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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

(From within the Region)

OUTREACH GIVING

The year-to-date giving in 2022 by congregations in Alabama-Northwest Florida to the Disciples Mission Fund and the four Special Day Offerings {Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) has increased by 2.29% compared to the November 2021, amount. Church-wide gifts to Disciples Mission Fund and the four Special Day Offerings is showing a year-to-date increase of 2.39%. Week of Compassion receipts in Alabama-Northwest Florida is showing a year-to-date decrease of 17.5% less than the November 2021, amount. Church-wide giving to Week of Compassion, through November 2022, is above 7.6% compared to November 2021. Reconciliation receipts in Alabama-Northwest-Florida are showing a year-to-date decrease of 19.3% since November 2021, amount. Church-wide giving to Reconciliation, through November 2022, is up 0.9%.

Disciples outreach ministries are carryout out in partnerships between general ministries, ministries of higher education, Regions, congregations, and other related ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The financial support given by your congregation enables this partnership to be effective in carrying out the ministry of Jesus Christ. Your commitment to our shared ministries is greatly appreciated.

NEWS OF THE CLERGY

Dan Barton will be installed as pastor of Vallehermoso Springs on January 8, 2023.

CONGREGATIONS WITH MINISTERIAL VACANCIES

Florence, First (Cameron Douglas is Interim Minister)
Madison, Madison (Phillip Gilbert is Interim Supply)
Robertsdale, First (Alan Woods is Interim Supply)
Birmingham, Valley Christian (Edd Spencer is Interim Minister)

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CLERGY

George Edwards (retired, Birmingham) passed away and a Memorial Service TBA.

Please be in Prayer for Jim Brooks' wife Katrine.

Jim Clifford Retired pastor of Valley Christian Church will be having lower back surgery in January (TBA) Jim's wife Janice fell therefore, Jim's surgery had to be postponed in December.

*Please notify the **Regional** office of other joys and concerns.

Mark your Calendars!!

Ministers and Mates Retreat - January 9-11,
2023 Wyndham Garden Hotel, Fort Walton Beach,
FL

Healthy Boundaries Training
April 21 2023 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Regional Office

Regional Convocation – June 23-25
New Hope Christian Church,
Letohatchee, Alabama

DEMOGRAPIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE (through the Association of Religion Data Archives)

Congregations in the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region can access demographic information on their communities by going to <www.theardacom> and following these instructions:

- * Under the US Congregational Membership tab, select GIS Maps
- * Enter the zip code you are interested in (this will bring up a map of churches in that zip code)
- * Click on a particular church and then select "Profile" on the right hand side of the screen
- * Several categories will be offered to help you learn more about your community

DATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

January 1, 2023

JANUARY 2023

- 9 Luncheon for Retired Ministers/Spouses – Wyndham Garden Hotel Fort Walton Beach
- 9-11 Ministers and Mates Retreat – Wyndham Garden Hotel, Fort Walton Beach, FL
- 18-25 Week of Prayer Christian Unity - Church Wide Worship Service via ZOOM 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Commissioning and Ordination North (9:15 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
- 20-22 Youthtophia (for youth grade 6-12) – YMCA – Camp Chandler (near Wetumpka)
- 20-22 Young Adult Retreat – YMCA – Camp Chandler (near Wetumpka)

FEBRUARY 2023

- 4 CWF/Disciples Women Cabinet (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office/ZOOM
- 7 Commissioning and Ordination South (9:15 a.m.) – United Christian Church, Montgomery
- 7 Program Committee on Church Development (7:00 p.m.) – via ZOOM
- 10-11 Regional Transformation Event, FCC, Birmingham, AL
- 13-20 Week of Compassion Promotion
- 18 Division of Administration and Stewardship (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office
- 25 Regional Board (10:00 a.m.) – FCC Birmingham, AL

MARCH 2023

- 6-9 Black Ministers Retreat – Location TBD
- 17-18 Men's Retreat at 4-H Retreat Center – Columbiana, AL

APRIL 2023

- 9 Easter Offering Promotion (for general ministries of the church)
- 12 Commissioning and Ordination North (9:15 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
- 13-18 General Board Meeting Cincinnati, OH
- 21 Healthy Boundaries
- 22 Regional Assembly Planning – Fairhope, AL

