and other communication is dependent on your core support day in and day out. Thank you for your gifts and your congregation's ongoing support of the whole Church.

CURRENT CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS INFORMATION FORM(Please **print** and write **legibly**)

The Christian Church in North Carolina needs each church to fill this out ANNUALLY. Please be sure to include term dates (month and year) and include all email addresses especially since email is our primary source of correspondence. These leaders of the church will be added to our regional monthly newsletter.

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 Church Mailing Address _____
 Church Location Address (if different from mailing address) _____
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 Pastor _____

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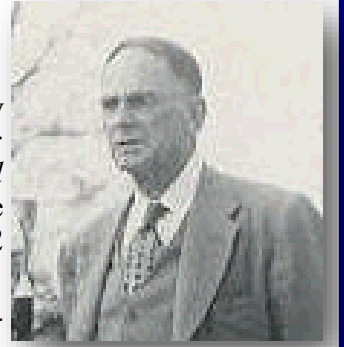
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Please mail this completed form to: CCNC, PO Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894
 or scan and email to lisa@ncdisciples.org

Noted Any Changes in the Last 92 Years?

Charles Crossfield Ware (1886-1974) was serving as our Executive Secretary (today's Regional Minister) when he published *North Carolina Disciples of Christ: A History of Their Rise and Progress, and of Their Contribution to Their General Brotherhood* in 1927. Thanks to the dedicated labors of this avid historian we have a record of the first 82 years of Disciples' history in North Carolina. Now, 92 years later, we've begun the task of updating our Region's history.



To begin the process, in March Regional Minister Bishop Valerie Melvin assembled a group of ministers, who share a long history of service to the Region and a passion for the Region's history, to form a Regional History Task Group. The working group (pictured below) is identifying sources and materials of value to the recording of our past. With Dr. Ware's past labors, that leaves only 92 years of catching up on the Region's history, but more than a century of the histories of the Assemblies.

How can you and your congregation help?



- ◇ Name a church historian or history committee to update your congregation's history since 1927.
- ◇ Help us identify fellow Disciples with a strong interest in/knowledge of the Region's history.
- ◇ Search attics and trunks for materials that can help us with the task.
- ◇ Urge your district leaders and Assembly leaders to prepare a narrative of their history.
- ◇ For information and/or to recommend Disciples to serve with the task group

please contact:

- ◇ The Regional Office by telephone: 252-292-4047 or Jim Bussell by e-mail: jbussell402@yahoo.com

GENERAL YOUTH COUNCIL

If you are a youth or adult who is interested in serving on the General Youth Council, please visit the GYC website to get information and fill out an application.

Please use this link to access information and application:

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/youth/gyc-application/>

Applications are being accepted from now through September 30, 2019 for terms beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.



Pastoral Changes and Celebrations

FCC, Elizabeth City, Commissioned Pastor Donald Waltz
 FCC, Farmville, Called Rev. David Mallory, Interim Minister
 FCC, Lincolnton, Commissioned Angie Pooley, Minister of Pastoral Care
 FCC, Greensboro, Called Rev. Dr. Philip Miller, Interim Minister
 Wendell CC, Wendell, Called Rev. Dr. George Fuller, Senior Pastor
 FCC, Grifton, Pastor Ben Fleming Retired
 FCC, Greenville, Called Rev. Andrew Shue, Senior Pastor
 FCC, Fayetteville, Called Rev. Catherine Campbell, Senior Pastor

THE GATHERING – A RETREAT FOR CLERGY



As part of its expansion of Ministerial Relief and Assistance and in renewing its commitment to walk with clergy throughout all stages of ministry, Pension Fund of the Christian Church has announced *The Gathering – A Retreat for Clergy*. *The Gathering* is a biennial conference promoting the mental, spiritual, and financial wellness of Disciples clergy. The inaugural *Gathering*, which will also serve as a celebration of Pension Fund's 125th anniversary, is scheduled for Sept. 8-10, 2020 at the Intercontinental Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

The keynote speaker, **Dr. Matt Bloom, Ph. D.** is a professor at the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame with expertise in working with a variety of non-profit organizations. Matt is passionate about finding real solutions to make work a healthy, vibrant, life-enriching experience as a spouse of a former United Methodist minister. Matt will share the latest research on the well-being of clergy and practical insights about how to build and sustain that well-being.

Registration is \$100 for clergy serving congregations with an average worship attendance of less than 99 and \$150 for all others. The registration fee includes the conference, two breakfasts, one lunch, and two hotel nights. Spouse registration is \$150 to cover meal costs. Additional bookend discounted room rates are available over Labor Day weekend or following the conference for \$156 per night. The event is limited to 500 attendees.

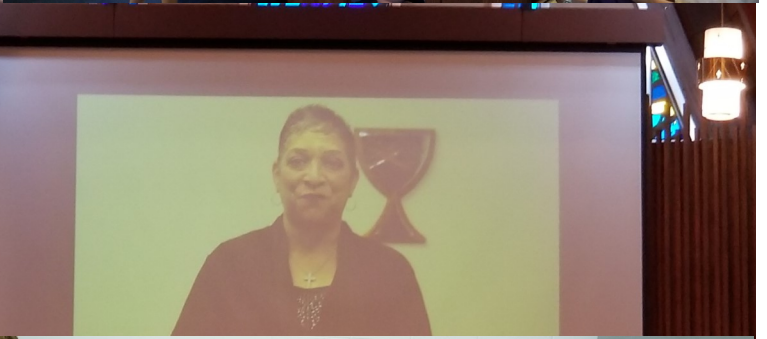
The low registration fee is made possible in partnership with the Lilly Endowment Inc., The Christian Church Healthcare Benefit Trust Endowment for Clergy Health and Wellness, and Ministerial Relief and Assistance from Pension Fund of the Christian Church.

For more information about Pension Fund's 125th Anniversary celebration or to register for *The Gathering*, please visit pensionfund.org/125.

