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## **What If.....**

I love to imagine and dream! So, what if the churches throughout Virginia each had something amazing they were doing and were willing to invite others to share in that ministry or borrow it to use in their part of the Region. What if....Blacksburg Christian Church invited other churches to come to a youth lockin or perhaps, First Christian Church in Salem, VA invited other men's groups to come with them on their mission trip to help with repairs at our sister camp, Camp Caroline in North Carolina? What if we could gather together at the Regional Assembly on May 30th and exchange some of these "Amazing" ministries taking place across the churches? What if we came together at Table and worshiped with each other as if we believe God has provided enough for each of us to thrive? We just need to share what we have with each other.

Come be a part of the dream that Jesus taught us alongside the sea of Galilee. Mark 6: 30-44 For another way to understand what I am dreaming about, follow this link to view a video or use the QR Code below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDuA9OPyp6I>



Blessings,

BSD



## 2020 Craig Springs Camp Schedule!

May 22—24	Spring Work Weekend
June 19—21	Catholic Retreat
June 21—26	Diversity Inc. camp
June 26-28	Craig Springs Homecoming Weekend (NEW!)
June 27—July 3	Nature Camp
July 5—10	Special Camp
July 12—17	Triple 1
July 20—25	AMPDD
July 26—31	Triple 2
August 2—7	New Covenant
August 7—9	Family Retreat
October 9—11	Fall Work Weekend



## Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center Volunteers

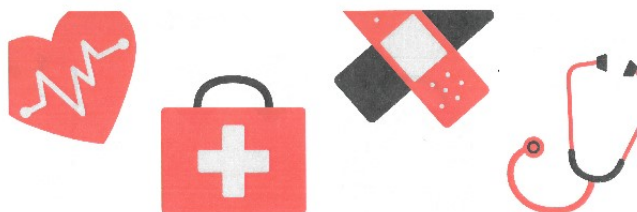
Are you interested in volunteering and using your gifts and talents at Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center this summer? We are looking for you!

Needs include: Nurses (Minimum EMT and up), Counselors, Gopher, Activities Coordinator, Coordinators, Study Leader, Music Leaders, Crafter, Key Note Speaker and Chaplains

Please take a look at the 2020 Camp schedule and if you are interested and/or available to volunteer to help at one or more of the camps listed, please contact the Regional Office by email [office@ccinva.org](mailto:office@ccinva.org), or call at 434-846-3400.

Please mark your calendar for the 2020 Spring and Fall Work Weekends.

Thanks!



## COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR

Promoting health & wellness.

\*Mind \* Body \* Spirit \*

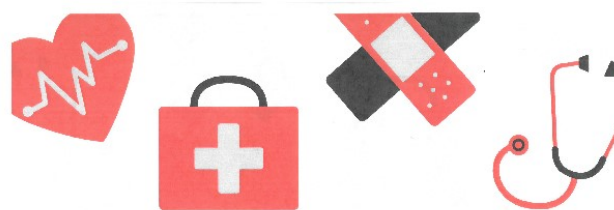
**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**2071 Buford Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235**

Contact Kendra or Gina at (804) 272-6228 or  
worship@baccdoc.org with any questions.



## HEALTH FOR ALL!

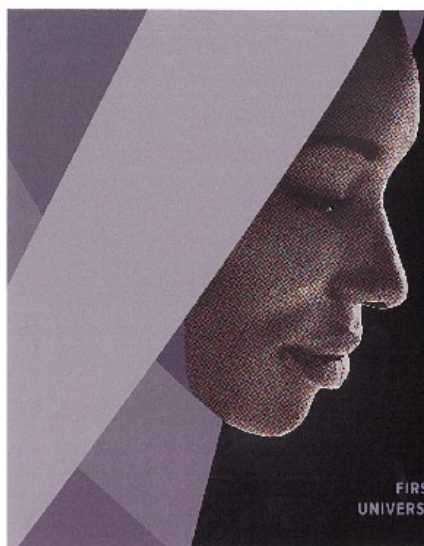
**Education is the best medicine.**

Dentist, Pharmacist advice & help,  
Blood Pressure readings, Physical  
Therapy, Pastoral Counseling,  
Meditation Therapy, Nurse Anesthetist,  
Music and Pet Therapy, Senior  
Resources, Yoga, Lifelong Learning,  
Athletic Trainer, Reiki

... and more.