MAY 2023

- 10 Commissioning and Ordination South (9:15 a.m.) – United Christian Church, Montgomery
- 11 Committee on the Ministry (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office
- 28 Pentecost Offering Promotion (for new congregation establishment)

JUNE 2023

- 12-16 CYF Conference/Chi Rho and Junior Camps – YMCA- Camp Chandler (Wetumpka, AL)
- 16-18 Discovery and Genesis Camps - YMCA – Camp Chandler (Wetumpka, AL)
- 23-25 Regional Convocation – New Hope Christian Church, Letohatchee, AL

JULY 2023

- 8 Commissioning and Ordination North (9:15 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
- 15 Commissioning and Ordination South (9:15 a.m.) – United Christian Church, Montgomery, AL

AUGUST 2023

9 Commissioning and Ordination North (9:15 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
27 “Senior Adult Sunday” in Alabama – Northwest Florida

SEPTEMBER 2023

5 Commissioning and Ordination South (9:15 a.m.) – United Christian Church, Montgomery, AL
8-10 Women’s Retreat – 4-H Center Retreat
9 Anti-Racism Team (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office
16 Regional Board (10:00 a.m.) – First Christian Church, Birmingham
25-1 Oct. Reconciliation Offering Promotion

OCTOBER 2023

7 Program Committee on Church Development (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
14 Division of Nurture (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
21 Division of Mission (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL
20-22 Hispanic “Encounter” – TBA
28 Division of Administration and Stewardship (10:00 a.m.) – Regional Office, Helena, AL

REGIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR
FOR. JANUARY - MARCH, 2023

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA

Note: Congregations are urged to lift up in prayer during worship the congregation(s) designated on each Sunday of the year. Special prayers are encouraged for the ministers listed as well. A phone number is listed for each congregation (in some cases an e-mail address is also listed) in order for persons to make contact with that congregation to learn of special joys and concerns prior to the Sunday when it is listed.

January 1 - Athens, First (256-232-5611) Clint Coffey, Minister (e-mail:
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January 8-Anniston, First (256-236-1316) Laura Hutchinson and Maria Zamarripa,
Ministers (e-mail: <laurahutchinson@bellsouth.net>)

January 15 -Auburn, Village (334-887-5111) Tommy Morgan, Minister (e-mail:
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January 22 - Dothan, First (334-792-2401) Bill Smith, Minister (e-mail:
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January 29- Birmingham, Primera Iglesia - Roberto Rodriguez, Pastor (e-mail:
<palmarito8433@gmail.com>)

February 5- Century, Edward Point (850-256-1855) -Sherry Johnson, Minister (e-mail:
<sherryjohnson1161@gmail.com>)

February 12.: Foley, South Baldwin- Gary West and Marc Nattier, Ministers (e-mail:
<fccminister2004@yahoo.com> or <marc@thecomputerdoctors.net>)

February 19 - Fairhope, Fairhope (334-928-8495), Rick Malugani, Minister (e-mail:
<pastor@fairhopechristian.org>)

February 26 - Camp Hill, Pleasant View - Dave Crosslin, Minister (email:
<crosstlame@charter.net>)

March 5 - Pensacola, Pacific Islander Agape - Aisek William, Minister (email:
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March 12 - Oxford, Iglesia Cristiana - Nuevo Comienzo - Carmen Reyes, Church Planter
(e-mail: <carmenreyes7@live.com>)

March 19 - Ft. Deposit, Snow Hill - Dale Braxton, Minister (334-412-4057 or e-mail:
<braxtondalesr@gmail.com>)

March 26 - Fort Walton Beach, Primera Iglesia Cristiana Hispana, Jose, and Diaz, Co-Pastors
(850-496-4386) or email: <diazjal@outlook.com> or <diaz.ana22@yahoo.com>)