First Christian Church, Wilmington, NC returned to their Sanctuary on Sunday, June 23, after worshipping in their Fellowship Hall for 9 months after the sanctuary took damage from Hurricane Florence. While the floors, pews and soundboard were all a total loss from the storm, the church faithfully took on the task of making other needed upgrades to the worship space. The joint All Church worship experience was filled with music, dedicatory readings, and a special message from our General Minister and President. Watching this congregation celebrate God's extravagant grace during their recovery was amazing. Equally impressive was the way FCC continued with their regular schedule including local outreach, evangelism, youth ministry, seasonal celebrations, as well as member and community care. Without missing a beat, Pastor Brad McDowell, Youth Minister Rev. Courtney Hickman, the Chancel Choir, and Turning Point praise band set the atmosphere for worship each week with poignant sermons and vibrant renditions. The Church stands upon a strong foundation, sometimes referred to as "the rock." FCC, Wilmington's resilience springs from this rock. His name is Jesus! Congratulations!



FCC, Wilmington



Back to the Sanctuary!

Implementing the Clergy Criminal Background Check

By Rev. Dr. Laura Johnson, NC Commission on Ministry Chair

The Commission on Ministry (COM) thanks the 2019 NC Regional Assembly representatives for recognizing the importance of protecting vulnerable people within our churches and community and your own church's liability by voting to pass Resolution 119. While the NC COM Ordering of Ministry document already emphasized the COM requirement for a criminal background check (CBC) of clergy and COM candidates, and Search and Call (S&C) requires a CBC, Resolution 119 further clarified that all active NC DOC clergy will submit to the prescribed CBC, which is the same CBC used by Disciples Search and Call (S&C), currently through Oxford Document Management (ODM). This resolution also clarified that the COM anticipates churches will cover the cost of the CBC (currently \$160) for their employed clergy and/or reimburse newly called clergy for a completed CBC (if it remains active with the Region or with S&C at time of hire).

The COM has implemented the CBC online launch form and provides this information so all NC Disciples clergy (Commissioned/Licensed and Ordained) can initiate his or her CBC to maintain standing through the NC CC (DOC).

Despite many previous and recent background checks (including S&C, as well as military- and police-fingerprinted ones due to my chaplaincy and community volunteerism), in good faith I submitted my information through the NC CC (DOC) region's CBC process to be the first to comply with our new policy. It's that important!

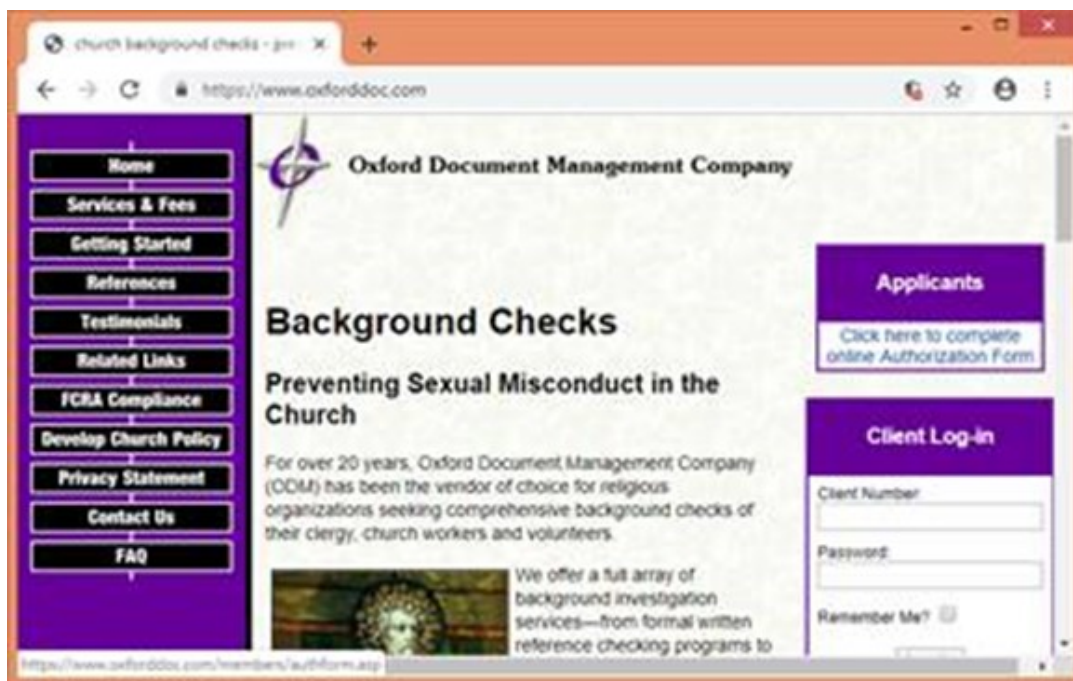
Completing the Online Authorization Form

This online CBC authorization process will only take a few moments to complete. Clergy, please follow these steps:

1. Prior to beginning, remind yourself of dates when you might have changed names throughout your lifetime, your addresses for the previous seven years, and names and addresses of employers for the previous seven years. Have your credit card on hand.

Note: If you do not have access to a credit card, I can make an arrangement for you to complete the CBC in the Regional office and write a check/pay cash to reimburse the region.

2. To authorize the regionally managed CBC, go to <https://www.oxforddoc.com/>



3. On the Background Checks page, inside the top right Applicants box, click the “Click here to complete online Authorization Form” visible above.

4. Then, on the Welcome screen, type 3220 in the Client Number field and select Position Code 1, as shown above. Then, click Continue.
5. Complete the personal history questions on subsequent screens, which involve names, SSN, DOB, residential addresses and employment addresses, following each panel’s instructions.
6. Verify the accuracy of your input on the verification screen.
7. Enter your credit card information to agree to the \$160 charge when requested and complete any other required fields.

After 7-10 business days, the Regional Minister (RM) will receive the CBC result via regular mail to the regional office PO Box. The regional office will mail you a complimentary copy.

Coordinating the Region CBC with the Search and Call (S&C) CBC

If a clergy person is already in S&C or plans to complete a S&C profile, then that clergy member should not use the regional CBC process. Instead, use the S&C MinPro system to authorize the S&C CBC. The RM will receive a copy of this ODM CBC directly from the S&C office. You can email the RM to ensure that she has a copy of your active S&C CBC.

