

## OUR HISTORY

- **October 2018**— The concept for the Kentucky Faith & Public History Education Project was articulated
- **June 2019**—a highly qualified public historian, museum professional, educator and author, Dr. Lesley Barker, was hired to contribute creative and strategic leadership to the project
- **September 2020** — The first four books in the Famous Kentucky Christians Club series of high-interest easy reader chapter books were made available on Amazon.com
- **October 2020**— The website, blogs, and FaceBook pages were published [www.kentuckyfaithpublichistory.org](http://www.kentuckyfaithpublichistory.org)
- **July 2021** — A half-mile Walking Trail and participatory Eye Spy Game opened at 616 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky
- **September 2021** — Four additional books added to the series
- **April 2022**— Wednesday evening Guided Walks & Talks begin
- **August 2022**— Kentucky Christian History Field trips for K-12 classes begin

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# The Kentucky Faith & Public History

Education Project



For all the children of Kentucky

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## Our Message

It is essential for every student to learn about the Christian religion and its history so they can understand the issues, events, and challenges of Kentucky's history and its role in the history and future of the United States.

## Our Mission

Using secular, objective, and non-devotional language, the Kentucky Faith & Public History Education Project develops and makes available resources for K-12 Public School students and their teachers about the Christian religion, its beliefs, practices, and the Christian history of Kentucky.



## Our Methods & Resources



We provide a half-mile Walking Trail with interpretive signage, an Eye Spy game, field trips for K-12 public school students to a re-imagined "pop-up" camp

meeting, teacher open houses, books, trading cards, an interactive website, programs, performances, puppet shows and more.

## Learn More Online

[www.kentuckyfaithandpublichistory.org](http://www.kentuckyfaithandpublichistory.org)  
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## Our Team

### *The Director*

Lesley Barker, PhD, is the director of the Kentucky Faith & Public History Education Project which is based at River of Life Ministries in Paris, Kentucky. She is the former executive director of the Bolduc House Museum, now the Centre for French Colonial America in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. A public historian, author, educator, speaker and innovative leader, Dr. Barker brings a solid academic and professional background to the project. She holds a Bachelor's in Sociology from Washington University in St. Louis, a Master's in Teaching from Webster University, and a Doctorate in Museum Studies from the University of Leicester, which is in England. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Women's History Sites and as the co-chair of its Research and Interpretation Committee.

### *A Team of Experts in the Humanities*

A highly credentialed multi-disciplinary, diverse team of academics and professionals in the humanities from six states has been recruited to assist the project to provide accurate research and instruction.

### *Volunteers*

Dozens of volunteers contribute time and expertise to the installation, programs, and maintenance of the project.



## Our Location

The Walking Trail, picnic area, and Living History outdoor classroom are located on some five acres behind River of Life Ministries in Paris, Kentucky. This church is the host and owner of the project. River of Life Ministries serves the Bourbon County community with pastoral care, congregational worship, a food pantry, addiction recovery, children's programs, and benevolence.

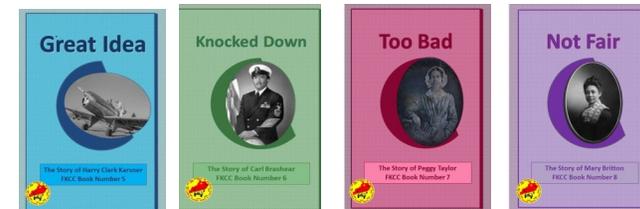
## Our Audience

The Kentucky Faith & Public History Education Project is especially designed for all the children of Kentucky and for their families, teachers and friends. Besides reaching out to the 173 Kentucky public school districts with the opportunity to take field trips to an early 19th century camp meeting and with high-interest, easy-reader chapter books, our programs, the Walking Trail, and eye-spy game, we are always free and open to the public. Field trips and guided programs must be scheduled in advance, however.

## Famous Kentucky Christians Club Books



To help promote and fund the project, a series of high-interest, easy-reader chapter books for students reading on the 2nd-4th grade level is available on Amazon.com. Each book introduces a person, place, or idea that has been significant to Kentucky's history. Each book is a values-driven story that models the inquiry process that is at the core of the Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies.



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