	CONGREGATION	2021	2022	% CHANGE
DISTRICT I	ATHENS, FIRST	1,311.00	680.00	-48.13
	DECATUR, FIRST	495.00	0.00	-100.00
	FALKVILLE, CEDAR PLAINS	0.00	0.00	-
	FLORENCE, FIRST	0.00	6,822.50	+
	HARTSELLE, FIRST	0.00	0.00	-
	HUNTSVILLE, FIRST	12,900.30	15,768.43	22.23
	HUNTSVILLE, GRATEFUL LIFE	0.00	0.00	-
	MADISON CHRISTIAN	4,342.35	4,180.15	-3.74
	VALHERMOSO SPRINGS, FIRST	1,518.75	1,552.30	2.21
DISTRICT II	ANNISTON, FIRST	125.00	99.00	-20.80
	ANNISTON, NUEVO COMIENZO	952.87	872.18	-8.47
	BIRMINGHAM, FIRST	21,187.97	23,833.98	12.49
	BIRMINGHAM, NEW VISION	300.00	300.00	=
	BIRMINGHAM, MACEDONIA	1,250.00	1,450.00	16.00
	BIRMINGHAM, VALLEY	12,845.50	10,843.70	-15.58
	COTTONDALE CHRISTIAN	1,550.00	1,320.00	-14.84
	HELENA, GRACE	13,751.20	14,568.50	5.94
	HELENA, PRIMERA IGLESIA	3,221.29	4,046.00	25.60
	JASPER, FIRST	140.00	0.00	-100.00
DISTRICT III	MERIDIAN, MS, FIRST	5,060.00	4,440.00	-12.25
	TUSCALOOSA, FIRST	8,591.78	9,393.61	9.33
	AUBURN, VILLAGE	880.00	1,125.00	+
	CAMP HILL, PLEASANT VIEW	515.00	200.00	-61.17
	TALLASSEE, MACEDONIA	350.00	500.00	42.86
	TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, MT. CALVARY	100.00	120.00	20.00
DISTRICT IV	TUSKEGEE, UNION	8,950.00	10,590.00	18.32
	VALLEY, FAIRFAX	0.00	0.00	-
	DOTHAN, FIRST	300.00	300.00	0.00
	FORT DEPOSIT, SNOW HILL	2,700.00	4,200.00	55.56
	GREENVILLE, AMBASSADORS	0.00	0.00	-
	GREENVILLE, HARRISON STREET	350.00	575.00	64.29
	GREENVILLE, NEW BETHEL	300.00	300.00	=
	HAYNEVILLE, LITTLE UNION	950.00	800.00	-15.79
	HAYNEVILLE, WOODS CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	-
	LETOHATCHEE, BIG UNION	500.00	1,000.00	100.00
	LETOHATCHEE, MT. MORIAH	375.00	350.00	-6.67
	LETOHATCHEE, NEW HOPE	390.00	461.00	18.21
	MINTER, BRAGGS	0.00	0.00	-
	MONTGOMERY, FIRST	28,746.81	24,342.93	-15.32
	MONTGOMERY, UNITED	200.00	200.00	=
	WHITE HALL, MT. ZION	275.00	300.00	9.09
	WHITE HALL, SELLERS MEMORIAL	1,395.00	1,425.00	2.15
DISTRICT V	CENTURY, EDWARD POINT	0.00	0.00	-
	FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN	6,835.00	6,045.00	-11.56
	FOLEY, SOUTH BALDWIN	322.00	297.87	+
	FORT WALTON BEACH, FIRST	10,023.52	10,016.26	-0.07
	FORT WALTON BEACH, IGLESIA	0.00	0.00	-
	MOBILE, AZALEA HILLS	2,118.36	1,220.01	-42.41
	PENSACOLA, FIRST	8,284.98	12,955.25	56.37
	PENSACOLA, ARBOL DE VIDA	2,037.00	1,989.50	-2.33
	PENSACOLA, WESTWOOD	0.00	0.00	-
	ROBERTSDALE, FIRST	378.00	465.00	23.02
	SARALAND, OAKMONT	1,200.00	600.00	-50.00
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN AL/NW FL		2,940.80	2,122.32	-27.83
TOTAL		170,959.48	182,670.49	6.85