Note: If a clergy profile is active and circulating through S&C or begins circulating before one year after the S&C CBC authorization, then the minister’s CBC remains active with S&C for three years. However, if a minister is not circulating a profile via S&C but does the CBC through the S&C MinPro system, then the minister’s CBC expires in one year.

If a clergy person submits his or her CBC through the NC regional method, but later decides to enter S&C, then he or she must contact the RM to complete a release form giving permission for the Region to send a digital copy of the CBC via NC directly to S&C. S&C will accept the CBC from the region if it is less than one year old. To obtain the release form, please contact the RM.

Important: Neither the NC region nor the S&C office will accept copies of CBCs from clergy, churches, other employers, or insurance boards—even if the CBC is from ODM.

Imposing a Deadline

The COM will require all clergy with standing who want to keep NC standing to complete the CBC by May 30, 2020. This will be a little more than one year after the passing of the resolution. This deadline will also provide churches an opportunity to budget for the expense for their employed clergy (\$160 each), as well as provide time for under-employed or under-paid clergy to save a few dollars per month toward the \$160 expense.

Making Exceptions

The COM continues to reflect upon the question of “Who is exempted from ‘all clergy’”, particularly for our completely “inactive retired” clergy. Even retired clergy sometimes perform weddings, serve on regional teams, bear their title in community activism, teach Sunday School, etc. At the time of newsletter publication, the COM has not reached our decision about any exemptions. We hope that all clergy will voluntarily begin to comply. If you are hoping to be exempted, please allow us time to listen, consider, and consult about possible exceptions. As always, your input is valuable and welcome.

Organist Position

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Grifton NC

Position: Part-time organist/pianist.

Qualifications:

- Ability to play organ and piano and to accompany a congregation that enjoys traditional church music but does not contain strong singers
- A positive, professional demeanor
- An ability to communicate effectively with pastor, board chair, and worship committee chair.

Small Disciples of Christ church in Grifton seeks an organist/pianist to play for one regular weekly service (Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 12:15) and for special services (for example, Maundy Thursday) as needed. Because there is currently no choir, no choir directing is necessary.

Instruments: Steinway grand piano in moderately good condition;
Allen digital organ

Service music: An instrumental prelude on either organ or piano, a gathering hymn, the “Gloria Patri,” the prayer hymn, the hymn of communion, the hymn of discipleship, the doxology at the offering, and a one-verse closing hymn (basically a prelude, four full hymns, and three one-verse selections)

Hymns are generally taken from “The Chalice Hymnal.” Hymns are chosen by minister in consultation with organist.

Salary: \$150.00 per service.

Hours: be at church no later than twenty minutes before service starts, leave when service ends (approximately 12:10)



Contact: Claude Kennedy, Chair of the Church Board
Ph. 252-524-4798 (home) or 252-341-4798 (cell)
Email: ceekay46@hotmail.com

A Journey of Discovery!

Back in 2014, it was a cold Midwinter night when I found myself sitting alone in a rocking chair on the porch of Ward Hall. I was taking an inventory of my calling, asking God for a sign. It was then that Rev. Jamie Brame walked up and started asking innocent questions and telling parts of his story that lit up my world like fireworks on the Fourth of July. Growing up, Camp Caroline had always been a part of my childhood in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in eastern North Carolina. But, that night, as Jamie walked back into the A/C room unaware of his affirmation, camp resurfaced as a vivid part of my adult faith journey.

For the past 5 years and 6 summers, if there were opportunities to serve with young people at camp, I have found my head resting on one of those historic blue Barton College bunk beds, exhausted from a day full of games, sailing, keynotes, small groups, worship, low ropes, front porch rocking, big conversations, small acts of service, and now, archery! While all of the literal fun and games make camp exciting, the best part of camp has been watching our young people grow into inspiring individuals.

As a person who underwent a seven-year journey of theological education, one could imagine that I would go to camp ready to inform our young people of the proper lens of faith, ordering thoughts into a consumable box so they can be faithful disciples. One could imagine that is my calling. Yet, what I have learned is that if any adult can simply get out of their own way long enough to listen to our kids' ideas, doubts, beliefs, and perspectives, you very quickly realize you will actually grow alongside the faith that is already very present and thriving in their lives. They have big thoughts and are ready to dialogue, providing opportunities for you to mentor and stretch and teach, but also be rejuvenated with a fresh passion for a God who loves us. The young people in our region are indeed the present of the church... and they give me a hope for a future.

In fact, during the Fall and Midwinter CYF (high school) retreats, it is easy to be an adult volunteer. Our Regional Cabinet for Youth Work (RCYW) does the heavy lifting as peer small group leaders. I think we would let them run all the camping programs if we could get away with it; but then again, teenagers need some time not to be in charge, to be released from society's pressure and simply be young and free.

So I guess that is why we need each of you. Clergy, laity, educators, engineers, the inexperienced, the seasoned veterans, people who really like kids, and even those who sell themselves short by thinking they cannot connect with the current generation: we need you. Camp is calling, CAMP MATTERS, and we need you to respond. It is a place that is primed and ready to bloom with growth and diversity. It is a place that needs all of your unique story and giftedness. I know it sounds uncomfortable, eating food, enjoying nature, laughing, playing, and talking about loving your neighbor because Jesus died for our brokenness... but we believe in you!



So here's the challenge: say, "Yes," when Fall Retreats roll around. Ease into chaperoning over a weekend, then debrief with the Regional Youth Director, Luke Miles. Say, "Yes," again when Midwinter or Spring Retreat arrive. By the time summer gets here, you will be primed and ready to spend a week in your new favorite place on earth and you may even branch out into chaperoning our younger camps! If Camp Caroline is not your speed, North Carolina has the best of both worlds: you can always check out the mountains and volunteer at Christmount in the western part of the state! At the end of the day, after you have tried out all the potential roles, if it is truly not your area of giftedness, that will be ok too... but we are here to walk that journey of discovery with you. In the meantime, we will be praying for God to prepare you to start the conversation.

