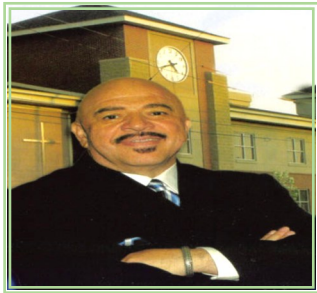




Citadel News Quarterly

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Words from the Bishop: Power of the Holy Ghost



Scripture for the Quarter

John 3:3-5

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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Spiritual rebirth is an uncontrollable act and gift of God. Jesus said "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jesus asked the disciples in Matthew 16:13-16, "Who do people say that I am?"

The disciples told Him that some people in the city felt that Jesus was Elijah or one of the prophets come again. After their answer, He said, "Who do you say I am?"

That is when Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus told him that flesh and blood had not revealed that to Peter, but God Himself. No matter what others may not believe...what do YOU believe?

A promise has been given from God regarding confession in Romans 10:8-9. "Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." A believer is made "right" with God through Christ. Salvation is a gift of grace.

The Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) is our Enabler. He is our Comforter. He is our Strength. It is critical for us to present our whole heart to God and to believe to obtain the gift of eternal life. Christ IS the Son of the Living

God. He alone has the authority to save. He alone can deliver us from the bondage (curse) of sin.

Jesus has, always had, and always will have all power. He is, was, and ever shall be. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was WITH God and the Word WAS GOD...the same was in the beginning WITH God." The Word (Pre-incarnate Jesus...before being born in human form) always existed with the Father before ANYTHING else was created.

On earth, the Lord Jesus Christ was both God and man. He allowed Himself to suffer and be tempted in all points and yet never sin.

John 1:14 explains, "...and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among men." The Savior of the world, the One whose death, burial, and resurrection would pay the sin debt owed to God once and for all, allowed Himself to be born of a woman to die on the cross receiving the punishment for sin that mankind deserved.

Titus 2:13, Peter 1:1 and Isaiah 9:6 proclaim that His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father.

Filled with the Holy Ghost, by grace, the believer has obtained everything needed pertaining to life and godliness. His grace is sufficient. It is wonderful to know Jesus. He is our All and All. When you have Christ in your life, you do not NEED anyone else. Of course, we are relational human beings. We are created to fellowship and interact with one another. To have friends, one must first prove themselves friendly.

Life without Christ is hard. The Word of God reminds us, "The way of the transgressor is hard." Unfortunately, many people find themselves miserable by attempting to "fake" being a Christian. Since we do not know the day or the hour that the Lord WILL return, it is much better to be honest with God and to live each day prepared to meet the Lord. No one knows their own last day or hour on earth.

While we worship in a building corporately, each believer indwelt with the Holy Ghost IS the church, the mystical Body of Christ. We are to live our lives exemplifying to and sharing Christ with others. You may be the only "Bible" that an unbeliever gets to "read"

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on a daily basis. II Corinthians 3:2 says, "We are epistles (letters) known and read of men." We can be influential in pointing someone to Christ OR become a stumbling block leading them away from Christ.

We are to live Christ in school, on the job, in the community, and within our family. While the devil is always seeking to thwart your growth in the Lord, the devil is no match for the Christ within you. No weapon formed against you will prosper. James 4:7 reminds the believer that the devil will flee from the believer who has Christ on the inside. Darkness CANNOT prevail where Light is. The gates

of hell shall not prevail against the Church.

The spirit filled believer is empowered and instructed to live holy. II Corinthians 6:17 instructs the believer when God calls us from darkness, we are to come out from among workers of iniquity (sin). We are not to touch the unclean thing. Galatians 5:1 says we are not to be entangled with the things of this world.

Believers are admonished to be careful who we hang around. Hanging around liars, we begin lying more. Hanging around drinkers, we can begin drinking more. Hanging around bitter and angry people, we can become more bitter, angry, and unforgiving. Hanging around people lead-

ing immoral sex lives, can start the believer thinking about and behaving immorally too.

In a world where greed and lust for possessions is constantly bombarding the believer, we must stay determined not to "go crooked" to make it. Do not get weary in well doing, trying to please God, reading the scripture, and praying always. God keeps those in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him.

Peace is wonderful. When you have peace on the inside, no matter what else is going on around you, you can make it. God is not willing that any be lost but that ALL should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9).