NOTE: THIS REPORT COMPARES GIVING FROM JANUARY - NOV 2021 TO GIVING JANUARY - NOV 2022

		WEEK OF COMPASSION (including Designated WOC)			RECONCILIATION (including Designated Reconciliation)		
CONGREGATION		2021	2022	% CHANGE	2021	2022	% CHANGE
DISTRICT I	ATHENS, FIRST	0.00	0.00	-	300.00	300.00	=
	DECATUR, FIRST	0.00	0.00	-	144.00	0.00	-100.00
	FALKVILLE, CEDAR PLAINS	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	FLORENCE, FIRST	0.00	4,875.00	+	0.00	0.00	-
	HARTSELLE, FIRST	0.00	416.66	+	0.00	0.00	-
	HUNTSVILLE, FIRST	6,353.95	9,795.01	54.16	3,120.00	3,165.00	1.44
	HUNTSVILLE, GRATEFUL LIFE	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	MADISON CHRISTIAN	1,005.00	1,005.00	=	220.00	370.00	68.18
	VALHERMOSO SPRINGS, FIRST	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
DISTRICT II	ANNISTON, FIRST	0.00	260.00	+	0.00	0.00	-
	ANNISTON, NUEVO COMIENZO	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	BIRMINGHAM, FIRST	2,315.00	4,200.00	81.43	445.00	300.00	-32.58
	BIRMINGHAM, NEW VISION	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	BIRMINGHAM, MACEDONIA	150.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00	100.00	=
	BIRMINGHAM, VALLEY	1,335.00	2,800.00	109.74	300.00	0.00	-100.00
	COTTONDALE CHRISTIAN	525.00	1,200.00	128.57	0.00	0.00	-
	HELENA, GRACE	678.21	186.03	-72.57	13.00	20.00	53.85
	HELENA, PRIMERA IGLESIA	138.50	149.00	7.58	0.00	0.00	-
	JASPER, FIRST	80.00	0.00	-100.00	30.00	0.00	-100.00
	MERIDIAN, MS, FIRST	13,266.87	14,461.69	9.01	445.00	160.00	-64.04
TUSCALOOSA, FIRST	0.00	1,460.00	+	0.00	130.00	+	
DISTRICT III	AUBURN, VILLAGE	390.00	225.00	-42.31	270.00	0.00	-100.00
	CAMP HILL, PLEASANT VIEW	129.45	135.69	4.82	100.00	100.00	=
	TALLASSEE, MACEDONIA	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, MT. CALVARY	25.00	45.00	80.00	25.00	35.00	40.00
	TUSKEGEE, UNION	1,625.00	1,225.00	-24.62	650.00	575.00	-11.54
VALLEY, FAIRFAX	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	
DISTRICT IV	DOTHAN, FIRST	100.00	100.00	=	100.00	50.00	-50.00
	FORT DEPOSIT, SNOW HILL	1,456.00	300.00	-79.40	600.00	300.00	-50.00
	GREENVILLE, AMBASSADORS	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	GREENVILLE, HARRISON STREET	200.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00	+
	GREENVILLE, NEW BETHEL	100.00	100.00	=	0.00	0.00	-
	HAYNEVILLE, LITTLE UNION	200.00	200.00	=	400.00	200.00	-50.00
	HAYNEVILLE, WOODS CHAPEL	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	LETOHATCHEE, BIG UNION	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	LETOHATCHEE, MT. MORIAH	75.00	100.00	33.33	75.00	50.00	-33.33
	LETOHATCHEE, NEW HOPE	150.00	65.00	-56.67	50.00	105.00	110.00
	MINTER, BRAGGS	1,658.00	1,973.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	-
	MONTGOMERY, FIRST	2,000.00	1,775.00	-11.25	225.00	275.00	22.22
	MONTGOMERY, UNITED	100.00	100.00	=	0.00	100.00	+
	WHITE HALL, MT. ZION	0.00	0.00	-	25.00	25.00	=
WHITE HALL, SELLERS MEMORIAL	275.00	100.00	-63.64	100.00	150.00	50.00	
DISTRICT V	CENTURY, EDWARD POINT	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN	2,680.00	1,855.00	-30.78	1,250.00	200.00	-84.00
	FOLEY, SOUTH BALDWIN	268.67	220.00	-18.12	250.00	0.00	-100.00
	FORT WALTON BEACH, FIRST	403.00	255.00	-36.72	155.00	190.00	22.58
	FORT WALTON BEACH, IGLESIA	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	MOBILE, AZALEA HILLS	282.00	505.00	79.08	0.00	0.00	-
	PENSACOLA, FIRST	590.00	1,195.00	102.54	0.00	0.00	-
	PENSACOLA, ARBOL DE VIDA	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	PENSACOLA, WESTWOOD	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-
	ROBERTSDALE, FIRST	472.55	275.00	-41.81	0.00	0.00	-
	SARALAND, OAKMONT	3,400.00	610.00	-82.06	0.00	600.00	+
	CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN AL/NW FL	732.06	150.00	-79.51	50.00	20.00	-60.00
	TOTAL	43,159.26	52,317.08	21.22	9,442.00	7,620.00	-19.30