Rev. Catherine Campbell

The Beauty of Blending

Recently I had the distinct pleasure of introducing high school students, from around the NC region, to religious traditions and ideologies that prosper in places near and far. Discussions surrounding Secular Humanism, Hinduism/Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam filled the keynotes and small group conversations at Camp Caroline, during this summer's CYF Camp/Conference week. As can be expected, the topic was met with interest and intrigue from some and hesitation and uncertainty from others. Some welcomed the discussion, others wanted the conversations about would-be challengers to the Christian tradition to end sooner-rather-than-later.

The structure of the week's learning was to educate the youth about philosophies/theologies, beliefs, and rituals associated with the aforementioned religions during one daily session, and maintain a conversation about a Christian response to such perspectives, during the second daily session. Scriptural references from Matthew and Luke's gospel, 1 Corinthians, and Acts were interspersed in keynotes and small-group discussions to foster conversations about community, the good Samaritan, and empathy. The intended theme was to help youth better understand the culture/religion of their friends and neighbors, as well as the Christian duty to respect, love, and show compassion towards others. I can honestly say that what ultimately transpired was a hodgepodge of feelings/emotions regarding the week's learning. Some felt challenged and invigorated by the opportunity, others felt challenged and defensive about the encroachment of such beliefs on their hallowed territory (church camp), while others were not interested in the conversation at all.

Being an Assistant Professor @ a local Community College, teaching specifically this material (World Religions), I am accustomed to such responses. I openly share with my students, at the beginning of the semester, that I am passionate about teaching the intricacies of the world's religious traditions, yet I maintain belief in God/Christ in my personal life (so much so that I am ordained in Christian ministry by the DOC and am actively employed as a part-time Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Families at Covenant Christian Church (DOC) in Cary, NC). I am required to qualify such remarks, in the public school classroom, with something like: "don't worry, I work extremely hard to maintain objectivity and limit any ingrained bias, when helping you understand the curriculum." Interesting conversations transpire over the course of the semester - some want to learn more, some seek clarity and understanding, and others desire more personal explanations of faith and understanding.

It never fails, every semester, I am confronted about the perceived complexity of my profession and faith. "How can you speak so passionately, and positively, about so many traditions, all-the-while maintaining allegiance on your chosen faith?" The thought process behind such a question is that "true faith" requires binary thinking and absolutist tendencies (there is only one correct interpretation and all others are misleading/inaccurate). Many believe that one should not be allowed to maintain a positive perspective of multiple traditions - doing so diminishes the bond she/he maintains with her/his chosen faith tradition/religion. Students cannot rationalize a personal desire to understand, know, and respect other practices, faiths, and cultures that differ in size and scope from the one they profess/accept.

To be honest, I do not think students, high school or college, are the only ones who struggle with such things. We live in a culture that encourages divisiveness and "picking sides". Binary thinking becomes the norm. We have a tendency to believe that there are but two options, a "right" way and a "wrong" way. One religious perspective provides a path to salvation, all others a false prophecy meant to lead us astray. One political sphere upholds moral and ethical standards, while the other is determined to destroy our way of life. One generation is "great", while another is incapable and ill-prepared. We live in a world that defines itself in black and white, good and bad, right and wrong.

Failure to appreciate the gray, the beauty of blending, and the richness of diversity depletes our capacity to act out God's call.

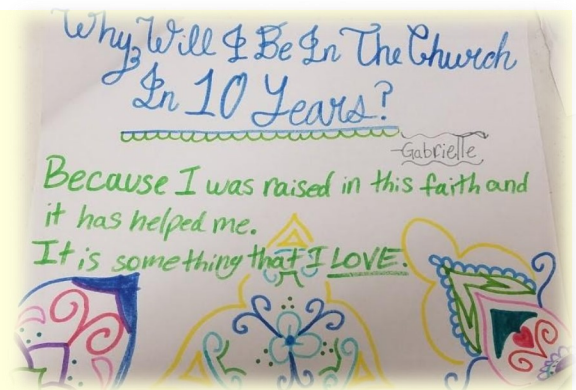
My attempt at infusing a "Christian" response to learning about world religions, during this week of camp, was an attempt to help our high schoolers understand the capacity to respect and appreciate the beliefs and traditions of others, all-the-while maintaining a solid and impassioned belief in God/Christ. Maintaining empathy and a focus on open channels to communicate with others should be our faithful purpose, not dismissing the other as "wrong" or "misguided". As followers of Christ we are called to have faith in God/Christ, not declare absolute truth when it comes to explaining such things. So many things in our culture want to pry us apart, some associated with the church want to do the same, dragging us to one side or the other. Absolutism (or Fundamentalism) of any kind, diminishes our capacity to know and understand the unlimited essence of God/Christ. I truly believe the only way that we can move forward is by acknowledging the beauty of difference, respecting the values and beliefs of others, and patiently learning from those around us - recognizing what makes each one dedicated and devoted to a specific way of life. When we can do these things, then and only then, can we discover the depth and breadth of God's presence and plan for our lives.

Shared by Rev. Randy Holste
Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Families
Covenant Christian Church (DOC), Cary

Family & Children's Ministries

Light a Candle with Children:
"The Hearts and Voices of our Young People"
September 23 - October 20, 2019

Over the past few years there has been a significant change in the prayers and devotions we share each fall as we prepare with many others for Children's Sabbath (Children's Defense Fund) on October 20th, 2019.



Many churches, individuals, and families have used the devotion to light a candle for children. The true prayer we need answered in finding ways in which to light a candle with children. It is easy to participate in Light a Candle with Children.

Ways to access Light a Candle with Children

Blog: <http://lightacandle.blogspot.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LightaCandleforChildren/>

Text Message: Text 81010 and write @weeklyfc **Twitter:** @minacrossgenDOC

If you would like a hard copy of 2019 information, please contact us.

