



# Kentucky Christian Writers Conference History

This document contains the history of Kentucky Christian Writers Conference for the purpose of allowing a review of our past agendas, faculty and keynote speakers, and to see how we have grown. With information on earlier conferences not so readily available, we have researched to provide you with the most complete data available. If you have information we can add to this document, please email [historian@kychristianwriters.com](mailto:historian@kychristianwriters.com).

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<p><b>2016</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Grace Heartland Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR</b> Lea Ann Johnson</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>Sandra Aldrich</b>, editor, podcast host, and author/co-written of more than a 20 books.</p> <p><b>FACULTY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carlton Hughes – author, speaker, communications professor at Southeast Kentucky Community &amp; Technical College</li> <li>• Doc Hensley - Bestselling author with over 50 books, 150 + short stories and more than 3,500 freelance articles</li> <li>• Gregg Bridgeman - Editor-in-Chief of Olivia Kimbrell Press</li> <li>• Hallee Bridgeman - best-selling Christian author</li> <li>• Jeff Gerke – award-winning book editor, multi-published novelist, professional artist, Writer’s Digest author, graphic designer, book typesetter, and internationally acclaimed fiction teacher</li> <li>• Julie Gwinn - award winning editor, with 25+ years in public relations and marketing experience.</li> <li>• Stephen M. Vest - editor and publisher of Kentucky Monthly magazine</li> <li>• Kelly Thorne Gore - Founder and President of iBloom and author</li> <li>• Michele Chynoweth - award winning author, inspirational speaker, book coach and writing instructor</li> <li>• Mike Burnett - C.O.O. of Dockins Graphics Inc. and Director of Printing for Pathway Press.</li> <li>• Simeon Amburgey - founder of Sound Creations, Inc.</li> <li>• Virginia Smith - best-selling author of over 20 novels and numerous articles</li> </ul> <p><b>EDITORS’ PANEL:</b> Gregg Bridgeman, Julie Gwinn, Steve Vest  <b>FICTION PANEL:</b> Hallee Bridgeman, Ralene Burke, Julie Gwinn, Betty Thomason Owens, Virginia Smith  <b>NON FICTION PANEL:</b> Mike Burnett, Dennis E. Hensley, PhD, Harriet Michael</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Ebook Formatting</li> <li>• Don't Just Dream It, Do It: How to Create Your Success Strategy</li> <li>• eBook, Print, or Both?</li> <li>• Elements of a Story</li> <li>• Foundational Aspects of Nonfiction Writing</li> <li>• Free (or Almost Free) Tools for Authors</li> <li>• Hacking Your Reader’s Brain</li> <li>• It Takes One to Know One!</li> <li>• Magazine Writing 101</li> <li>• Marketing for Authors</li> <li>• Publishing 101</li> <li>• Rules, Shmoos</li> <li>• Seven Steps to Successful Self Publishing:</li> <li>• So You’re a Newbie: A Primer for First Time Attendees</li> <li>• Songwriting 101</li> <li>• The Myths of a Career in Writing</li> <li>• The Nuts and Bolts of Nonfiction Writing</li> <li>• Writing in Layers</li> </ul>



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<p><b>2006</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> College Heights United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Crystal Murray</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>Sandra Aldrich</b> - author of 17 books and two time Angel Award Winner,</p> <p><b>FACULTY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Corlew - Associate Editor for DevoZine</li> <li>• Karen Moore - author of You Can Write Greeting Cards</li> <li>• Patty Gillham - Editor in Chief of Children’s Curriculum and LifeWay Christian Resources</li> <li>• David Seay - Editor in Chief of Lifeway’s Mature Living - Writing for Senior Adults &amp; Writing for Mature Living</li> <li>• Dara Lehner - photographer &amp; speaker</li> <li>• Larry Wilson, Editorial Director of Wesleyan Publishing</li> <li>• Heather Gemmen - writer, blogger</li> <li>• Francheska White - self published author and speaker</li> <li>• Lynn Drysdale Patterson - songwriter, worship leader, author, speaker and recording artist</li> <li>• Mona Larkins - illustrator</li> </ul> <p><b>EDITORS’ PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Wilson - Editorial Director of Wesleyan Publishing</li> <li>• Heather Gemmen - writer, blogger</li> <li>• Nicole Corlew - Associate Editor for DevoZine</li> <li>• Sam McDowell - McDowell Publications</li> <li>• Michael Embry - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Karen Moore - author of You Can Write Greeting Cards</li> <li>• David Seay - Editor in Chief of Lifeway’s Mature Living - Writing for Senior Adults &amp; Writing for Mature Living</li> <li>• Patty Gillham - Editor in Chief of Children’s Curriculum and LifeWay Christian Resources</li> <li>• Jorge Berrios - associate editor of the Spanish edition of The Upper Room, El Aposento Alto</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telling Our Stories &amp; Connecting with the iPod Generation</li> <li>• How to Write Greeting Cards</li> <li>• Writer’s Toolbox</li> <li>• Writing for Senior Adults &amp; Writing for Mature Living</li> <li>• Photography for Writers</li> <li>• Marks of a Pro</li> <li>• Blogging with a Purpose</li> <li>• Speaking About Your Writing</li> <li>• Songwriting for Worship in 3-D</li> <li>• Picture This - The Illustrating Process</li> </ul> <p>Three workshops by editor of El Aposento Alto - LOOK! Writing Skills for Christian Latino Writers</p>