\*Mind \* Body \* Spirit \*

The 2020 Turner-Warren Lecture on Life and Faith will be presented at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lynchburg on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 pm. The theme of the lecture this year is Multi-faith Solidarity and the Cultural Intersectionality that it requires. Dr. Larycia Hawkins, a political science professor at the University of Virginia, will be this year's lecturer. Dr. Hawkins' Lecture is entitled, *Losing My Liberty, Gaining My Soul*, inspired by her experience of claiming solidarity with Muslim women during Advent, and being fired from her position at Wheaton College for those efforts. Dr. Hawkins' "gain" is her re-commitment to one humanity in God. A reception will follow in the Snidow Fellowship Hall (childcare provided). Dr. Hawkins will also deliver the Jennie Cutler Shumate Lecture on Christian Ministry at the University of Lynchburg in Snidow Chapel on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 pm. Her title for this lecture is *Does Your Blood Not Boil? Embodying Solidarity with Suffering*. As always the Turner-Warren and Shumate Lectures are free and open to the public.



A WEEKEND WITH  
**DR. LARYCIA HAWKINS**  
**MARCH 1-2 2020**  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LYNCHBURG  
UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Dr. Larycia Hawkins is an advocate for multi-faith solidarity, a scholar, and a political science professor at the University of Virginia. A Christian who gained recognition after donning a hijab in support of Muslim women, she has given talks at Harvard and Princeton, and has delivered a TedX talk on embodied solidarity.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 1  
4 P.M.**

LOSING MY LIBERTY.  
GAINING MY SOUL.  
Turner-Warren Lecture  
on Life and Faith  
First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ,  
3109 Rivermont Avenue

**MONDAY  
MARCH 2  
7 P.M.**

DOES YOUR BLOOD NOT BOIL?  
EMBODYING SOLIDARITY  
WITH SUFFERING.  
Jennie Cutler Shumate  
Lecture on Christian Ministry  
Snidow Chapel,  
University of Lynchburg

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [RAPPA@LYNCHBURG.EDU](mailto:RAPPA@LYNCHBURG.EDU)

### **Blacksburg Christian Church—Youth Lock-in**

On Friday, February 7th, Blacksburg Christian Church hosted a Lock-in which was open to all Disciples youth from around the Region of Virginia. We had 44 youth and 16 adults from 8 churches attend. The snowy weather may have kept some folks home, so next time we'll expect an even bigger turnout! We had folks from as far away as Hampton, Virginia who trekked across the state to attend. We played a lot of games, shared a devotional, had epic snowball fights and glow ball matches, ate pizza, cake and ice cream, watched movies, and some of us never slept. We shared a fantastic breakfast together on Saturday morning. Thank you all for coming and I hope you had fun! Our youth from around the region seemed to appreciate the opportunity to reconnect and to get together outside of Craig Springs summer camp.

During event registration, we received several inquiries about the cost to the Lock-in—the event was free to everyone. So, perhaps, you are wondering how we could manage that. Or, you may be wondering if your church could host such an event. It may surprise you to know that the total cost to provide supper and breakfast, drinks, snacks, games, and supplies for a quality, safe, Christ-centered, youth experience was about \$400.00—less than \$7.00 per person. I invite you to join me in considering ways in which we can help our youth from across

the region to stay connected with each other, the church, and Jesus Christ. How can we work together to provide opportunities for our youth to gather, worship, work, and grow? Do you have a great facility, but not enough help or funds? Or do you have great adult volunteers but not a large enough facility? Do you believe your youth program is too small to host an event? Or your location is not ideal? I wonder if all Virginia DOC churches could work together to combine our gifts, talents, and resources to energize the youth in our churches, love them, make them a priority, and encourage them toward spiritual growth and leadership. What ideas do you have for joint youth events or service projects? I challenge you to plan an event, invite other churches in our region to participate, advertise in *The Virginia Christian*, and see who shows up! See you at the next youth event!