Sunday School classes are held online. All classes start at 9:00 a.m. and are on Zoom or by conference call. That means if you don't have a tablet or computer, or the mobile program needed to join, you may use your landline to join by audio only. If you are interested in a Sunday School class and need more information; call the **Administrative Office at (216) 761-4500**. Leave your name, telephone number, and email address. You may also make the request via email at clecitadel@gmail.com. You will be contacted with information on how to join a Sunday School class, whether it is for a youth or an adult.

The remaining Sunday School lessons for the Spring Quarter Adult Bible classes are shown below. You can read the passages ahead of time and participate as you wish. You may listen, contribute, or do both. Come and join other class members as they get into the Word. Then join the Congregation at the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries for Sunday morning worship which begins at 11:00 a.m. Those services are in person and live streamed.

UNIT 2: God's Wrath Poured Out

April 12.....	The Destruction of False Teachers.....	2 Peter 2:1-10a
April 19.....	The Deception of False Teachers.....	2 Peter 2:10b-22

UNIT 3: God's Wrath Satisfied

April 26.....	God's Righteous Judgment.....	Romans 2:1-16
May 3.....	Righteousness through Faith.....	Romans 3:21-31
May 10.....	Saved from Wrath.....	Romans 5:1-11
May 17.....	The Second Adam.....	Romans 5:12-21
May 24.....	The End of the Law.....	Romans 10:1-13
May 31.....	Christ's Sacrifice Once for All.....	Hebrews 10:1-10

Cleveland Church of Christ Federal Credit Union News

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

On March 23, 2026, The Cleveland Church of Christ Federal Credit Union held their Annual Shareholders' Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Information discussed with shareholders included: the Loan Report for 2025, Unclaimed Funds, New Loan Campaign, the Financial Report, and other important topics. All credit union members on the Zoom meeting were eligible to participate in the Gift Card Raffle. Winners were Sis. Carol Brown (\$25 Giant Eagle Gift Card), Sis. Fantasia Buchanan (\$25 Shell Gift Card), Sis. Donna Hunt (\$25 Marc's Gift Card), Sis. Shelly McMillan (\$25 Heinen's Gift Card) and Sis. Priscilla Moore (\$25.00 Shell Gift Card). The credit union thanks all the members who participated in the Annual Shareholders Meeting!! Without our shareholders, there would be no credit union and so we say THANK YOU!!

OTHER CREDIT UNION NEWS

If you are interested in assigning the church as the beneficiary on your credit union account, please contact the credit union for further information. Also, as members close out their share accounts, one may authorize the church as the receiver of those funds. Every credit union member should have more than one beneficiary designated on their share account. If you are not sure if you have designated beneficiaries on your share account, visit us in the credit union.

LOW-RATE LOAN SPECIAL

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NCUA





Youth Opportunities Unlimited, the Cleveland Foundation, the City of Cleveland with Mayor Justin Bibb, and Cuyahoga County want to continue to empower the Future Workforce as they have since 1982.

All 14-18 year olds in Cuyahoga County are invited to WORK, LEARN, AND EARN THIS SUMMER!

Applications are available until May 1, 2026.

Apply at youcle.org/syep.

Take Five Minutes to Protect Your Vote

Verify and/or update your voter registration at VoteOhio.gov. If there are non-registered and/or age-eligible (turning 18 by November 3, 2026) individuals in your household tell them to log on to the VoteOhio.gov website to start the process and see what they need to get registered as soon as possible. Because Congress is currently considering a number of bills to change the voter registration process, you should take action quickly. If these new guidelines are enacted, they will go into effect immediately. From that point forward, you may need to provide a set of Documentary Proof of Citizenship (DPOC) papers as well as make an in-person visit to an election office. Those documents may include paper copies of your birth certificate and/or passport. Your Ohio driver's license is not likely to be enough. Therefore, if you get your voter registration in place now, the new legislation is not likely to be retroactive. Essentially, you will be grandfathered into the voting rolls.

If you have moved or changed your name, due to marriage or divorce, you need to update your voter registration now. This is one of the best five-minute investments all Ohio citizens can make today. It is critical that our voices be heard! Don't let government intervention take away your right to VOTE.

The registration deadline in Ohio is Monday, April 6, 2026. Early in-Person and Absentee (Vote by Mail) voting begins Tuesday, April 7, 2026. For Cuyahoga County residents, information may also be found at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov. If absentee voting for the May Primary make sure your ballot is in the Board of Elections before Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Community Meals are still being held on the third Saturday of each month. This is when the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries opens our doors and serves the community. All donations, contributions, and volunteers are welcomed as we minister to those in need.

