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### **Pastoral Concerns**

Rev. Dr. John “Jack” Johnson passed away Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, in Lynchburg. Jack served in the Virginia Region for many years, including First Christian Church, Richlands, Bethany Christian Church, Roanoke, and as the founding pastor of Timberlake Christian Church, Lynchburg. He also served as part-time Regional staff after retirement. Services were held Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Timberlake Christian Church. Please keep Mary Frances and the Johnson family in your prayers.

### **Coretha's Corner**

Welcome to summer! Our camp and conference program is getting in full swing, the Disciple Women's Retreat is coming up soon, and the General Assembly will be taking place July 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>rd</sup> in Des Moines, IA. Summer is always an activity-filled time, and I want to encourage all of us to remember our

home congregations during this time; even if we are not able to be present in worship as often as we'd like, the church continues to need our tithes and offerings! (Just a little word of encouragement).

I want to thank those who have been sending up prayers and good wishes for my recent (April 8<sup>th</sup>) surgery and recovery; I am the proud owner of a brand-new hip, and recovery has gone exceedingly well. I hope to get released to drive this week, and I will be back in the office for regular hours. I'm grateful for your patience and understanding during this time, and I will be playing catch-up for a while; if you have an urgent need please let the office know.

Praying each of you has a fun, safe, and relaxing summer!

Grace and peace,

*Coretha*

## HEADLINES (cont.)

### Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center 2019 Registration

Are you registered for Camp?

If you missed the early bird registration deadline, there is still an opportunity to register and get a \$25 discount. Go to the "Craig Springs Information Page" on Facebook to find out how. This discount ends June 1<sup>st</sup>. (Hint- use the discount code "FB2019" when you register online.) Our theme for this summer is "Peace Works." Great activities and worships are being planned, an appropriate theme for our world.

*"Our mission is to provide a safe, welcoming environment to facilitate a meaningful Christian experience."*

#### **Camp Dates:**

Nature Camp: June 24-28

Special Camp: June 30-July 5

AMPDD Camp: July 8-13

First Triple: July 14-19

Second Triple: July 28– August 2

New Covenant: August 4-9

Family Retreat: August 9-12

#### **Register online at :**

<http://www.craigsprings.com>

### Craig Springs Update

Our Regional church camp is currently in need of a donated or reasonably priced 4-wheel drive pick-up truck. Please contact Kitten Whitlow (Property Chair), [kwhitlow59@verizon.net](mailto:kwhitlow59@verizon.net), or Jason Good (Camp Manager), [craigsprings@hotmail.com](mailto:craigsprings@hotmail.com), if you would like to meet this need.

Thank you!

### **Craig Springs AMPDD Camp is adding Culinary Arts!**

In 2019 Craig Springs is adding Culinary Arts to the AMPDD Camp! Campers will learn basic culinary skills, food production, prep and execution, food safety, and have fun while learning for the first time or practicing the craft of Culinary. The culinary discipline will create dinner meals to reflect certain foods that are represented in the Bible along with scripture for each meal.



### Craig Springs Fall Work Weekend

**October 11-13, 2019**

#### **Register On-Line**

<http://www.craigsprings.com/volunteer-opportunities/work-weekend/>

Every October during Columbus Day weekend, we gather to prepare the camp for the winter. These weekends are opportunities to meet other camp supporters and physically work on the camp that you love so much. Work Weekends are open to persons of every age and skill level. Free food and lodging are given in exchange for labor. Typical projects range from painting, cleaning, and organizing, to working in flower beds, repairing plumbing, carpentry, electrical, and landscape maintenance.



## HEADLINES (cont.)

### **Craig Springs: A Great Place to Retreat**

Did you know that our camp facility is a great place for groups to come for events other than our weeks of camp? We have had a number of outside groups use our camp. Some of us are aware of the Catholic Pilgrimage that has been happening in June for many years now, but did you know that there is a group of men and women from a Spanish organization who will be retreating at Craig Springs in September for their third year in a row? Our facility has been used for weddings, reunions, church picnics, and more. If you or your church would like to consider Craig Springs for an upcoming event, or if you know of an outside group needing a place to retreat, please reach out to Jason Good, our camp manager, and see what is available, [craigsprings@hotmail.com](mailto:craigsprings@hotmail.com). The camp is open from early May through October, we only use the facility for six and a half weeks for regional camp events, leaving a number of weeks and weekends for groups to use our regional campgrounds. Check us out, [www.craigsprings.com](http://www.craigsprings.com).