(Last year was videos.)

obupdegrove@dhm.disciples.org

SERF—A MOUNTAINTOP EXPERIENCE IN MARCH 2020

DWM/CWF Southeastern Regional Fellowship



Do you remember in the Sound of Music Julie Andrews sang, "Climb Every Mountain, Ford Every Stream, Follow Every Rainbow Til You Find Your Dream?" And who can forget the Supremes singing, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough...To Keep Me From You." At SERF you might just be like Mama



Cass where you can "Make Your Own Kind of Music and Sing Your Own Special Song." It will be a mountaintop experience spiritually and physically and we cannot wait to see YOU there. Our theme is "**A Mountaintop Experience.**"

Every four years the women from several Southeastern states (NC, VA, ALA, FL, TENN, KY, GA, SC) in the USA get together for a wonderful retreat. Back in 2016 SERF was attended by local CWF/DWM officers where they gathered and took back useful information for their groups of women. **In 2020, SERF is open to all women!**

Who is included in SERF and what does SERF stand for? SERF is for all women in the Southeastern Regional Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including the regional states of Alabama/ NW Florida, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. There are various groups of SERF in the Disciples Church. This retreat is for the Disciples Women in the states listed---giving women an opportunity to gather together and worship with your sisters. Members of a SERF team are meeting and planning some wonderful speakers, workshops, worship, fellowship, music with a band, fun, and what would a retreat be like without some shopping? The planning committee would like to offer childcare for women with young children. If you have small children and want childcare provided, let your regional office know about your specific needs in the next couple of weeks so we can plan childcare for you for SERF. If you get a survey about child care for SERF, please fill it out and return it.

SERF will be on **March 13-15, 2020** at Christmount Christian Assembly, Black Mountain, NC with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale – Founder and Senior Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur GA and the Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada as keynoters. There will be flyers, registration forms, and more information coming soon, so keep your vision for 2020 on SERF. A Facebook page has been created and will be updated as more information is available. You or someone from your church may access it at: www.facebook.com/DW.SERF2020. A mountaintop experience is waiting for you.



"Isaiah 52:7 New International Version (NIV) How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Mary Evans, President of NCDWM



Regional Calendar

September 2

September 7
September 8
September 11
September 17
September 20-22
September 26
September 26
September 27
September 28
October 1

Labor Day - Office Closed

9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Clergy Boundaries 201, FCC, Fayetteville
10:45am - Commissioning of Hylton Dunkley, Red Oak CC, Greenville
10:00am - Regional Historical Task Force, Regional Office (Upstairs)
10:00am - Commission on Regional Assembly, FCC, Wilson (Parlor)
JYF Retreat - Camp Caroline
9:00am - Commission on Ministry, location-Wendell CC
10:30am - Albemarle District Ministers mtg., FCC Williamston
CYF Retreat - Camp Caroline
4:00pm - Peter Harper Ordination, FCC, Crawfordsville, IN
7:00pm - "Light of Life" Series, Barton College (Chapel)
Speaker: *Bonnie Miller McLemore*

October 4-6

October 12

October 14

October 19
October 24
November 5
November 5

Columbus Day - Office Closed

10:00am - Regional Board Mtg. FCC, Wilson
6:00pm - Hookerton District Mtg. Gordon Street CC, Kinston
9:00am - Commission on Ministry Mtg. FCC, Wilson
7:00pm - Allan Sharp "Religion in Life" Series, Barton College (Chapel)
Speaker: *Dr. Emerson B. Powery*

November 11

November 28-29

Veteran's Day - Office Closed

Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed



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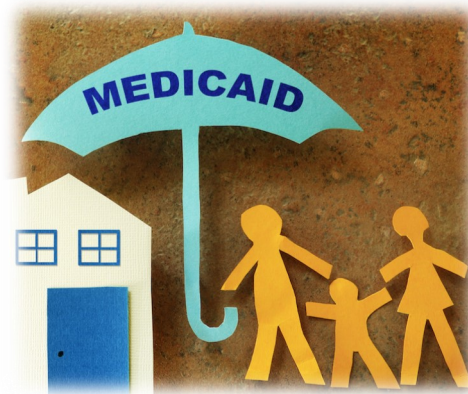
You can support your region while you shop without costing you a thing! Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0585248 and AmazonSmile donates to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina! Don't miss this big opportunity to help us!

There is a New Way to get Medicaid Health Care

Most people will get the same Medicaid services in a new way - through health plans. You will be able to choose the health plan that is best for you. You will also choose a primary care provider.

What you need to do

1. Choose a primary care provider (PCP): To keep your doctor, clinic or other health care provider as your PCP, find out which health plan they work with. You can also choose a new PCP. For a list of doctors for each health plan, visit the website, use the mobile app or call us toll free.



2. Choose a health plan in NC Medicaid Managed Care: A health plan is a group of doctors, hospitals and other providers. They work together to give you the health care you need. There are several health plans to choose from. Learn more: [https://ncmedicaidplans.gov/choose\[r20.rs6.net\]](https://ncmedicaidplans.gov/choose[r20.rs6.net])

3. Enroll in one of these ways:

Go to [ncmedicaidplans.gov \[r20.rs6.net\]](https://ncmedicaidplans.gov[r20.rs6.net])

- o Use the NC Medicaid Managed Care mobile app
- o Call toll free at **1-833-870-5500** (TTY: 1-833-870-5588)
- o When you receive an enrollment form, fill it out and mail or fax it back

If you have more questions

About your eligibility: Contact your local Department of Social Services (DSS) office. Find contact information here: [ncdhhs.gov/localdss \[r20.rs6.net\]](https://ncdhhs.gov/localdss[r20.rs6.net])

About choosing or enrolling in a health plan:

Go to [ncmedicaidplans.gov \[r20.rs6.net\]](https://ncmedicaidplans.gov[r20.rs6.net]) (chat feature available), use the NC Medicaid Managed Care mobile app or call toll free at **1-833-870-5500** (TTY: 1-833-870-5588)

About your health plan or benefits: Call your health plan. Find contact information here: [ncmedicaidplans.gov/choose/compareplans \[r20.rs6.net\]](https://ncmedicaidplans.gov/choose/compareplans[r20.rs6.net])

Open enrollment began on July 15 for 540,000 Medicaid recipients in 27 counties in North Carolina who will be transitioning from fee-for-service to a managed care system. Enrollees will be asked to select from a number of pre-paid health plans administered by private entities contracting with the state and physicians. The pre-paid health plans will have member services staff who will be able to answer questions, and the members can also access care managers who are people who can work one-on-one with individuals to understand their health conditions and get referred to the right physicians.