NOTE: THIS REPORT COMPARES GIVING FROM JANUARY - NOV 2021 TO GIVING JANUARY - NOV 2022

REFUND POLICY

Refund Policy for events sponsored by the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region: 100% refund for emergencies, provided that notification is received prior to the beginning of the event; 50% refund for emergencies in which notification (written) is made after the beginning of the event; 100% for non-emergencies if requested in writing at least seven days prior to the first day of the event; No refunds will be given for non-emergency cancellations after seven days prior to the beginning of the event. Written requests for refunds must be received by the Regional Office, 861 Highway 52, Helena, AL 35080 (email <alnwfl@aol.com.>), within seven days of the last day of the event.

While refunds are not available other than as outlined in this policy, substitutions will be allowed as long as the original registrant, or responsible adult, is able to locate an eligible participant who is able to take the slot and as long as the original registrant, or responsible adult, communicates this information to the Regional Office. The Region will not be responsible in assisting in identifying a substitute. Notification should be provided to the Regional Office as soon as possible and any substitute must complete the necessary paperwork prior to arrival at the event.

Approved by the Regional Board, February 20, 2010

ADDENDUM

Non-registered persons are NOT eligible to take the place of persons who have already registered unless they communicate the exchange with the Regional Office at least 5 days prior to the start of the event. A late fee will be assessed as required by the Fee Schedule.

Approved by the Regional Board, February 24, 2018

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ALABAMA- NORTHWEST FLORIDA
(Disciples of Christ)

2023 MINISTERS AND MATES RETREAT
JANUARY 9-11,2023

Guest Leader

Rev. Yvonne Gilmore

Interim Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation
and Associate General Minister of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Theme: Relational Innovation: “The Water with the Wet”

Isaiah 43:1-13

Location:

Wyndham Garden Hotel

Fort Walton Beach, FL

**PRE– EVENT LUNCHEON
FOR RETIRED MINISTERS AND SPOUSES**

Wyndham Garden Hotel — Fort Walton Beach, Florida

January 9, 2023

12:30-2:30 p.m. (at the conference building of the hotel)

Leadership Provided by

**The Ministry Support Network
In the Alabama– Northwest Florida Region**

Theme

Relational innovation: “The Water with the Wet”

Isaiah 43:1-13

Throughout the year, the Ministry Support Network is engaged in giving pastoral care and support to persons who are active in ministry. In addition to this important work, the Network sponsors an annual luncheon for retired ministers and if (applicable) their spouses. The 2023 Luncheon will be a time of meaningful fellowship and interaction regarding current issues facing the church.

Cost—\$12 Per Person

Christian Church in Alabama– Northwest Florida, 861 Highway 52, Helena, AL 35080



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To: Persons who have ministerial Standing or who are in Ministry Care

MINISTERS AND MATES RETREAT

January 9-11, 2023

Plans are being completed for the 2023 Ministers and Mates Retreat, which will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The hotel has a deadline on the room reservation, so be sure that you make your room reservation before **December 9, 2022**. To make reservations (*see note below), call hotel number: **1-850-244-8686**. The group Name is "Ministers and Mates Retreat 2023." Be aware that they have a 48 -hour cancellation policy. If you cancel later than 48 hours prior to the event, you will be charged for the first night.

- **Note: You may prefer to book your reservation on-line. The Regional Office will send out by email a reservation link that has provided by the hotel. Please check your email for this link in early October. If you have not received this link by October 15, please notify us.**

There is a registration form(enclosed) that should be returned to the Regional Office, along with a \$40/person registration fee. (Note: you may also register and pay on the Region's website at www.alnwfldisciples.org/ministersmates-retreat-form.) This registration fee covers the cost of the Monday evening banquet, plus administrative and program costs. Please send the registration to me before December 23, 2022, so I can guarantee the number for the meal soon after that date.

