
"I will lift up my eyes to the hills- Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

2026 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

By Nena Lindrose

The Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International gathered at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, from June 3 to June 7, 2026, for faith-based continuing education, fellowship, and lovely mountain views. Approximately one-hundred and seventy-five pharmacists, students, and family members registered for the 3- and 4-day event. Participants based the conference theme on Psalm 121- Finding Help in an Ever-Changing World.

Many volunteers dedicated their time and talents to ensure the success of both the Conference and National Student Retreat. Kayla Hay, a pharmacy student at Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy, coordinated this year's student retreat. Kayla did a wonderful job, and the student retreat was a blessing not only to students but also to the several pharmacists who stopped in occasionally to hear a message or join in praise and worship.

Dr. Jeffrey Bates prepared another terrific program and was the primary facilitator for the conference. This year's devotion leaders—Dr. Joy Greene, Jennifer Sands, Dr. Scott Benken, and Dr. Jeffrey Copeland—each showcased their unique styles while emphasizing God's sovereignty in the Christian life. Sheryl Bates and Dr. Michael Nan led worship throughout the conference and did a wonderful job.

Speakers for this year's conference included: Dr. Juliette Miller, Dr. Erin Ballentine, Dr. Lydia Bailey, Dr. Lance Plyler, MD, Dr. Rachel Massey, Dr. Michael Crouch, Dr. Fred Eckel, Dr. Evan Drake, Teri Miller, and Beth Cappelletti.

A number of awards were given at the Saturday evening awards banquet. Dr. Daniel C. Spadaro was recognized as the 2026 recipient of CPFI's most notable award- the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award. Dr. Spadaro has been a member of CPFI since 1991. He was the CPFI student chapter advisor for the University of Arkansas for Medical Science College of Pharmacy for 28 years before his retirement in 2020. Dr. Spadaro has been a faithful, often 'behind the scenes' CPFI member, serving in many ways, including the role of editor for the newsletter, and serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer and Director. Dr. Spadaro is a Bible scholar with an exceptional understanding of Bible prophecy and contributes to CPFI publications as well as provides his insight and knowledge when members have Biblical questions.

Several other awards were given, including a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Dr. Daniel Hussar for his many years of serving the profession of pharmacy and his extensive contributions to CPFI. Sheryl Bates was recognized with the Esther Weaver Award. Daniel Wilson was recognized as a past CPFI president. Kayla Hay received the Dr. Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award for her faithful service to students and CPFI during the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Melanie A. Reinhardt (CPFI Student Advisor for the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy) received the Psalm 145 Award and, finally, the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy received the Dr. Manasseh Heeralall Student Chapter of the Year Award for their contributions and service to their school and community.

The conference concluded Sunday morning with a church service and a message from CPFI Executive Director, Dr. Jeffrey T. Copeland. Dr. Copeland took us through the conference theme scripture, Psalm 121, verse by verse, reviewing complementary scripture for each verse.

The 2027 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat will be held at The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. The National Student Retreat will be held from June 2 to June 6, 2027 and the Annual Conference will be held from June 3 to June 6, 2027. Be sure to register early to ensure you get a place at the event. Registration will open on Monday, January 11, 2027.

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Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm ET

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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 19, 2026** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able

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