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How great is the love the Father has lavished on us... 1John 3:1(a)



CPFI 2025 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

The Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International met in St. Simons Island, Georgia from May 28 to June 1, 2025 at Epworth by the Sea, a Christian conference center established in 1950 on a historical site that was once a southern plantation. Pharmacists and their family members traveled from 22 states and student pharmacists came from 14 states to gather for Christian fellowship, to receive ACPE approved continuing education from talented leaders in the profession and worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Katherine Stein, a 2025 pharmacy school graduate, prepared an impactful National Student Retreat this year. Katherine dedicated many hours over the months leading up to and during the event. The CPFI Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, May 30th, recognized Katherine for her efforts and outstanding leadership. Jacob Grasser, PharmD, Terri Miller, RPh and JD Candidate, Jessica Revel, P-3, Melissa Turner, PharmD and Katherine Stein, 2025 Graduate all contributed to the speaker line-up for the National Student Retreat.

Dr. Jeffrey Bates coordinated another exceptional ACPE-approved CE program that included 12 hours of pharmacy continuing education. Speakers included Keith W. Allhands, Jeffrey A. Bates,

Jill M. Boone, Beth Cappelletti, Michael A. Crouch, Fred M. Eckel, Daniel A. Hussar, Jessica T. Langdon, Teri A. Miller, Susan Smith, and Jon E. Sprague.

We missed Mrs. Sheryl Bates leading our worship this year. Jake Grasser and Michael Nan stepped in, however, and did an outstanding job leading worship. Joy Greene provided the Thursday evening devotion. Jennifer Sands and Scott Benken provided Friday and Saturday morning devotions, respectively.

CPFI held a business meeting on Friday afternoon, which was open to all members. President Jeff Copeland thanked Keith Allhands and Daniel Spadaro for their service as directors on the CPFI Board and Ron Herman for his many years of service as Executive Director. He welcomed Susan Smith to the Executive Committee as Secretary, Jeffrey Bates as President, and directors Erin Ballentine and Stephen Canady. The Board of Directors voted unanimously during their meeting on Thursday to appoint Jeff Copeland as the new Executive Director.

Once again, CPFI would like to thank our anonymous donor, who covered every person's registration fee, room, and meals this year! We heard many attendees express their appreciation during the conference, and several students shared that they would not have been able to attend the conference without financial assistance. CPFI is blessed by the leadership and generous spirit of this wonderful individual.

Thank you to all of our speakers, devotional leaders, and praise and worship leaders. CPFI is especially grateful to Dr. Jeffrey Bates for all of the work in assembling the education program and overseeing every aspect of the program on site. We also appreciate the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Keith W. Allhands, and Dr. Jessica Langdon for all their pre-conference assistance and their efforts at the conference to help ensure everything went smoothly.

CPFI honored several individuals and one student chapter at the Saturday evening awards banquet. Keith W. Allhands presented the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award to CPFI Board member Dr. Lucy P. Malmberg. The organization presents the Warren E. Weaver Award to "...the person who most exemplifies the Lord's example in service to others through CPFI." Keith said it best when he wrote, "Lucy has consistently and sacrificially given her time, talent, and treasure to CPFI, all with the goal of growing the lasting impact our organization has on our world." You can read a full write-up about Dr. Malmberg in the fall issue of Christianity & Pharmacy. Keith also presented the Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award to the 2024-2025 National Student Council chairperson, Jessica Revelle. Jessica has excelled in her position this year and often serves CPFI students beyond her role as NSC Chair.

Jessica Langdon presented the Psalm 45 Award to Dr. Daniel Mansour for his service to CPFI students at the University of Maryland. Dr. Mansour has faithfully served as a member of CPFI and a student chapter advisor at the University of Maryland for many years. Jessica and Grace Heeralall presented the Dr. Manasseh Heeralall Student Chapter of the Year Award to The University of Maryland CPFI Student Chapter. This chapter excelled in serving their community and the students of the University of Maryland.

Epworth offered an exceptionally scenic location loaded with southern charm and hospitality. Many attendees shared positive comments about the beauty of this venue, the food, the Epworth staff, and the nearby historic town of St. Simons Island. If you were blessed enough to be a part of this special time, you will likely never forget it.

Next year, we will return to the beautiful Lake Junaluska Conference Center in the scenic western North Carolina mountain town of Waynesville, North Carolina. We deeply appreciate your support of our 2025 conference and look forward to seeing you in 2026! We will open registration in early January 2026, and we recommend that you register as soon as you are certain you plan to attend. God bless you as you serve Christ and the world through pharmacy.

Nena Lindrose, Administrative Director Stuart, Florida

Click the links to see photos.

National Student Retreat General Sessions Cook Out **Past Presidents Reception Awards Banquet Singing Under The Stars Sunday Morning**

Join CPFI for a Complimentary Prayer Breakfast

AACP Annual Meeting - Chicago, Illinois Sunday July, 20, 2025 at 7AM

Hyatt Regency - Plaza Ballroom, Lobby Level, East Tower

Speaker: Dr. Scott Mark, Assistant Dean at Long Island University School of Pharmacy



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Join us for prayer! Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm ET



AGENDA

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 except when the meeting date falls on a holiday. 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**, **July 20**, **2025** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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