Even though it is a Ministers and Mates Retreat, many clergy are not able to bring spouses, and others do not have spouses. Please do not be reluctant to attend without a spouse. You will not be alone. Plan to come and enjoy the fellowship.

PLACE: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 573 Santa Rose Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548
Phone: - 1-850-244-8686 or toll free 1-800-526-6427
Visit web site: < www.wyndhamfwb.com>

Room Options:

Standards (Kings and Queens)- \$79/night, plus tax
Beach View Rooms (Kings and Queens)- \$89/night, plus tax
Suites (Kings and Queens)-\$99/night, plus tax

Optional: We have negotiated a \$7.50 per person per day add-on for breakfast vouchers at the hotel restaurant. Persons will need to purchase vouchers, if interested, at check-in.

COST- \$40 per person registration fee, plus the cost of lodging/ meals. Lunch and dinner on Tuesday will also be on your own. There is a restaurant in the lobby of the hotel and many other restaurants are nearby.

REMEMBER- the block of rooms is being held until **December 9**. Make your reservation directly with Wyndham Garden Hotel at 850-244-8686 or toll-free number at 1-800-526-6427.

(Group Name- Ministers and Mates Retreat 2023) An online booking link will be sent out soon via email).

Note: The hotel has outdoor pools and a hot tub (bring swimsuits).

OPENING MEAL- The Ministers and Mates Retreat opens at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2023, with a buffet meal that will be served in the conference center building of the hotel.

Please list dietary restrictions on your registration form

Schedule: All meetings will be held in the hotel conference building

Monday: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Banquet and Introduction of Theme

**Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon- Sessions 1 &2
Noon - 7:00 p.m. (Free time, lunch and dinner are on your own)
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Session 3 (fellowship and snacks afterward)**

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.- Session 4, followed by Communion

Make your plans to enjoy the beauty of the Beach at Fort Walton and a couple of days of rest and renewal. Plan also to enjoy the time and fellowship together with other colleagues in ministry.

Sincerely,



Dale C. Braxton

Interim Regional Minister

Note: Please contact me directly if the cost of registration prevents your participation at the event. Limited scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance. Any assistance given by the Region remains confidential.

Enclosures: Flyer for the 2023 Ministers and Mates Retreat
Flyer for the Luncheon for Retired Ministers and Mates for January 9, 2023
Registration Form (Please return to the Regional Office)

REGISTRATION FORM

MINISTERS AND MATES RETREAT

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) IN ALABAMA-NORTHWEST FLORIDA

WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL, FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA

JANUARY 9-11, 2023

(before December 23, 2022) mail To: Christian Church In Alabama-Northwest Florida
861 Highway 52
Helena, AL 35080

Note: On line registration and payment is available through the Region's website at :
www.alnwfdisciples.org

MINISTER _____ MATE _____ (if applicable)

ADDRESS _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CONGREGATION _____

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me (us) for the opening buffet dinner at the hotel on Monday, January 9, 2023. Please list dietary restrictions.

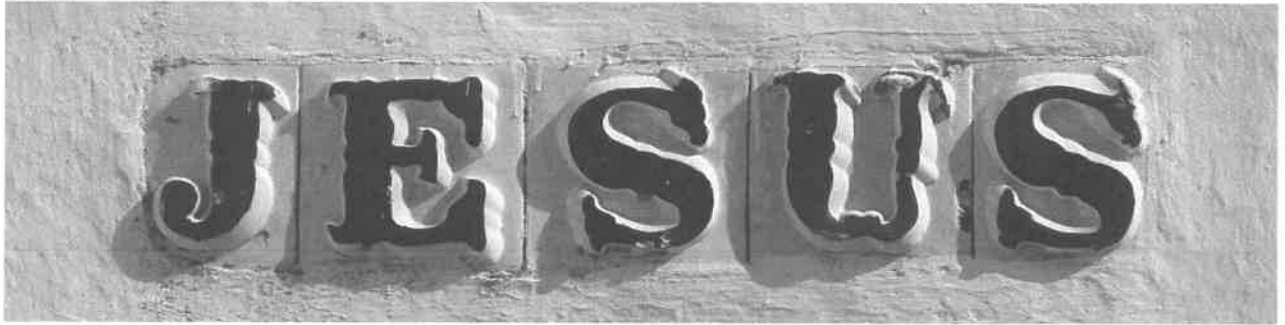
Please reserve _____ space(s) for me (us) for the Luncheon for Retired Ministers and Spouses at the hotel at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023. Please list dietary restrictions.

