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The "Historical" Churches of Christ 75th Annual National Lectureship Will Convene in the City of St. Louis, Missouri – April 20-25, 2019

The "Historical" Churches of Christ Annual National Lectureship which began in 1945 among African American churches of Christ will take place April 20-25, 2019, in the "Gateway City" of St. Louis, Missouri.

The selected theme for this convocation of gospel preachers and Christians from across the nation is entitled: "From Tragedy to Triumph: Exploring Man's Fall and God's Call to Redemption" (I Corinthians 15:55-58).

This year the Lectureship program will feature a series of homiletic messages taken from the epistles of Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, and II Corinthians; each of which correlate to the general theme.

Also, the National Lectureship in concert with the St. Louis area will honor Dr. Ralph P. Smith, Sr., Minister of the Centreville Church of Christ in East St. Louis, Illinois, for his labor among congregations throughout the brotherhood.

The Women's Division will honor Bernice Pitts of Los Angeles, California, and Dr. Opear R. Myles of Chicago, Illinois. Both of these "Sisters of Struggle" are widows of Church of Christ preachers and are considered to be "nonagenarians"

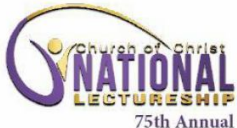
having recently celebrated their ninetieth birthdays.

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In view of the pre-registration data shared by St. Louis, they are "extremely confident" that the 75th Annual National Lectureship will be one of the greatest National Lectureships held in recent years.

Please do not confuse the "Historical National Lectureship" with another "mutated lectureship" you may have received information about. This is the genuine and authentic National Lectureship held among the African American Churches of Christ which began in the year 1945.

For specific details including registration, contact the St. Louis Lectureship Coordinating Committee at (314) 272-0282.



Church of Christ
NATIONAL LECTURESHIP
75th Annual

April 20 - 25th, 2019
St. Louis, Missouri
\$179 per person

From Tragedy to Triumph:
Exploring Man's Fall and God's Call to Redemption

Register online at:
nationallectureship.net
or by mail:
75th Annual National Lectureship
PO Box 328, St. Peters, MO 63376

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Redemption

"One Lord.... One Faith... One Baptism"

W. F. Washington Theological Institute “The Case for the Holy Spirit”



Don't miss this scintillating and spiritually stimulating series of study in regard to the Holy Spirit.

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
- What are the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit?
- What is the “gift” of the Holy Spirit?
- Are the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit the same as the “gift” of the Holy Spirit?
- Is the “fruit of the Spirit” a demonstrative attribute of saving grace?
- How can you determine whether or not if you have the Holy Spirit?

- Ruach Hakodesh
- Ruach Elohim
- Ruach Hakmah

- Ruach YHWH
- Earnest
- Seal

- Intercessor
- Comforter
- Holy Ghost

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free...” Luke 4:18 – KJV



Message from the W. F. Washington Theological Institute Founder

Dear Brethren:

The 42nd annual Ministers' Institute Conference has come and gone. Final plans are now underway for our Institute as we speak. You are an integral part of our 2019 plans. Your suggestions for an even better 2019 Institute have already been inculcated into the programmatic structure for the 2019 Institute.

In the coming few months, we will continue to keep you updated on the 2019 plans. The Institute web-site is up and running and available for registration. We ask that you visit the site often to stay updated. It is critical that all attendees pre-register for the 2019 Institute. The website address is www.ministersinstituteconference.com

If you were not able to attend the 2018 Institute, we very much hope you will be able to join us in 2019. Register early! Institute registration is \$160.00.