Any Medicaid recipients who do not enroll by the Sept. 13 deadline will be assigned to a health plan. After a person is assigned a health plan, they can still change. Individuals will have 90 days from Nov. 1 to make a change. The new system launches Nov. 1 in those 27 counties. All 100 counties are expected to be switched into managed care by next February.

People needing assistance signing up can call 833-850-5500.

Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church

The **137th** session of the Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) convened on Thursday evening, August 1st at 6 p.m. Our theme was Believing God for Greater. 123 delegates, youth and adult, converged at Christian View, 3300 Wentworth Street, Reidsville, North Carolina for a weekend of.....

Powerful workshops! Greater Soul Winning, facilitated by Bishop Michael Penn of the Galilean House of Worship, Martinsville, Virginia; Greater Health/ Mind, Body and Soul, Sis. Kina Charles of the Second Harvest Food Bank; Greater Finances, Elder William Thompson of William Thompson Investments; Greater Power – Maximizing Your Talents, Pastor Robert Smith and Dr. Byron L. Battle, Sr.; Greater Anointing Waiting for the Lord's Return, Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister for North Carolina and Greater Level of Faith, Rev. Dr. Michael Cotton, Pastor of Body of Christ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), High Point, North Carolina.

Powerful Teaching! Rev. Dr. William Lee walked us through the Word on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Powerful Preaching! Rev. Anthony Holmes, Pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church (D.O.C.), Roanoke, Virginia; Vice Moderator, Rev. Kara Fleurizard of Middlefork Christian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Apostle Dr. Stacy Spencer, Pastor of New Direction Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee; Moderator-elect, Rev. Kathy Thomas-Grant of First Christian Church (D.O.C.), Stuart, Virginia; Rev. Marilyn Williams, International Disciple Womens Ministry President and Dr. Byron L. Battle, Sr., Moderator of the Piedmont District Convention and Pastor of Little Bethlehem Christian Church (D.O.C.), Eden, North Carolina.

The Piedmont was blessed to have in attendance Rev. Sotello Long, President of Disciples Home Mission and his wife, Dee Long, Area Representative of the Pension Fund, Marilyn Whittaker, Moderator of the Region of Virginia, and the Virginia Regional Minister, Rev. William Spangler-Dunning, who shared in administering the Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning with our Moderator.

As the convention came to a close on Sunday afternoon, August 4th, attendees left fed with the Word, rejuvenated, motivated, encouraged and ready to exercise what they had learned and experienced – All Believing God for Greater!

Submitted by Dr. Byron L. Battle, Sr., Moderator





Boundaries 201 Workshop

Offered by The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC

All commissioned, ordained, active retired, and pulpit supply ministers serving in congregational, institutional or regional ministries are required take a training class every 5 years.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: Email: _____

Congregation you are serving:

(If you are not serving a congregation, put congregation you are a member of)

Other ministry employer: _____

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Facilitator: Rev. David Mallory

Location: First Christian Church, 1505 Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville, NC 28305

Class begins promptly at 9 am and typically ends by 3 pm.

Cost is \$35 per person and includes your workbook and lunch.

*You may attend this class even if you have already taken it in the past. You may take 201 even if you haven't had 101. The only requirement is that you attend a boundary class every 5 years.

Please make check payable and mail with this completed form with fees to:

Christian Church in N.C.

PO Box 1568

Wilson, NC 27894

For more information, please contact the Regional office at 252.291.4047.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina Search Open for Regional Minister

A Position Description, Regional Church Profile and Statement of Identity, Vision, and Mission
are posted at www.scdisciples.org

The application deadline is **September 15, 2019**.

All applicants are required to:

- ⇒ have an updated Search and Call Profile available through our Disciples Search and Call System
- ⇒ mail or email a "Letter of Interest" to:

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Carolina
Regional Minister Search and Transition Team
C/O Rev. Dr. Freddie Lawton
24 Pleasant Point Drive, Beaufort, SC 29907
fredlaw@embarqmail.com



Text or call Rev. Dr. Lawton after the Letter of Interest has been sent
(843) 476-9641

*We ask that God inspire and guide our hearts and minds
as we enter into this Search Process.*

YOU ARE INVITED

to

A Green Chalice Webinar

Going Carbon Neutral: How to Reach Our Goal to Care for God's Creation
Tuesday, September 10th
1-2 pm EDT

We are called by God to care for creation, and this means caring about climate change. In 2017, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) passed a watershed resolution that encouraged the church to reach carbon neutrality by 2030 to reduce our carbon footprint and serve as better stewards of creation. This means that we will no longer be contributing carbon emissions to the atmosphere.

How can we reach carbon neutrality?

Join Green Chalice as we hear success stories, receive guidance, and explore the tools available for carbon neutrality through our partners Blessed Tomorrow, Creation Justice Ministries and Interfaith Power and Light.

This Webinar is for any and all church folks, clergy and non-clergy, Disciples and non-Disciples - ALL are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Registration Link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2196131940793527563>



Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)



Rev. Dr. Philip Miller Leads Greensboro Transition

Greensboro's First Christian Church called Phil Miller to serve as its Transitional Minister. Greensboro is Rev. Miller's third interim pastorate. He is a certified Transitional Minister with the Interim Ministry Network.

Phil married Paula Colker in 1971. She has been a classroom teacher but spent most of her career in staff development, literacy training, and cognitive coaching. Paula and Phil have two daughters. Hope is married to Adam Goodell, and they're raising Sterling and Julian in

South Orange, New Jersey. Emily has taught elementary school in Austin, Texas.