PLEASE ENCLOSE REGISTRATION FEE: **\$40 per person**
(This registration fee covers administrative costs, plus the cost of Monday's banquet)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Note: The meal count will be guaranteed after Dec. 23, 2022, advanced payment required.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) IN ALNWFL
Youthtopia 2023



The Ultimate DUDE Perfect

JOIN US AS WE ENJOY A WEEKEND OF GAMES, CHALLENGES,
AND ADVENTURES LED BY
REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

COST: \$130.00 (INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS, SNACKS, AND T-SHIRT)

EACH CHURCH IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ONE PAID REGISTERED ADULT FOR EVERY
1-6 YOUTH ATTENDING THE EVENT. ALL ADULTS ATTENDING MUST REGISTER AND PAY FEES.

YMCA Camp Chandler

JANUARY 20-22, 2023

BEGINS - 7:00 P.M.

ENDS - 10:00 A.M.

1240 Jordan Dam Road
Wetumpka, AL

Want to register online?
www.alnwfldisciples.org

Registration Deadline:
January 8, 2023

------(Complete this page along with Medical Form and Covenant page and and mail to)-----

Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida, 861 Hwy 52, Helena, AL 35080

CHAPERONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR Youthtopia
DEADLINE: January 8th, 2023

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE - (subject to availability if registration is not received by deadline) _____

CONGREGATION _____

Have You Completed Safe Gatherings Training? Yes No

Safe Gatherings trainings is required for ALL Regional Youth Volunteers. If you have not already completed this training, please contact Nisha7@aol.com to begin the process. While adults are allowed to attend events without the training, they are not able to serve in the full capacity of leadership during the weekend. The process can take several weeks so please contact Nisha ASAP if you need to complete Safe Gatherings.

Please list any dietary, medical, or other concerns you need to share so we can prepare appropriately for your arrival:

SIGNATURE, AGREEMENT AND RELEASE:

In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, order injections, anesthesia or surgery for the child named above in order to secure necessary, proper medical care. I understand that I will be contacted immediately in the event that something unforeseen happens requiring my attention. I release the Noah's Ark staff and management, camp directors and counselors, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama-Northwest Florida and its staff, from all responsibilities in case of sickness or accidents causing injury occurring during camp. I have provided proof of insurance to those in charge.

Signature

Emergency Contact(s) Name & Phone Number: _____

Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance Company, Address and Telephone Number

Member Name Member ID

-----*(Complete this form along with the Medical Information Page and Agreement page and mail to)*-----

Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida, 861 Hwy 52, Helena, AL 35080

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR Youthtopia
DEADLINE: January 8th, 2023**

NAME _____

M/F _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE - (subject to availability if registration is not received by deadline) _____

CONGREGATION _____

ADULT ACCOMPANYING YOU: _____

**2023 COVENANT for Participants
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN ALABAMA-NORTHWEST FLORIDA**

Please read (or have read to you) the following. Sign this covenant, obtain parent signature and mail with completed camp registration form and appropriate fees. Thank you for your help!

- I will come to retreat expecting to grow in my faith and in relationship with others, becoming a special part of the retreat community. In order to do this, I covenant to follow all the rules and guidelines set by the Christian Church in Alabama Northwest Florida and any others set for this event. With this, I commit myself to the following: To be on time, attend and be attentive for all activities and participate in them fully
- Have fun and make sure everyone else has a great time
- To respect each other regardless of age and to respect others' feelings and thoughts
- I will not go from adult to adult until I get the answer I want
- Be myself and open to making new friends
- Be inclusive at all times
- Cooperate with the leaders, keynoter, director and other staff members at all times
- Be respectful of God's beauty in this special place and only leave footprints behind
- To take all that I learn about God and share it with my friends, family and church

Youth Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

**2019 MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE
MEDICAL HISTORY**

Please answer with (yes or no):

- _____ Do you have any health problems?
- _____ Are you currently under the care of a physician or psychologist?
- _____ Do you require handicapped-accessible facilities?
- _____ **Do you have any food or other allergies?**
- _____ Do you expect to have any difficulty with normal event activities?

