



*Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in North Carolina*

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Hurricane Harvey

As North Carolina Disciples, you are experienced in dealing with hurricanes and are familiar with the needs that arise. As Christians, we are urged internally to respond out of love and compassion.

Harvey has dealt devastating blows to coastal Texas. Zena McAdams, Interim Regional Minister has shared:

"Things are quite grim in far SE Texas today after three days of extreme rains. Beaumont is essentially stranded with the water system compromised. Port Arthur and Orange took a hard hit. Flooding is still occurring in Houston, but people are starting to be to get around. Schools in Katy have been postponed for several weeks. Port Aransas has suspended schools in their area for this school year due to damage. The list is endless. Income and banking are now moving to the top of the list. Jobs and services are lost. I am so appreciative of all your donations and efforts to encourage WOC and CWS giving. Texas is resilient but this is going to be a very long haul.

Please continue prayers for us."

Several have wondered what we can do. Some have suggested collecting supplies and getting a truck to take them. Others wonder about various relief organizations. Some are ready to go on mission trips.

Advice we are getting is that now is not the time for sending things and mission trips. Disciples will certainly be present as volunteers and there will be chances for you to go but we need to wait until the infrastructure is

back and ready to deal with us. In past disaster responses Disciples have said, “We may not be the first to respond, but we will be among the last to leave”

From Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Associate Director for Week of Compassion



“Week of Compassion will continue to be in communication with Disciples in the affected areas and to monitor the ongoing situation. Together with the area and region, we are working to get support to the families and churches that have experienced damage from the floods. We are also looking toward long-term recovery, which we anticipate will take several years. Harvey has been cataclysmic, but we, followers of a Christ who broke even the bonds of death, know about actions that produce great change. We will continue to act, together.”

For right now the best thing is to give through Week of Compassion. www.weekofcompassion.org Every dollar will go to relief of people in desperate need.

Renowned Author, Sociologist, and Minister Tony Campolo to Speak at Barton on Sept. 18

WILSON, N.C. — August 17, 2017 — Long revered as a dynamic speaker with a compelling message that motivates young and older alike, Dr. Tony Campolo will bring his wit and wisdom to share with the Barton campus community on Monday, Sept. 18. His presentation, to be held in the newly renovated Howard Chapel on campus, is titled “Coming Together In A World That’s Falling Apart.” The program will begin at 7 p.m., and the community is invited to attend.

There is no charge for the event. A book signing will follow the program, and books will be available for purchase.



Youth Retreats



Christian
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CYF Fall Retreat 2017

- **Who:** 9th–12th Graders
- **What:** Fall retreat for high school youth from North Carolina
- **When:** Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017
- **Where:** Camp Caroline
- **Cost:** \$90 (\$75 for RCYW)
- **Theme:** Living with Fears and Anxieties: Stop Hiding Behind Your Masks
- **Keynoter:** Catherine Campbell
- **Registration Options**
 - Register at: <http://bit.ly/2017cyfretreat>
 - Register by mail

Chi Rho Fall Retreat 2017

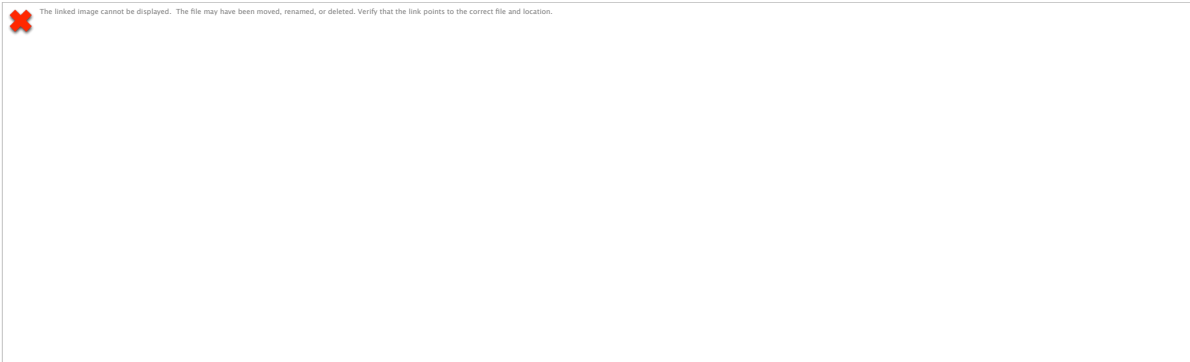
- **Who:** 6th-8th Graders
- **What:** Fall retreat for middle school youth all across North Carolina
- **When:** October 6-8, 2017
- **Where:** Camp Caroline
- **Cost:** \$90
- **Theme:** Children of God: Building Self-Image



