

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Come before Winter Weekend – January 2026

Where: Retreat Center near Palestine, TX

When: January 30-February 1, 2026

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2026

Thank you for checking out of our pilot weekend! In this PDF, you'll find more information about the event and hopefully we'll be able to answer any questions you might have before you register. If there's something you are still wondering, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our email address is cbwregistrar@protonmail.com.



Weekend site: Specific site details will be included in participant confirmation letters. *Please wait to receive your confirmation letter from the registrar and confirm your participation before making your travel plans.* Participants will need to arrange their own transportation to the site, including airfare and any ground transportation.

Cost:

Price for this event **includes room and meals for two nights**, starting Friday, January 30th at 3:30 pm through Sunday, February 1st, after lunch. Accommodations will include double-occupancy rooms. You may want to bring spending money for additional expenses such as snacks or special amenities at the retreat center.

Weekend price: \$300 (includes non-refundable \$50 registration fee)

Arrival and departure: Check-in will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30th. All participants will check out on Sunday, February 1st, the last meal being lunch on that day. In order to get the full benefit of this intensive program, we ask you to be present when the weekend begins at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, attend every session, and remain for the entire event, which will end by 1:30 p.m. (after lunch) on Sunday. All sessions are significant to the program, so we thank you in advance for ensuring your full participation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Spaces are limited. Because of this, we must maintain a strict cancellation policy. When you submit your registration form, you are indicating your understanding that, once you have accepted a space and paid in full, **by canceling your reservation after January 15, 2026, you will not be reimbursed** for expenses incurred on your behalf by Come before Winter.*

* Exceptions to the cancellation policy may be made in the case of a family emergency or the appearance of symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness.

To register: Fill out and submit the registration form and pay weekend fee. (See Weekend Registration Instructions on p. 4.) You will be advised when your registration has been reviewed and accepted. Spaces are limited to 30 participants. After all spaces are filled, we will begin a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Direct any additional questions to our registrar at cbwregistrar@protonmail.com.

Come before Winter's Unity Covenant

In a spirit of common faith and unity in One Lord, we ask each participant to join us in a common commitment that has become a fundamental aspect of a Come before Winter experience:

We come together recognizing our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. During our days together, we will set aside our differences, focusing only on what the apostle Paul termed "of first importance" in 1 Corinthians 15:3f: "We believe first and foremost that Jesus Christ lived, died and was buried, that he was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve and more than five hundred others," thus uniting those who believe in him.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3F

By registering for this event, you commit to maintaining your focus on Christ, who unites all Christians in his love. Let our thoughts, our conversations, and our actions reflect this commitment.

COME BEFORE WINTER'S ILLNESS PROCEDURES

Come before Winter (CbW) is committed to providing safe, welcoming places for women in ministry to receive spiritual renewal. We do everything in our power to ensure that participants' experiences are filled with meaningful Bible study, worship, prayer, and reflection. As with any in-person gathering, there are also some risks that come with being together, especially when international travel is involved. Among those risks is the possibility of being exposed to and/or contracting an illness. CbW does our best to reduce the risk of illness in the following ways:

- 1) We strongly recommend that all participants be vaccinated against current strains of illnesses, including COVID-19 and flu.
- 2) Participants and team members are welcome to wear masks for their own comfort or protection.
- 3) Participants and team members who develop symptoms of contagious illness may be asked to mask and/or isolate until symptoms improve. These symptoms include but are not limited to:
 - a. Fever (100.4° F/38° C or higher)
 - b. Excessive coughing
 - c. Vomiting or other intense gastrointestinal distress that is out of the ordinary

CbW will do our best to continue including any person who has been isolated due to illness as much as possible. The ill person and CbW leadership will decide together how to best respond to illness on a case-by-case basis, keeping in mind the individual needs of the ill person as well as the collective needs of the program. It will be up to the participant to make other arrangements and to cover the costs if they need to isolate after the weekend or leave the weekend early.

Other things to keep in mind:

- Please stay home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness (e.g., fever, excessive coughing, unusual gastrointestinal distress, etc.) See our cancellation policy for more information.
- CbW will follow any local ordinances that may be in place and any COVID-related procedures that may be required by the conference facility designed to protect the health and safety of staff and attendees. Any additional health protocols will be communicated as soon as possible prior to our time together.

WEEKEND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for taking the time to complete the registration form. Your Come before Winter team will review and discuss each registration in order to prepare for our time together. We will be praying for you specifically from the time you are confirmed for participation until the event itself.

1. Complete the registration: We require the completion of all required fields. Answers need not be lengthy, but please be specific. All information will remain confidential among the Come before Winter team and be stored in a secure location. We realize this is a long registration form; however, we use all this information to prepare a time that will meet the needs of those attending.

If you have any difficulty accessing online registration, email us at cbwregistrar@protonmail.com. In your subject line, please use these words: "Difficulty with Registration."

2. Save and Continue Later feature: The registration form will take around 30 minutes to complete. If you find that you cannot complete it in a single sitting, please make use of a feature that will save your form and allow you to complete it later. At any time, you may scroll down to the bottom of the form and click on the words "**Save and Continue Later**" (located next to the "Submit" button.)

When you click on the words "**Save and Continue Later**," a dialog box like the one below will appear. You will have to **SCROLL DOWN** on the page to see the dialog box.:

Please use the following link to return to your form from any computer.

https://www.comebeforewinter.org/register-jan26/?gf_token=1b4d89cb615a405f90ef33d85598fe5c

This link will expire after 30 days.

Enter your email address to send the link by email.

Email Address

Email Address

SEND LINK

The second line of text is the link to your unfinished form. **DO NOT LOSE THIS LINK**; no one but you (not even the registrar) has access to it. **SAVE THE LINK** in one of two ways: 1) Use your cursor to highlight the entire line, then copy it and paste it somewhere on your computer, or 2) enter your email address in the blank provided to have the link emailed to you. (If you don't find the email with the link in your inbox, try checking your SPAM or junk folder.) Use the link to complete your form

within 30 days, after which the link will expire. Please note that the registrar cannot access an unfinished form without a link and will not receive your form until you complete all questions and hit the “**Submit**” button. Contact the registrar with any questions about this process.

3. Submit your completed registration form: Click the “**Submit**” button at the bottom of the form when you have completed all questions. This should take you to the “Registration Submitted Successfully” page. This page is your indication that we have received your form. If you do not see this page, please scroll down and check your form for required fields left blank. If you experience an error when attempting to submit the form (and have left no required fields blank), be sure to **SAVE** your registration by clicking on the words “Save and Continue Later.” (See step 2 for details on how this feature works.) Then copy and send the link that appears to cbwregistrar@protonmail.com.

You will be able to pay the complete fee (\$300) on the “Registration Submitted Successfully” page. You can also choose to pay only the \$50 non-refundable registration fee if you would prefer and pay the rest of the amount once your participation is confirmed. You will also receive an email that includes a link to the payment portal.

Upon successful submission of your registration form, you will receive an email confirming that your form has been received and is under review. (If you don't find the email in your inbox, try checking your SPAM or junk folder.) Within a week, the registrar will contact you regarding the status of your registration and may ask additional questions for clarification. Once your registration has been approved, you will be asked to “confirm your space,” indicating your commitment to attend and your willingness to follow CbW protocols such as our unity covenant, illness procedures, etc. At this point, you can also complete payment for the weekend, if you only submitted the registration fee after filling out the registration form. ***We ask that you please wait until this confirmation process is complete before making your travel plans.***