

Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (ESV)

CPFI 2023 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

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The CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat was held at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in Waynesville, North Carolina, May 24 to May 28. Members came from 18 states, including North Dakota, New Mexico, and Massachusetts! We had one member attend from the DR Congo!

The National Student Retreat began on Wednesday afternoon and was coordinated by Corrisa Adams, a 2023 graduate from Cedarville University School of Pharmacy. Keith W. Allhands, Erin Ballentine, Sarah Marie Freeman, and P. Brittany Vickery were this year's Student Retreat speakers.

Dr. Jeffrey Bates coordinated another exceptional CE program that offered up to 13.25 hours of ACPE-approved continuing pharmacy education ([photo](#)). Jessica Tegan Langdon opened the CE sessions Thursday afternoon with an interactive poster presentation from several recipients of the CPFI Hands & Feet grants detailing their community service projects ([photo](#)), followed by Dr. Christine Birnie, who presented on her work in foreign medical missions. Dr. Gregory Carlson spoke on his work with Samaritan's Purse as a member of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART). Dr. Carlson's presentation included film footage from the war in Ukraine and the recent earthquake in Turkey. Dr. Joy Greene challenged us on Thursday evening with a message about passing the spiritual baton and being faithful in praying for unbelievers.

Jennifer Sands captivated our attention Friday morning when she walked on stage in full costume ([photo](#)) as Jael, the Biblical heroine in the book of Judges who delivered Israel from the troops of King Jabin ([photo](#)). However, the unseen performance involved getting from her room on the 5th floor in full costume to a side entrance into the auditorium on the 3rd floor without being seen by anyone in our group!

Friday CE sessions included an informative New Drug Update by Dr. Daniel Hussar. Dr. Joy Greene presented on Resilience in Pharmacy and discussed Biblically-based skills for managing stress in the workplace and in our personal lives. First time CPFI conference speaker and CPFI secretary, Dr. Dawn Battise, gave an engaging update on Diabetes. Dr. Fred Eckel moderated a panel discussion and challenged his panel to share how they integrate their faith into

their pharmacy practice ([photo](#)). They also shared heartfelt, inspiring stories about their own personal Christian walk. Dr. Douglas Anderson, Dr. Justin Cole, and Dr. Nathanael Smith presented a challenging second panel discussion on current legal and ethical dilemmas in pharmacy.

We wrapped up on Saturday with Dr. Bates providing our morning devotion and worship, accompanied by his wife, Sheryl Bates, and recent graduate, Zachary Krause. Sheryl and Zach provided the praise music throughout the conference and did a great job. Many people commented on how much they enjoyed this year's music.

The Saturday morning devotion time was followed by Kelly Jones's talk titled, 'Here's Your Ticket!' Create Ways That Pharmacists Can Disrupt and Transform Healthcare in the US,' ([photo](#)) and Dr. Jones showed up in costume also! Dressed like a train conductor, he went around the auditorium, blowing his whistle and handing out tickets. He certainly kept our attention as he challenged pharmacists to stand their spiritual ground in healthcare. Dr. Emily Laswell followed with a presentation titled 'Journal Club 101: Refresher on Critically Reviewing Recently Published Articles.' Dr. Jonathan (Jay) Jackson from Palm Beach Atlantic University, Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy, CPM's home office from 2007 to 2014, presented on Pharmacogenomics. Dr. Laswell wrapped up the CE sessions in the afternoon with a one-hour optional session titled 'Saline Process Getting Started.'

Thank you to all of our speakers, devotion leaders, and praise band. CPM is especially thankful for Dr. Jeffrey Bates for all of his hard work assembling the education program and the behind-the-scenes work he does on the program that most of us don't know about. CPM is blessed to have Dr. Bates on our team.

CPM honored several individuals and one student chapter at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. Keith W. Allhands and Jessica Langdon presented the awards. Dr. Angie Pegram accepted the Dr. Manasseh Heeralall CPM Student Chapter of the Year Award ([photo](#)) on behalf of Wingate University School of Pharmacy. Recent graduate Zachary Krauss received the Dr. Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award ([photo](#)) for his service to CPM students. This year a new award was established to identify individuals who have had an impact promoting fellowship among our members. The Esther S. Weaver Fellowship Award was named to honor the founders wife who for many years brought together pharmacists, their spouses and families. For 17 years she led the spouses Bible study at the annual meeting. This was taken over by Linda Allhands and Beverly Herman who carried on the tradition for the past 18 years and are the recipients of this new award ([photo](#)).

Eugene (Gene) and Susan Lutz were awarded CPM's highest honor, the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award ([photo](#)) for their many years of service to CPM. Look for an article in the fall issue of Christianity & Pharmacy about this energetic couple, which will provide more details about their many years coordinating the annual meeting silent auction, which funds CPM Hands & Feet Grants for student chapters' community service projects. Gene and Susan also

host a CPFI Prayer Breakfast at the American Pharmacists Association's annual meetings.

This was our first year at Lake Junaluska. It was a lovely location, surrounded by mountains, with a 2 1/2 mile paved walking trail around the lake. Kayaking and many other outdoor activities were available. We received many positive remarks regarding the location, the food, the convenience of the meeting rooms, the well-appointed guest rooms, and the Lake Junaluska staff. We expect this location will be on our 'return list' for a future conference.

Next year we will be back with our friends at the Bonclarken Conference Center in beautiful Flat Rock, North Carolina - a long-time CPFI favorite! Please save the dates on your calendar and invite others to join us! Our dates will be Wednesday, May 29th to Sunday June 2nd. We deeply appreciate your support of our conferences and look forward to our time together in 2024! God bless each of you as you serve Christ and the world through pharmacy.

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Join us on Father's Day Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET



The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, June 18, 2023**, for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Board Member

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