- **Keynoter:** Beth Morris
- **Registration Options** Register online: <http://bit.ly/2017chirhofallretreat>
- Register by mail

Men's Retreat at Christmount

The Christmount Retreat is scheduled for September 29 to October 1, 2017. The Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Ralph Botte from First Christian Church in Walnut Cove. He is a graduate of St. John University with a Bachelor Degree in History and a Master Degree in Theological Studies. He also has Master of Divinity from Wake Forest University. In addition to his church in Walnut Cove, he is a Battalion Chaplain with the U.S. Army Reserves.



The Gift of Revitalization: 6-week interactive online worship learning with Dr. Marcia McFee

Offered Free to You by the Christian Church in North Carolina

This is your reminder that all you need to do is register (at no charge) to be part of this opportunity. *You can invite unlimited members of your worship team.* We encourage you to take advantage of this free offer (usually \$99 per church) made possible through our subscription.



To register, simply click on the link or cut and paste into your browser <https://ny163.infusionsoft.com/app/form/north-carolina-region-doc>

Upcoming in the Region

- Sept. 5 – **Commission On Ministry** – True Community Christian church, Burlington
- Sept. 6 – **Southeast District** meeting at 7:00 pm at Southwest Christian Church, Kinston
- Sept. 10 – **Installation** service for Doug Stokes at Gordon Street Christian Church, Kinston
- Sept. 16 – **Regional Board** meeting 10:00 am at First Christian Church in Smithfield
- Sept. 17 – **Installation** service for Donald Waltz, Jr. at First Christian Church, Elizabeth City
- Sept. 24 – **Installation** for Diane Faires at St. Paul Christian Church, Raleigh
Installation for Ed and Mary Ann Koffenberger at Broad Street Christian Church, New Bern
- Sept. 28 – **Western District** Clergy meeting at 11:00 at Christmount Conference Center
- Oct. 5 – **Hookerton District** Meeting at Ponder memorial Christian Church

As you plan and build budget for 2018, remember to intentionally include **Disciples Mission Fund**. This fund ensures the ministries of the Region and beyond will be provided. Too often, unless we, as leaders, intentionally include DMF we forget to support and partner with the larger church in those ministries. I challenge you to increase your DMF offerings by 5% or \$500, whichever is larger.

School for Congregational Leadership

Facilitated by Barton College

Class Location: St. Paul's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Raleigh, NC
3331 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612

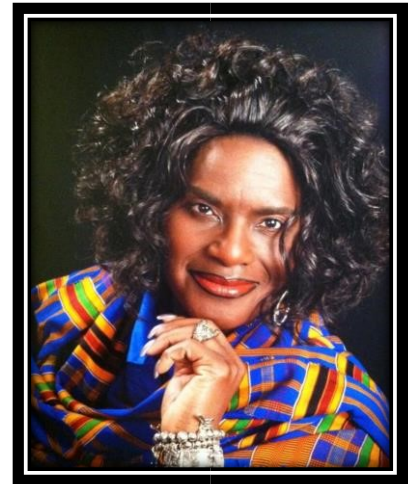
Instructor: Rev. Jackie McHenry, D. Min.
Course: Spirituality



Course Overview:

Very often on the Christian journey, we assume that salvation makes us so fully accepted before God, that He (God) will be pleased with whatever we offer Him, as long as it appears to flow from good intentions. The course, "Spirituality," will explore deep, spiritual matters including an intense, biblical understanding of our Creator, examine concerns with "*our doing and not our being*," which obstruct spiritual formation, and will offer a theological colloquy on maintenance, purpose, preservation and improvement from a personal and congregational context.

This course is open, but targets those who have a heart to venture into the costly price of spiritual maturity that will minister to the spiritually sick, weak and wounded. We invite you to join us!



Dates: 9am – 12pm (12 contact hours)

- ❖ Saturday, October 14, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, October 21, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, November 4, 2017
- ❖ Saturday, November 11, 2017

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