JB Beane, Youth Minister—Blacksburg Christian Church



Blacksburg Christian Church Youth Lock-in

# *We are the Church Together*

ONE DAY FORMAT



## *Regional Assembly*

SAVE THE DATE:

*Pre-Event May 29*

*May 30th - 10-4pm*

*University  
of Lynchburg*

## Choir Robes Available

Memorial Christian Church, Lynchburg, has donated their choir robes to those who may need them. You will see from the pictures that there are different robes and different sizes. I counted 30 maroon robes so I believe there are ~30 of each style. Please call me at 434-846-3400 if your church is in need.

Mary Anstice







## Children Worship & Wonder Training Event

**Date:** Fri. March 20, 6p–9pm  
Sat. March 21, 9am–5pm

**Location:** Unity Christian Church  
400 Tyler Ave  
Radford, VA 24141

**Cost:** \$120 per person  
Plus purchase of book  
*Young Children and Worship*

### Register online:

<https://discipleshomemissions.regfox.com/cww2020-radford-va>

**Deadline:** March 13, 2020  
(Cost after deadline: \$150)

### For more information or to register by phone:

(317) 713-2641  
Marissa Ivey, Ministry Associate



**Trainer:** Elaine Austin  
Roanoke, VA



**SAVE THE DATE**

***Disciples Women SPA Day 2020***

**April 18, 2020**

Timberlake Christian Church  
20261 Lynchburg Highway  
Lynchburg, VA 24502





## ***Virginia Disciples Women's Retreat***

*Save-the-Date*

*October 16-18, 2020*

*Lynchburg Area*

*Keynote Speaker*



*Rev. Amy Gopp*

**SERF 2020 Women's Event Registration**  
**Christmount Christian Assembly March 13-15, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee: \$75 (\$100 after February 18, 2020)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Total \_\_\_\_\_

**LODGING**

All housing is non-smoking and pet-free. Reservation form must be reserved for each roommate.

Guest House (31 rooms) (price per person for 2 nights; linens provided)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single: \$190 \_\_\_\_\_ Check if difficulty walking

\_\_\_\_\_ Double: \$95

\_\_\_\_\_ Triple: \$64

\_\_\_\_\_ Quad: \$48

\_\_\_\_\_ Watson Cottages (2) (linens provided; 1 queen, 1 bunk, 1 sleeper sofa – sleeps 6) \$350

Cottage price per person determined by the number of roommates

\_\_\_\_\_ Group Lodge (4 Rooms) (bunk beds, minimum 4 per room, maximum 8): \$50/person

\_\_\_\_\_ Add Linens: \$7.00/set for Group Lodge (reserve in advance)

Lodging Total \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS**

Friday: \_\_\_\_\_ Supper: \$15

Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast: \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch: \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ Supper: \$15

Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast: \$10 (Total is \$62 if you choose all 5 meals)

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not eating meals at Christmount. \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Event Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form (check payable to Christmount) to:

Christmount Christian Assembly

222 Fern Way

Black Mountain NC 28711

You may call Christmount if you wish to pay by credit card: (828) 669-8977

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CHRISTMOUNT.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTMOUNT.ORG).

Early bird deadline is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. After that date, event registration increases to \$100. No refunds on registration after March 1. Housing at Christmount subject to availability with overflow to be accommodated at nearby retreat centers and hotels.

## **Congregations in Search & Call**

### **Receiving Profiles**

Hampton CC, Hampton—minister—actively searching  
Gayton Road CC, Henrico—minister, actively searching  
Snowville CC, Hiwassee—minister—actively searching  
Fairview CC, Hood—minister—actively searching  
Timberlake CC, Lynchburg—minister—actively searching  
Bon Air CC, North Chesterfield—minister—actively searching  
Edinburg CC, Strasburg—interim minister (p/t) - actively searching  
Clifton Forge CC—minister—actively searching

### **Preparing to Search**

Perseverance CC, Dundas—minister  
Mt. Zion CC, Floyd—minister (p/t)  
First CC, Galax—minister  
Fairview CC, Lynchburg—minister  
Old Well CC, Martinsville—minister  
First CC, Newport—minister  
Tazewell CC, Tazewell—minister  
Olive Branch CC, Williamsburg—associate minister  
Petunia CC, Wytheville—minister

Please contact the Regional Office ([office@ccinva.org](mailto:office@ccinva.org)) if you are a clergyperson interested in any of these positions; the Disciples Ministerial Code of Ethics does not allow ministers to contact the congregations directly. We will be glad to assist you!

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