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<p><b>2004</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church in E-town</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Gloria Haynes</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>Holly G. Miller</b> - established writer, speaker and seminar leader,</p> <p><b>Manuscript critique from Betty Whitworth</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Songwriting and Christian Music</li> <li>• Poetry for Adults</li> <li>• Manuscript Critique</li> <li>• Journaling</li> <li>• Writing a Column</li> <li>• Poetry for Students</li> <li>• Agents in Christian Publishing</li> <li>• Christian Journalism</li> <li>• Why I Write for God</li> </ul>
<p><b>2003</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Kentucky State Park - Rough River Lodge</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Constance Darnell</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>Sally Stuart</b> - leading authority on Christian markets and the business of writing. Her annual editions of Christian Writers' Market Guide provide the most accurate, complete publishing resource for Christian writers. Sally has over 950 articles and 29 books published</p> <p><b>FACULTY &amp; EDITORS' PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David &amp; June Lang - Alive Magazine</li> <li>• Martha Gilliss - Bridge/Witherspoon Press,</li> <li>• Tracie Pedone - Focus on the Family</li> <li>• Etta Wilson - agent, March Media, Inc.</li> <li>• Michael Embry - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Stephen Vest - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Sam McDowell - McDowell Publications</li> <li>• Bill Thomas - Touch of Success Seminars, National Geographic Photographer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Article Writing</li> <li>• How to Use the Market Guide</li> <li>• Understanding the Christian Market</li> <li>• How to Sell What You Write</li> <li>• How to Write a Query Letter</li> <li>• Trends in Christian Publishing</li> </ul> <p>Private sessions with editors</p>



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<p><b>2002</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Constance Darnell</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>Dr. Dennis Hensley</b> - director of the professional writing program at Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus, also Associate Professor of English; published 6 novels and 25 non-fiction books with over 150 articles published.</p> <p><b>FACULTY &amp; EDITORS' PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Len Goss - Broadman &amp; Holman, Editorial Director for trade and academic book publishing for the book publishing division of Lifeway Christian Resources</li> <li>• Warren Wheat - The News Enterprise</li> <li>• Michael Embry - Kentucky Monthly magazine</li> <li>• Stephen Vest - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Susanne Hadley - Focus on the Family (Clubhouse Jr. Magazine)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word Power Equals Sales Power</li> <li>• Principles of Clear, Effective Writing</li> <li>• How to Conduct Interviews</li> <li>• Time Management for Writers</li> <li>• Marketing Your Sermons</li> </ul>



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<p><b>2001</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Betty Whitworth</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE:</b> <b>Susan Titus Osborn</b> - Fullerton California. Susan’s published works include articles and devotions in numerous Christian publications and has written 12 books and Leaders Guides</p> <p><b>FACULTY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Loy - Card Making &amp; Verse Writing</li> <li>• Janet McCoy - Research &amp; Write with a Computer</li> <li>• Alice Steele - Devotional Writing</li> <li>• Evan Walters - Self Publishing</li> <li>• Betty Whitworth - Breckinridge County Public Library Board, journalist/columnist for The Herald News</li> </ul> <p><b>EDITORS’ PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Len Goss - Editorial Director for trade and academic book publishing for the book publishing division of Lifeway Resources (Broadman &amp; Holman)</li> <li>• Warren Wheat - The News Enterprise</li> <li>• Michael Embry - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• Stephen Vest - Kentucky Monthly Magazine</li> <li>• David &amp; June Lang - Alive magazine</li> <li>• Susan Titus Osborn - (see info above under Keynote)</li> <li>• Kelly Carr - Standard Publishing</li> <li>• Annette Bourland - Focus on the Family (Clubhouse, Jr. magazine)</li> <li>• Steven May - Sermon Notes/Ministry Now</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Card Making &amp; Verse Writing</li> <li>• Research &amp; Write with a Computer</li> <li>• Devotional Writing</li> <li>• Self Publishing</li> <li>• Sharing Your Writing</li> </ul>