Phil, an alumnus of Texas Christian University, completed his Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. When Phil moved on from seminary, he served as Associate Minister for four years at First Christian, Abilene, Texas. Then he served for seven years as Senior Minister with the Madison Avenue Christian Church, Covington, Kentucky. From there, he moved to First Christian, Paducah, Kentucky, where he also served for seven years. His final settled pastorate was with the South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, where he served for eight years.

Along the way, Phil received a commission as a chaplain in the Air Force Reserve. He served as an individual reservist with the active duty staff at Blytheville (later Eaker) Air Force Base, Arkansas, during his years in Paducah. During these years, he also served as an Admissions Liaison Officer for the U.S. Air Force Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps. During his years in Fort Worth, he served part-time with the active duty chaplains at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, where he also served as the chaplain to a recruiting squadron based in Arlington, Texas. He then became the individual Reserve counterpart to the Wing Chaplain at Lackland, the largest Air Force base. While there, he was mobilized for Operation Noble Eagle in response to the crisis of 9/11/2001. He served full-time for a year at the Pentagon and Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Phil wrote three books. *Benjamin in the Forest* consists of 80 short children's stories describing the trees, birds, and bugs of the Appalachians. *Benjamin amid the Wildflowers* is another children's story. Both of these combine Phil's interests in photography and creative writing.

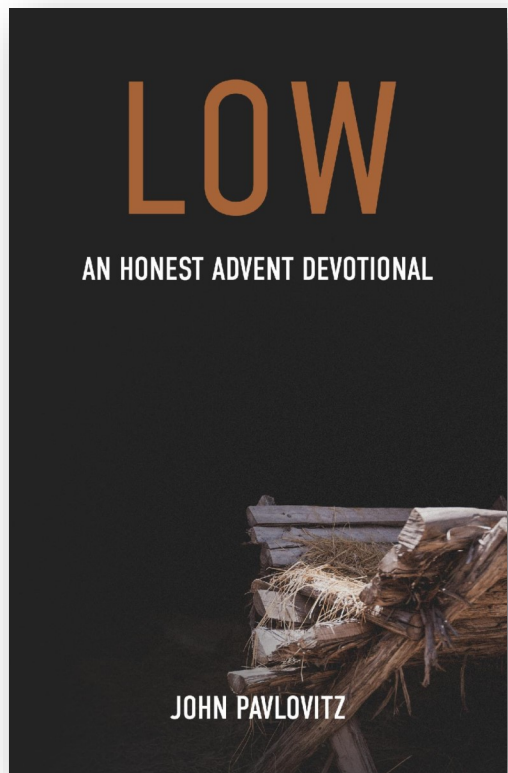
His "grown-up" book, *From the Lives We Knew*, consists of true stories based on the lives of refugees and immigrants Phil has known, although he fictionalized them to protect individual identities. Phil and Paula have long shared a passion for working with refugees and immigrants, and Paula currently helps African immigrants in Greensboro learn English.

Phil is optimistic about the future of First Christian of Greensboro, a church filled with committed and talented members eager to reach out to the community.

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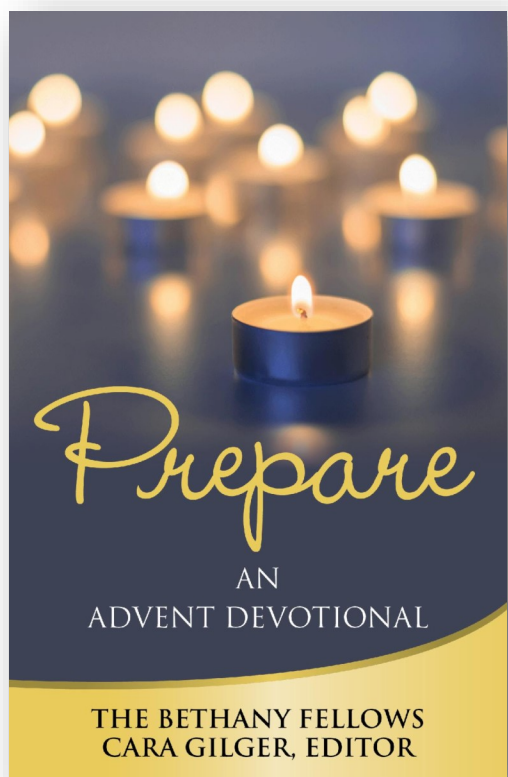
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<https://www.chalicepress.com/Default.aspx>***LOW: An Honest Advent Devotional***

Let's be honest about Advent: we're often forced to put on a happy face when we're stressed and exhausted by the expectations of others and what Advent has become. In this new devotional by best-selling author John Pavlovitz, you'll find 28 daily reflections on life, faith, belief, doubt, peace, justice—and how to come to this season just as we are. It's perfect for Christians, once-Christians, defiant non-Christians, spiritual-but-not-religious, and all humans looking to find encouragement! Also a perfect gift for your church staff, or to read together as a community this Advent.

ISBN 9780827221932

List Price: \$5.99

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How do we prepare not only for the birth of Jesus, but the world-changing ministry he invites us to join? Prepare provides a daily, four-week resource to help us hear God's call to faithfulness in Jesus being made flesh in our world. When we hear that call, how do we hope and pray and change and live differently? Starting with the first Sunday of Advent, each five-minute daily devotion includes a scripture verse, reflection, and prayer.

For Preachers -- Prepare has weekly themes that line up with the Revised Common Lectionary text, making it easy to connect preaching with a resource people can use to reflect daily at home. Buy copies for everyone in your congregation and prepare for a powerful Advent experience this year!

Bonus Content: Four Advent candle-lighting services, plus one for Christmas Day.

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____ You may include me/our names(s) in your Legacy listing.

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Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Email _____

My/Our questions are....

You may want more information. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If needed we may arrange a visit.

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The Legacy Fund

**Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in North Carolina**



The Legacy Fund has been established to "... expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world through the ministries of the Region."



