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December Newsletter

Consolidated
Baptist District



*CBDWA Wishes You a Merry
Blessed Christmas*

A festive Christmas-themed graphic with pinecones, gold berries, and a red ribbon. The central text reads: "Jesus... the greatest story, the most amazing gift, the blessed hope of all who believe." Below this, it says "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15 (niv)". In the bottom left corner, there is an "ADVENT For 2025 calendar" showing the four Sundays of Advent.

First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday
November 30	December 07	December 14	December 21

Presidential Pen

Greetings Sisters,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's the time we celebrate the birth of Christ. Yes, that is the true reason for the Christmas season that gives us peace and joy even amid chaos, pain and sorrow and despite the hustle and bustle that often accompanies the holidays.

The season is not about the gifts under the tree but the gift that was born, died for us on the tree and rose in three days. We can shout

and celebrate because we have the victory in Him.

Observe the Advent Season to celebrate Jesus' birth and future arrival by prayer, giving to those in need, worship and more. Meditate on hope, peace, joy and love to experience the season in a new way. When we know Jesus, we know that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Joy is not seasonal, it's spiritual. Share the joy of Christ and show love this Christmas as we remember that love took on flesh in the form of Jesus Christ.

Start the season with a daily "Act of Kindness". Everyday, make it a point to show kindness and be the hands and feet of Christ for what matters most; presence over presents, love over loss, and faith over fear. Choose gratitude over

grumbling, service over self-focus and Christ over consumerism. Vow to encourage someone, bless others, allow someone to step ahead of you, send a card, make a call, pay for someone's coffee, etc. Doing these things are ways to express God's loving presence. God works through ordinary people. Allow Him to use you. Keep CHRIST in our hearts and Christmas never ends.

Merry CHRISTmas to all!

Vonita Bennett



Room #1

Classic Two Queen Beds Guestroom

Complimentary deluxe
hot breakfast bar daily

Reservation details

18 Jun 2026 - 20 Jun 2026
CBDWA Retreat 2026
Group Code: CBDWA2Q
Adults: 1

Guarantee Policy: Group Guarantee

Weekend w/ tax
Single - \$404
2pp - \$202
4pp - \$101

Price summary

Room	USD 359.90
Sales Tax	USD 44.09
Total	USD 403.99
Required deposit	USD 0.00

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GOLD STARS

1st 30 full payments will enjoy
special benefits (formerly 25)

RESERVED TABLES

Deposits for 8 paid by Feb



Christmas
Gift Idea

Retreat Fashion Show

Volunteer Models contact Lisa Jones
Anyone wanting to volunteer to be a
greeter at this year's retreat
Contact Lisa Jones (859) 489-7181



Highlights of Young Adult in Gathering and M & M Thankfulness Services





Send your \$75
deposit today
for a great
Christmas gift!

CBDWA

RETREAT CHARTER BUS SERVICES

All Roads Lead To
Pigeon Forge, TN

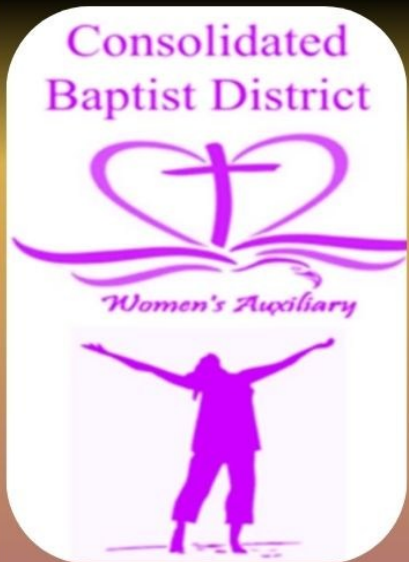
Charter Bus Cost
\$100.00 Roundtrip

Bus Services Availability:

- Must have 50 paid seats
- 1st 50 women who sign-up with a \$25 non-refundable bus deposit and have paid or pay the \$75 non-refundable retreat deposit
- All balances must be paid before or by March 15, 2026

Bus will depart at 12 p.m.
on Thursday, June 18, 2026

Please contact Sis. Demita Stevenson at
stevenson.d@twc.com
to sign up



Women's Retreat

CONSOLIDATED BAPTIST
DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Register
Now
2026

Celebrate JUNETEENTH with your Sisters In Christ!

June 18 - 20, 2026

The Ramsey Hotel - Pigeon Forge, TN

Registration Fee: \$200 - payable in 3 installments
Nov. 15 - \$75 (non refundable deposit), Jan. 15 - \$75, Mar. 15 - \$50
Payments to Church Contact Ladies, at the CBDEC Institutes & Online

"Living A Spiritual Legacy,
Women Passing the Baton of Faith"

Visit us at www.cbdec.org; Like us on Facebook

"One generation shall praise your
works to another, and shall declare
your mighty acts." - Psalm 145:4

"Older women likewise are to be
revere in their behavior, not
having been passive but endeavoring to
much wine, teaching what is
good." - Titus 2:3

"Living a Spiritual Legacy: Women
Passing the Baton of Faith"

Consolidated Baptist District Women's Auxiliary
2025-2026

Sis. Demita Stevenson
CBDWA President

Sis. Regina Davis
CBDWA Minister



Call Ramsey Hotel to Book
your Rooms 1-865-401-5530
Group code CBDWA2Q

Retreat Registration Fee \$200.00
Payment Dates 11/15 \$75.00
1/15 \$75.00 and 3/15 \$50.00



Please Visit online at
www.cbdec.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ **December 6** - Ministers & Messengers Bowling Event at Collins Bowling Alley - Southland \$36.00 per hour per lane 2:00pm –6:00pm
- ♦ **December 30** - CBDA Holiday Scholarship Banquet at Clarion Hotel— Tickets \$65.00
- ♦ **January 10** - CBDEC Institute—Location—TBD
- ♦ **January 15** - CBDWA 2nd Retreat Payment Due - \$75.00
- ♦ **February 15** - CBDWA Choir as Guest Performers at KSU Black History Program in Paris KY
- ♦ **March 14** - CBDEC Institute—Location—TBD
- ♦ **March 15** - CBDWA Final Retreat Payment Due - \$50.00
- ♦ **March 28** - CBDWA Health Fair—Shiloh Baptist Church
- ♦ **May 1** - CBDWA Women in Worship, First African Baptist Church
- ♦ **June 18-20** - CBDWA Women's Retreat, Pigeon Forge TN
- ♦ **July 11** - CBDWA Prayer Breakfast, Ninth Street Baptist Church
- ♦ **July 13-16**-CBDA Annual Session



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web!**
www.cbdec.org

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December Health Note

December is Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month (SAD)

Millions of Americans are affected by this condition, which brings on significant mood changes in response to the changing of seasons.

SAD occurs during the late fall and winter months, when there is less sunlight and colder weather. The symptoms usually lift during the spring and summer months.

SAD is a type of depression. The symptoms are like depression symptoms, and can include:

- Feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness, helplessness, or guilt
- Feel anxious, sad, or empty
- Lack of pleasure or interest in usual activities
- Lack of appetite or overeating
- Decrease energy or daytime fatigue
- Social withdrawal
- Difficulty making decisions, remembering details and concentration
- Thoughts of suicide or death

Talk to a mental health specialist or health care provider and find out what treatments or therapies may be available to you. You are not alone if these symptoms describe you.

In a crisis? Call or text 988 for 24/7 support or text Helpline to 62640

Chat by visiting <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>

Crisis Line 1-877-626-1772