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<p><b>2000</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Millie Robinson</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:</b> <b>Cecil Murphey</b> - full time writer with over 73 books published</p> <p><b>FACULTY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice Catron - Presbyterian General Assembly</li> <li>• Cecil Murphey - (see info above in Keynote)</li> <li>• Mike Brewer - (see info above in Keynote)</li> </ul> <p><b>EDITORS' PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan King - Upper Room</li> <li>• H. Michael Brewer - pastor, teacher and author of over 300 articles and short pieces, winning national awards for fiction and non-fiction</li> <li>• Betty Whitworth - Breckinridge County Public Library Board, journalist/columnist for The Herald News</li> <li>• Richard McKinnney - Standard Publishing</li> <li>• Janice Catron - Presbyterian General Assembly</li> <li>• Michel Embry - Kentucky Monthly magazine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article to Sermon &amp; Sermon to Article</li> <li>• Who I am Tells me What to Write</li> <li>• I want to Taste Chocolate and Smell Burning Leaves</li> <li>• See Your Writing in Print</li> <li>• Me? Write a Book</li> <li>• Book Proposals</li> <li>• Secrets to Writing a Best Seller</li> <li>• Getting Started</li> <li>• Three Vital Ingredients; Write It; Sell it</li> </ul>
<p><b>1999</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Karen Hart</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>James Watkins</b> - internationally known author from Indiana; published works include 11 books and over 1200 articles</p> <p><b>FACULTY &amp; EDITORS' PANEL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Lou Redding - Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide</li> <li>• Jeff Large - Managing Editor, Lifeway Magazines</li> <li>• Janis Whipple - Editor, Broadman-Holman Publishing</li> <li>• Crys Zinkiewica - Curriculum Editor, Cokesbury</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Writing</li> <li>• How to Be Your Own Editor</li> <li>• The Three R's of Research</li> <li>• The Persuasive Pen</li> <li>• Killing Giants, Signing Contracts</li> </ul>





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<p><b>1998</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Kate Thomas</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER &amp; FACULTY:</b> <b>Marlene Bagnall</b> - writer with over 1000 sales to 105 Christian periodicals and authored five books</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started in the Ministry of Writing</li> <li>• Turning Personal Experiences into Print</li> <li>• Critique Session</li> <li>• Idea to Published Manuscript</li> <li>• Writing Manuscripts that Sell and Touch Lives</li> <li>• Making it Happen</li> <li>• Helps for Organizing Local Writers' Groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>1997</b></p> <p><b>FACILITY:</b> Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>COORDINATOR:</b> Kate Thomas</p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER &amp; FACULTY:</b> <b>Donna Clark Goodrich</b> - Mesa Arizona, author of 17 books and over 600 articles and short stories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Field of Writing Are You Best Suited For</li> <li>• Typing a Manuscript for Publication</li> <li>• Copyright Information</li> <li>• Where to Get Ideas</li> <li>• How to Sell What You Write</li> <li>• How to Write and Sell Your Personal Experiences</li> <li>• How to Write and Sell Devotionals</li> <li>• How to Write and Sell Poetry</li> </ul>



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<p><b>1996</b></p>	<p><b>A Little History: How It All Started</b></p> <p>In 1996, Kate Thomas and a friend, Joyce Joines, attended the American Christian Writer’s Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Due to a back injury, Kate could barely walk. Joyce promised to help Kate walk during the conference and the two were convinced it was God’s will for them to go to Nashville.</p> <p>Though Kate missed several workshops because of the intense pain, it was during one of these times outside a session that Conference speaker, Donna Goodrich, chatted with her. Donna realized the longing of Kate’s heart to start a Christian Writers Conference in central Kentucky and offered to help.</p> <p>After a year of planning and work, and with the help of Donna as well as Joyce Joines and Brenda Loy, the dream became a reality. The first Kentucky Christian Writers Conference was held at Memorial United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky in June of 1997 with sixty-one in attendance.</p> <p>Over the years, the conference has received many favorable comments, but this one stands out: "The people who put on the KCWC events actually seem to care about us as writers and about our individual writing."</p> <p>It seems that way because it's true.</p>	