Hotel Web Site

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/flmc-fort-lauderdale-marriott-coral-springs-hotel-golf-club-and-convention-center/>

Kind regards,

W. F. Washington

W. F. Washington, Ph.D., Evangelist
Institute Founder and Host Minister

In Matters of Doctrine.... UNITY
In Matters of Opinion..... LIBERTY
In ALL Matters..... LOVE



CONFERENCE TRACKS

- The Holy Spirit in Old Testament [TANAKH] Theophanies and Angelophanies Referencing the Holy Spirit
- The Historical and Theological Truth of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit and Myth Theorists
- The Place of the Holy Spirit in Christian Doctrine
- The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- The Personhood of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in Regeneration and Sanctification
- The Holy Spirit and His Divine Influence and Manifestation in the World
- Evening Vespers with Powerful Gospel Preaching
- Women's Division

"The Case for the Holy Spirit" – January 20-24, 2019
 Marriott Heron Bay Golf and Convention Center
 Parkland, FL

“And How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?”



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*"W. F. Washington Theological Institute"
Prophetic Preaching For a New Generation*



*W. F. Washington, Ph.D.
"Emphasizing Truth and Exposing Error"*

Embracing the legacy of Dr. W. F. Washington and his contributions to the visible kingdom is a pivotal study for every gospel preacher in the African American Church of Christ.

Biblical interpretation that transcends the eras of time are examined in context at the Dr. W. F. Washington Theological Institute

The *Christian Courier* Acknowledges the Passing of Six Gospel Preachers Across the Brotherhood

The *Christian Courier* extends its condolences to the families of six gospel preachers across our brotherhood.

These preachers include the likes of A. J. Adams (Houston, Texas), Robert Ravenell (Houston, Texas), Mayo Towles (Decatur, Illinois), Cecil B. Herndon (Conroe, Texas), James E. Thompson (Mt. Clemens, Michigan), and Charles L. Smith (Chicago, Illinois).

Let us keep the families of our deceased preachers in our prayers during their hour of grief.

Cecil
Bernard
Herndon
1945 - 2018



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Evangelist Cecil B. Herndon

Evangelist Cecil Bernard Herndon was born on August 2, 1945 in the city of Houston, Texas. He was educated in the Houston Independent School District and graduated in 1963 with honors from Phillis Wheatley High School. While at Wheatley he participated in football and became a legend known as “The Toe.” Cecil was baptized into the body of Christ by A. D. Derek at the age of 12 at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ. At a very early age, he possessed a zeal for serving God and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Cecil was humble and gifted to sing with the renowned group “The Untouchables.” As a faithful member of the Fifth Ward Church of Christ, Cecil was afforded the opportunity to present his first sermon on January 1, 1963. At the age of 18, he then entered Southwestern Christian College and never looked back.

After graduating he entered Texas College in Tyler Texas. Cecil received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas College, a Master’s degree in English from Texas A&M University at Commerce, and continued to pursue his Doctorate degree while serving congregations throughout Texas. After making the decision to engage full-time in the ministry, Cecil retired after 35 years as an Adjunct Professor from Houston Community College Systems.

Over the years, he received numerous accolades and awards. Cecil was inducted into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in 1972, honored as “Man of the Year,” named among the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1974 and 1976, and listed among the “Who’s Who in Black America” in 1982. He was also a faithful and reliable member of the Churches of Christ National Lectureship Advisory Committee.

Evangelist Cecil B. Herndon departed this earthly life surrounded by his loving family, friends, and ministerial colleagues on Saturday, August 11, 2018. He was preceded in death by his son Cecil Herndon, Jr., his mother Emma Herndon Leggett; grandparents Monroe & Gladys Herndon; and sister Barbara Ann Keptney. Left in God’s care to attach importance to his remembrance are his loving and untiring wife, AnnJeannett; his devoted son Kenneth Nathaniel (Jennifer); his precious daughter ShaVonne Cecile; grandsons Kenny, Jr., Patrick and Jalen; a loving sibling Linda D. Carter (Jack, Sr.); in-laws Walter F. Jordan (Karen); Ronnie L. Jordan; Shirley Creswell (Reginald); a host of precious nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; Eastside Families along with Ministerial and Professional Colleagues. The eulogy was performed by Dr. W. F. Washington of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

*“Death, be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think’st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me...”*

John Donne