### **Cabin Sponsorship at Craig Springs**

The Property Ministry would like to thank those who are currently sponsoring four cabins at Craig Springs. District 10, mainly through Springfield CC in Hanover County, has sponsored Monroe Cabin for many years. In 2016 Blacksburg CC began sponsoring both Roanoke and Lynchburg Cabins. Also in 2016, Unity CC in Radford began sponsoring Bluefield Cabin. District 6, mainly through Perserverance CC in Dundas, has sponsored

the West Virginia Cabin for years. Thank you for the many hours of skilled labor and all the financial support necessary in keeping these cabins up-to-date for campers.

If your church or district would like to consider sponsoring a cabin at Craig Springs, please form a group of interested workers with differing skills and visit the campus to take a tour and see what cabins are available for adoption and what level of work may be required. Meeting with the Camp Manager and/or the Property Ministry Chair can help you flesh out a plan.

Summer camps and retreats are valuable forms of evangelism for campers and adults alike in our region. Thank you to those who support Craig Springs through donations of supplies, by working during Spring and Fall Work Weekends and through monetary donations.

Jason Good, Camp Manager

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## HEADLINES (cont.)

### Craig Springs Camp Histories for Sale

Reverend G. William "Bill" Foster wrote a history of Craig Springs from 1801 to 1960. It is 14 pages long with 15 pictures included. Permission was granted by his daughter, Myrna Foster Kuehn, to sell the history to benefit camp. The copies are \$5.00 each and will benefit Nature Camp.

Brenda F. Kidd, of Bon Air CC, also wrote a seven-page history using Foster as one of her five sources. This history includes two pages of camp history since 1960. Brenda also gave permission for the sale of this history. No pictures are included and the copies are \$3.00 each and will also benefit Nature Camp.

Copies will be sold at Spring and Fall Work Weekends and by mailing a check to:

Kathryn A. Whitlow  
Property Ministry Chair  
11811 Fairlington Lane  
Midlothian, VA 23113



### University of Lynchburg 2019 Baccalaureate Service

The University of Lynchburg held its 2019 Baccalaureate service in Snidow Chapel Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Dr. Ben Bohren, '69, of the National Benevolent Association, received an Honorary Doctor of Ministry degree, and Rev. Coretha Loughridge, '80, Regional Transitional Minister, was the speaker. Pictured below are, l to r, Rev. Loughridge, Rev. Stephanie McLemore (University Chaplain), Rev. Dr. Bohren, and Bonnie Osei-Frimpong (Director, NBA XPLORE).



## HEADLINES (cont.)

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

**July 20-24**

**Des Moines, IA**

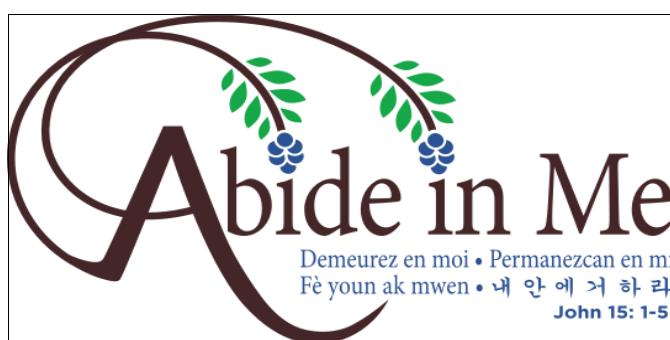
Imagine this:

- \* Worship that lifts your soul
- \* Stories that touch your heart
- \* Educational resources to assist your congregation in ministry
- \* Conversations that stretch your mind
- \* Messages that call you to action
- \* Connections that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation

***All this and more in five short days!***

Click on the link to see the Top 10 reasons for attending the General Assembly 2019:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We6z30WFY\\_4&feature=youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We6z30WFY_4&feature=youtube)



### Regional Assembly Delegates Needed

If you have registered to attend the General Assembly this summer, and you are not going as a voting delegate from your congregation, and you are not a clergy delegate, you still have the opportunity to participate as a voting delegate on behalf of the Region. Our Region is allowed to have up to **11 designated voting delegates** at General Assembly. If you are planning to attend, and are interested in serving the Region in this way, please contact Mary Anstice ([office@ccinva.org](mailto:office@ccinva.org)) or Coretha Loughridge ([corethaloughridge@ccinva.org](mailto:corethaloughridge@ccinva.org)) and we will be glad to assist you!

### ATTENTION CHURCH TREASURERS

This is a reminder that the **Virginia Mission Giving Remittance Form** with checks should be mailed to:

**OGMP Treasury Service  
PO Box 1986  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986**

Please be sure to complete the form and attach your check before mailing to insure your gifts are allocated properly. All other gifts should be mailed to the Regional office to be processed and clearly marked how funds are to be allocated. All checks should be made payable to **CCINVA**. Thank you!

## VIRGINIA MISSION GIVING

1/2/2019

## REMITTANCE FORM



All 2019 giving must be received by or post dated by Dec. 31, 2019. Any givings received or posted dated after Dec. 31, 2019 will be credited to 2020 givings.

Church:

Church Address:

City:

Zip:

Remitted By:

Contact Number: ( )

Gifts For Specific Funds		Congregation	CWF	Youth	Individual
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	Special Day Offerings				
	Easter	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Pentacost	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Thanksgiving	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Christmas	\$	\$	\$	\$
WEEK OF COMPASSION	Blessing Boxes	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Undesignated	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Designated:	\$	\$	\$	\$
RECONCILIATION	Undesignated	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Designated:	\$	\$	\$	\$
ANNUAL FUND	Virginia Region Direct	\$	\$	\$	\$
OTHER	Craig Springs Camp Capital	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Craig Springs Camp Operating	\$	\$	\$	\$
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TOTAL		\$	\$	\$	\$

Make Checks Payable to:	OGMP Treasury Services	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$
Mail to:	P. O. Box 1986	OFFICE USE ONLY
	Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986	Date Received:
You May Remit One Check	Check#	Amount:
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## HEADLINES (cont.)

### **Mount Olive East Christian Church Adopts Magna High School!**

Mount Olive East Christian Church, Martinsville, adopted Magna High School as a school to pray with during the National Day of Prayer. Dr. Kenneth Davis, Pastor, along with the elders, deacons and members of the congregation joined with students, faculty and staff around the flagpole as they joined hands and prayed.





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on the corner.*

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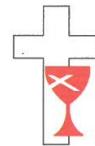
Phone:  
(540) 343-7502

Fax:  
(540) 344-4706

Website:  
[belmontchristianchurch.net](http://belmontchristianchurch.net)

## Belmont Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*



May 9, 2019

Dear Family and Friends,

The festivities continue! Our celebration is well under way for our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The noble history of our inception was recapped on Founder's Day in March. It was so nice to see some of our good friends again! Since then, there have been essays in our newsletter providing details and interesting facts for us to read and know about our history. As we stated in the last mailing, we want to keep you informed of the continuing celebration plans....So, What's Next?

### FAMILY DAY PICNIC

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fallon Park Pavilion

Immediately Following Church Services

It is important to note the worship service time that Sunday will be **10:30am**. The meal including fried chicken, side dishes, bread, drinks and dessert will be provided. So plan now to come at **10:30am** to worship with our Belmont friends and family followed by a **fully provided** picnic lunch in the park. (In the case of inclement weather, we may need to remain in the Fellowship Hall.) Feel free to bring your folding chairs.