- _____ Do you take any prescription medication?

Detail All Medical and Dietary Issues Below:
(if more room is needed, please attach a sheet to this form)

Circle Below: Should your child be allowed appropriate over-the-counter medications to be given as needed?
Yes or No

SIGNATURE, AGREEMENT AND RELEASE:

In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, order injections, anesthesia or surgery for the child named above in order to secure necessary, proper medical care. I understand that I will be contacted immediately in the event that something unforeseen happens requiring my attention. I release the Noah's Ark staff and management, camp directors and counselors, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama-Northwest Florida and its staff, from all responsibilities in case of sickness or accidents causing injury occurring during camp. I have provided proof of insurance to those in charge.

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(Signature required regardless of age of camper)

Emergency Contact(s) Name & Phone Number:

Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance Company, Address and Telephone Number

Member Name Member ID

**THIS MEDICAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED TO
PROCESS YOUR REGISTRATION.**

STATE OF ALABAMA)

_____ COUNTY)

YMCA HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, _____, as the parent or guardian for

(Parent's Name)

_____, a minor child who is in my care and

(Child's Name)

custody, do hereby grant my permission for my child to attend a program or event at YMCA Camp Chandler. I fully understand the nature of camping and recreational activities associated with the use of the camp facilities and/or programs includes an inherent risk of danger, which may result in personal injury or harm to my child. I understand that my child will be under adult supervision at all times but, notwithstanding any level or degree of supervision, that accidents may occur which may result in physical injury or harm to my child. It is with the full understanding of the risks associated with these types of activities that I grant permission for my child to participate in the program to be conducted at YMCA Camp Chandler, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless YMCA Camp Chandler, the Montgomery Metro YMCA, its staff, directors, employees, agents and/or representatives from any claim for any injury or damage which may result from my child's attendance and participation in the program conducted on camp property. Permission is granted for my child to participate and I understand that by signing this form I am voluntarily and knowingly accepting responsibility for my child's participation in the activity or program to be conducted at YMCA Camp Chandler. I also grant permission for pictures and images of my child to be taken while participating in activities and used for YMCA promotional purposes.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Parent's Signature: _____

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) IN ALNWFL

Young Adult Winter Weekend

with Rev. Laura Hutchinson

YMCA Camp Chandler

A GREAT TIME TO FELLOWSHIP AND
ENJOY SOME DOWNTIME TOGETHER

JANUARY 20-22, 2023
BEGINS - 7:00 P.M.
ENDS - 10:00 A.M.

1240 Jordan Dam Road
Wetumpka, AL

Register at www.alnwfldisciples.org

Registration Deadline:
January 8, 2023

Registration Fee: \$50.00





Children Worship & Wonder Training Event

Date: Fri. January 20, 2023, 6–9pm
Sat. January 21, 2023 9am–5pm

Location:

Union Christian Church
1111 Co Rd 69
Tuskegee, AL

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

Register online:

<https://discipleshomemissions.webconnex.com/>

Deadline: January 13, 2023
(Cost after deadline: \$150)

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

(317) 713-2666
Kelly Harris, Ministry Associate



**Trainer: Jane Nettles and
Kanessa Miller Doss**



Continuing Education Opportunity for Ministers and Persons in Ministry Care

"HEALTHY BOUNDARIES"

a Workshop for Ministers and those in the Ministry Care Program of the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED TIDS WORKSHOP IN THE PAST 10 YEARS

Attendance at this workshop is required in order to maintain Ministerial Standing or be continued in Ministry Care. Must be repeated after 10 years.

Resource Leaders:

Dr. Dale Braxton and
Dr. Nisha Warbington
(Certified Trainers through the FaithTrust Institute)

FRIDAY, April 21, 2023
9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Note: For those with Ministerial Standing or who are in the Ministry Care Program who are required to attend this workshop, there is no cost to participate. For all others, the cost is \$50. Reservations are necessary for ALL persons planning to attend and must be made by calling 205-425-5245 or by emailing <alnwo@aeLcolil> by March 18.

Location of the Workshop
Regional Office
861 Highway 52, Helena, AL 35080

Christian Church In Alabama-Northwest Florida, 861 Highway 52, Helena, Alabama 35080