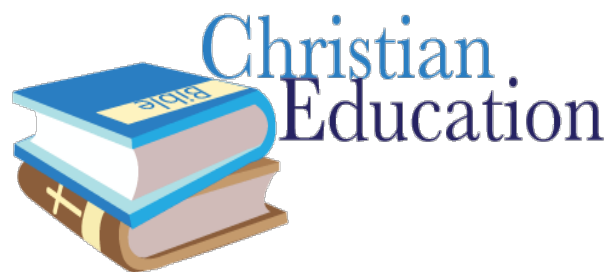


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**ELECTIVE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**  
**2021**

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## JANUARY

*Theme: Spiritual Liberation is God's Way of Living*



### **Theological Reflection:**

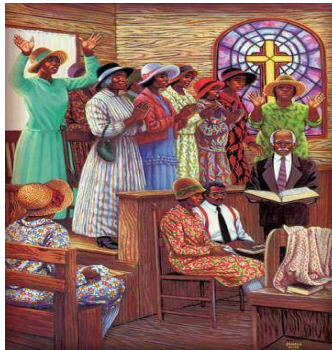
*Romans 8:21: That the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

*Instructor: Varies*

1. The Importance of Salvation: Psalms 27:1, 51:12 (Shirley Jones)
2. The Beatitudes in Real Life: Matthew 5:1-11 (Fabian Smith)
3. Liberation: Suffering and Future Glory: Romans 8:18-21 (Dr. Anthony Buckles)
4. We Are Conquerors: Romans 8: 31-37 (Shirley Jones)

## FEBRUARY

*Theme: Black History Month: Topic: The Black Church*



In February, we will take a journey back in time to learn about the black church's history and the meaning behind our practices and teachings. We are so honored to have two guests who will conduct this journey and bring historical facts to our black church formation.

### **Guest Facilitators:**

**Dr. David Daniels** is the Henry Luce Professor of World Christianity at McCormick Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Eric Williams** is a protégé of Dr. Daniels, is a Curator of Religion at Smithsonian Institution of National Museum of African American History & Culture.

## MARCH

Theme: *I'm Every Woman*



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### **Theological Reflection:**

**1 Corinthians 11:12.** *For a woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.*

This month we will look at women in the Bible. These women mentors have demonstrated diverse ways of faith, strength, and trusting God. Often, we don't hear many women stories spoken from the pulpit unless its women's day or a women leadership program. March is Women's History Month, and we will reflect on the women who have impacted men to write their stories. Some might not be too familiar as others.

### ***Instructor: Varies***

1. The Syro-Phoenician Woman; Boldness: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30 (Shirley Jones)
2. Jochebed and The Daughter of Pharaoh; Preparation: Exodus 2 (Shirley Jones)
3. Tamar: Self-Awareness: 2 Samuel 13 (Suzette Gaines)
4. The Ideal Woman: Proverbs 31:10-31 (Suzette Gaines)

## APRIL

Theme: ***MINDFULNESS LIVING***



### **Theological Reflection:**

**Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV)**

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above*

*yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*



**Instructor: Dr. Anthony Buckles**

1. The Mind, How We Think – Romans 12: 2
2. The Body, What We Are Doing – Psalms 139: 1 and 13-16
3. The Spirit, How We Are Being – Acts 17: 28
4. The Heart, How Are We Feeling? – Colossians 3:15; Proverbs 3:5-6; Galatians 5:22-23

**MAY**

**Theme: *BREAKING THE POWER OF THE MASK***



**Guest Instructor: Minister Jocelyn Jones**

*Faith on The Journey*

<https://www.faithonthejourney.org/>

Book Needed: Breaking the Power of The Mask by Jocelyn J. Jones

Amazon Cost: \$14.99

The month of May we will indulge in Breaking the Mask. Why do we wear a mask? What caused us to wear one? Minister Jocelyn Jones has done the work to break the mask and minister to others the power behind this liberation. It is highly suggested you buy the book before the class but not mandatory.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://hospiceyukon.net/s\\_c\\_wheel.html](https://hospiceyukon.net/s_c_wheel.html)

## JUNE

Theme: *SELF-CARE, WHERE IS THE LOVE?*



### **Theological Reflection:**

*Proverbs 19:8 (NIV) The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.*

**Instructor: Minister Kristy Goodwin**

1. Distraction Eliminates Presence: Luke 10:38-41
2. The Ministry of Music: Psalms 98: 1-7
3. The Art of Rest: Genesis 2:2-3
4. It's Ok to Be Selfish: 3 John 1

## JULY

Theme: *GRIEF*



### **Theological Reflection: 1 Thessalonians 4:13**

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."*

1. Good Grief: Psalms 34:17-18, Isaiah 25:8 (Minister Kristy Goodwin)
2. Guest Instructor: Krishna T.A. Ruffin
  - a. *Book: Dear God, It's Me...a journal for the grieving heart*
3. Surviving Grief: Psalms 34:17-18 (Dr. Donna Smith)

4. Does God Hear Us? Matthew 7:7-11 (Dr. Donna Smith)

**SEPTEMBER**

**Theme: *LIVING BY THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT***



**Theological Reflection:** *Galatians 5: 22, 25*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

This month we are intentionally breaking down how we should live by the fruits we bear. Each week will represent the fruits of focus and will lend daily living applications.

**Instructor: Varies**

1. Love, Joy, Peace (Deacon Fabian Smith)
2. Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness (Elder Douglas Gaines)
3. Faith (Shirley Jones)
4. Meekness & Temperance (Suzette Gaines)

## OCTOBER

**Theme: BIBLICAL STORIES THAT ENCOURAGE US**



### **Theological Reflection: Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)**

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

### **Instructor: Varies**

1. Gideon: No Fear: Judges 6 (Elder David Foster)
2. Daughters of Zelophehad: Bold and Wise Numbers 27:1-11 (Suzette Gaines)
3. Job, From Another Angle: Job 42:10-16 (Minister Kristy Goodwin)
4. The Ten Bridesmaids: Matthew 25:1-13 (Shirley Jones)

## NOVEMBER

**Theme: BEING THANKFUL**



### **Theological Reflection: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)**

*In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

### **Instructors: Varies**

1. Gratitude: Psalms 118:24 (Sister Augborn)
2. Being Thankful When Down: 1 Peter 5:10 (Dr. Donna Smith)
3. Giving Part I: Acts 20:35 (Deacon Fabian Smith)
4. Giving Part II: Luke 6:38 (Elder Douglas Gaines)