The Ministry of the Region

For many years, congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina, have worked together in covenant partnerships to enhance and extend the ministries of Christ through what is now known as the Region. Because of the Region, strong and vibrant youth, men and women's ministries have engaged and nurtured faith development for thousands over generations. Through the Region, congregations and ministers have received needed support and guidance. The Region continues to provide a vehicle for Disciples to work, worship, grow, serve and fellowship together, through assemblies, districts, fellowship groups, and retreats. The Region also makes possible the camp, conference and retreat programs at Camp Caroline, as well as three Regional camps offered at Christmount. *In the Region, we accomplish God's work together in ways not imaginable alone.*

What is the Legacy Fund?

The Legacy Fund is a *permanent* fund. Some people use the term endowment fund. Gifts to the Region's Legacy Fund are invested in accordance with the fund's adopted written policies. Only the income from the fund is disbursed and used to support the Region's ministries.

You Can Make a Lasting Impact

Permanent fund gifts create a legacy for each donor, continuing the commitment of the donor to Christ beyond his/her lifetime. Through your gift to the Legacy Fund your name or your family's name will be remembered in the life of the church for many years to come.

This helps assure that the Region's ministry will continue for future generations. For many it will be a means to say, "Thank you, you have made a difference in my life or in the life of someone I love." It will also encourage others to consider how their own lives have been changed so that they will want to join in this ongoing work.

How Can I Make a Gift to the Legacy Fund?

For some, gifts made during the donor's lifetime are used to establish a permanent fund, but for most, end of life gifts are used for this purpose. There are many ways to make an end of life gift, such as bequests through a will; beneficiary designation for life insurance, IRAs and other retirement assets; and life income gifts. Current or end of life gifts may be made in the form of money, or tangible property such as land, homes, or autos. Please note that it is important to explore this option in advance with the Regional Minister, Treasurer, or Chair of the Endowment Committee to assure that the gift can be received by the Region. You should also consult with your financial planner concerning any charitable gifts.

How Will My Gift Be Used?

YOU will determine how your gift will be used. First, you choose whether to make a restricted or unrestricted gift.

In accordance with the Legacy Fund policy as approved by the Regional Board, 90% of the income from the Unrestricted Fund will be used for the support of all the Region's ministries as needed and determined by the budgeting process. A tithe, or 10%, of unrestricted income

will be used to support the Disciples Mission Fund, expanding the impact of such gifts throughout the entire family of Disciples of Christ in the U.S. and around the world.

Restricted Funds will be established by a mutually agreed upon permanent gift between the Region and the donor. Whatever ministry/ ministries of the Region are chosen (such as Youth, Men's, Women's, Camp Caroline) all income will be used solely as directed by the donor. It is important to explore your intentions with the Region's leaders *before* establishing a restricted gift.

Donors may establish named funds to honor someone such as a minister, church, or loved one. All unrestricted gifts of \$100 or more can become named funds and will be received, recognized, recorded and tracked by the Region as a part of the Region's unrestricted Legacy Fund. Restricted funds for a specific purpose may also be named to honor someone and begin at the \$10,000 level. A donor may meet this \$10,000 level over a period of 5 years, with an initial gift of at least \$1,000. No distributions will be made from restricted funds until \$10,000 has been attained.

Whether unrestricted or restricted, only the income will be used. Historically, that has been in the 3-5% range annually. Legacy Fund gifts will be invested with the Christian Church Foundation and will be managed by the Region. The Christian Church Foundation will be consulted in determining the income distributions with an eye to protecting the principal of the fund.





BE PREPARED FOR A HURRICANE

Threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landslides.

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. The Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 to November 30. The Pacific hurricane season runs May 15 to November 30.



Can happen along any U.S. coast or territory in the Atlantic or Pacific



Can affect areas more than 100 miles inland



Most active in September

IF YOU ARE UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY



Determine your best protection for high winds and flooding.



Evacuate if told to do so.



Take shelter in a designated storm shelter or an interior room for high winds.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.



Only use generators outdoors and away from windows.



Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

WHEN A HURRICANE THREATENS

Prepare NOW

Know your area's risk of hurricanes.

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

If you are at risk for flash flooding, watch for signs such as heavy rain.

Practice going to a safe shelter for high winds, such as a FEMA safe room or ICC 500 storm shelter. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level that is not subject to flooding.

Based on your location and community plans, make your own plans for evacuation or sheltering in place.

Become familiar with your evacuation zone, the evacuation route, and shelter locations.

Gather needed supplies for at least three days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

Keep important documents in a safe place or create password-protected digital copies.

Protect your property. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters. Review insurance policies.

Survive DURING

If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Do not drive around barricades.

If sheltering during high winds, go to a FEMA safe room, ICC 500 storm shelter, or a small, interior, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor.

If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown.[®] Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

Be Safe AFTER

Listen to authorities for information and special instructions.

Be careful during clean-up. Wear protective clothing and work with someone else.

Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock.

Avoid wading in flood water, which can contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.

Save phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messages or social media to communicate with family and friends.

Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company for assistance.



FEMA

FEMA V-1006
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Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) and search for **hurricane**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **hurricane**.



Are You READY!

Electricity lights up our world!

Think of all the ways we rely on electricity: keeping food fresh, cooking meals, and getting information through the internet or TV. It keeps us warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and connected with each other year round. Oftentimes, we use electricity to play and have fun! Are you and your family ready if disaster strikes and your home is without power?



How would we see at night without power?

Help your family build an emergency kit! Collect these items and keep them together in a safe place that you can find easily. Make sure you have enough supplies to last for at least **three days**.

Emergency Supplies List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-day supply of non-perishable food (dried fruit, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water – at least a gallon per person, per day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights with extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or warm blanket for everyone in your family | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone with charger, extra battery and solar charger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes to last 3 days, including sturdy shoes; consider the weather where you live | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle to signal for help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches in a waterproof container (let a grown up handle these) | <input type="checkbox"/> Local maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby supplies |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games or puzzles |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A favorite stuffed animal or blanket |

Remember, traffic lights will not work!

Go on a quest with your family!
Create a scavenger hunt!
Make planning fun!



<http://www.ready.gov/kids>