Then in October, we will commemorate our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary over a two day weekend. **Save these dates: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. The committee is delighted to announce the return of Rev. Craig Rutherford to deliver the message on Sunday morning. It will be wonderful to visit with Craig and Carrie again after almost two years! We have also confirmed Mr. Terry Foster will be with us on Saturday evening. Terry is excited and anxious to see his "youth" group again! Also invited to participate in our homecoming anniversary weekend are Rev. David Walton and Kim Gembala. Please watch the newsletter and future mailings for more information and details you will need to participate in these special events.

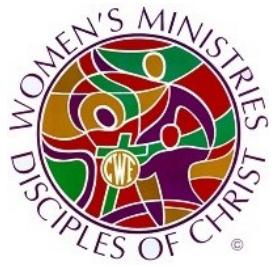
Plan now to be a part of "Celebrating Past Memories and New Beginnings" with our God who brought us together to worship and serve Him through Belmont Christian Church since 1904!

The 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

**Growing  
God's  
Kingdom  
One  
Neighbor  
At A  
Time**

## DISCIPLES WOMEN OF VIRGINIA 2019 SPA DAY

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On Saturday, April 13 The District IV Disciples Women's Ministry held the SPA Day (Spiritual, Self-Care and Prayer) event at Broad Street Christian Church in Martinsville, VA. Women from as far as Pulaski County venture to participate in the SPA event. Presided by Marilyn Whittaker, this day event allowed the Virginia DWM to come together for fellowship, learn the study material (that is published by the Just Women's Magazine), bring offerings, and celebrate the 145th Birthday of the DWM.

Reverend Carolyn Garnes, Mount Olive East Christian Church, facilitated the study and created the material for the women to carry back to their districts. She did an awesome job! Armed with questions for each chapter, the women broke off into groups and came back together for discussions.

A special offering was collected for Global Ministries supporting the Caribbean Initiative to "Embrace the Spirit"! The money will be designated to help our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. We all remember the devastation that occurred when Maria hit Puerto Rico.

**"The Global Ministries Caribbean Initiative invites the whole church to witness together with the Caribbean region through education, advocacy, and support of our partners for the next eighteen months. Partner churches and organizations in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Colombia, bring incredible gifts in their strong testimonies, as they receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ ".**

We were honored with the presence of Sister Pat Mays, the President of the Disciples Women Cabinet, who traveled from Richmond. Special thanks to Mr. Dennis Martin. He drove a bus load of women from Districts 1, 2 and 3. Other guest included Sister Tiffanie Hairston, who blessed us in dance and Sister Chantel Noble who educated us on natural resources to aid in healthy living and brought her wonderful soaps and skin creams. Many, Many, thanks to Sister Mable Peters, Elder David, and Sister Judy Hodges for providing a marvelous lunch.



## Time to register for Camp

Summer is not far away and plans for Camp 2019 are already happening. It promises to be a great summer. The theme for this summer is "Peace Works," very timely in our country today. Registration is open now. Go to: [www.craigssprings.com](http://www.craigssprings.com)



## Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center

Our mission is to provide a safe, welcoming environment to facilitate a meaningful Christian experience.



Craig Spring is a tobacco-free, alcohol-free, and pet-free facility.

## RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT STAFF

Open positions for the kitchen and lifeguard staff at Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center. Save lots of money at this job as you get a free room and food for 3 months!

**Dates of Position:** May — Aug

**Compensation:**

\$7.25 — \$8.00 an hour, plus room and board; Approximately 40 hour week or more.

**Expectations:**

General Maintenance of the Camp Grounds and Buildings

Cooking

Cleaning

Housekeeping

Swimming Pool Maintenance

Lifeguarding (if certified)

Inventory

Office Assistance

Store Clerk

All employees must pass a background check and be comfortable around all ages, types of people, and personalities. Communication and comfortability in a Christian environment is very important.

No previous experience required; just need a good attitude, respect for others, to be hardworking, and flexible.

This is a perfect position for a mature high schooler, college student, recent college grad, teacher, or anyone else who has summers off.

This would be a great chance to spend the summer with one of your best friends and make memories.

Please contact the Camp Manager

Jason Good

30 Craig Springs Circle

New Castle, VA 24127

Camp Office: 540-864-5768

Email: [craigsprings@hotmail.com](mailto:craigsprings@hotmail.com)