April News

April is **National SARCOIDOSIS Awareness Month**. The Sarcoidosis Center of Excellence (SCOE) at The Cleveland Clinic has made available some relevant facts.

Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect multiple organs in the body such as the skin, eyes, joints, liver, kidney, and heart but mostly the lungs and lymph nodes.

In the United States the disease affects African-Americans 10 to 17 times more often than Caucasian. Generally, sarcoidosis affects people when they are between 20 and 40 years of age. The disease affects both men and women, but women are more likely to have the disease.

The cause of sarcoidosis is unknown according to SCOE. The center does, however, provide awareness to patients and health care providers through education and research.

The most common symptoms are difficulty breathing, persistent dry cough, chest pain, and fatigue. Other common signs include bumps or tender reddish patches on the skin, red/teary eyes or blurred vision, swollen and painful joints, arrhythmias, and even psychiatric disorders. Those symptoms do not leave out enlarged

liver, kidney stone formation, nasal stiffness and hoarse voice, pain in the body extremities or enlarged and tender lymph glands in the neck, armpits, chest, and groin.

There is no one test or sign or symptom that clearly points to sarcoidosis. Because many of the symptoms that appear in the disease also occur in other diseases, it may be difficult to diagnose sarcoidosis. Chest x-rays, a CT scan, Pulmonary function measures, and a Bronchoscopy are a number of ways to possibly determine whether the symptoms do indeed mean that the patient has Sarcoidosis.

The disease can be treated either by maintenance of good health practices or drug treatment. Drug treatments are used to relieve and reduce the inflammation of the tissue. Good health practices include the usual:

- Get regular checks
- Eat a well balanced diet
- Drink 8 to 10, 8-ounce glasses of water daily
- Get 6 to 8 hours of sleep per night
- Exercise regularly and manage your weight
- STOP SMOKING!

SENIORS & CAREGIVERS EXPO 2026

Mark your calendar and enjoy a fun-filled day at this event on **April 10, 2026**. Leave with a SWAG BAG full of Senior Resources, possibly win a nice Raffle Prize, and more. This event is being Presented by DAR Public Relations, Inc. for **National Minority Health Month**. from **10 am until 2 pm** at the **Zelma George Recreation Center** located at **3155 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive** in Cleveland, Ohio 44104.

Attendee registration is optional but can be found at seniorexpozelmageorge26.eventbrite.com. The presenting sponsors are Guardant, Global Meals and Anthem. Some available vendors may be Medicare & Medicaid Home Health Care, Assistant Living, Senior Housing, Senior Programs/Services, Local and County Senior Services, and Hearing Screening Representatives.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



The poster features a dark blue background with a collage of photos of seniors. At the top left is the City of Cleveland logo and the text "CITY OF CLEVELAND Mayor Justin M. Bibb". Below that, it says "THE CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING PRESENTS THE 36TH ANNUAL SENIOR DAY". The date "WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026" is prominently displayed. The location is "Cleveland Public Hall 500 Lakeside Avenue". The schedule includes: "10 amInformation Fair", "11 amProgram", "Noon.....Lunch", and "12:30 pm....Entertainment". It notes that all seniors are invited for a free event, parking is free at the Municipal Lot, and the event will be live-streamed on TV20. Contact information for more details is provided at the bottom.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

**Cleveland Public Hall
500 Lakeside Avenue**

**10 amInformation Fair
11 amProgram
Noon.....Lunch
12:30 pm....Entertainment**

All seniors are invited to attend this FREE event.

Senior Day Parking is FREE at the Cleveland Municipal Lot with free shuttle to and from Public Hall.

The 2026 Senior Day program will be both in person and livestreamed on TV20.

For more information call 216-664-2833 or visit www.clevelandohio.gov/aging.

Logos at the bottom include Older Americans Month, Age-Friendly Cleveland, and TV20.

SWEET HOUR of PRAYER
Saturday, May 2, 2026
11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries on ZOOM for our Quarterly celebration of our Corporate Fast.

Meeting ID: 406 034 5331
Passcode: 961733
or call 1.305.224.1968

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The graphic shows a white mobile unit truck with "caph" branding. In the background, there are stylized red buildings and icons for a person, a heart, and a cross. A speech bubble says "No cost, no appointment needed!". The text reads "Mobile Unit Schedule" and "Neighborhood Resource and Recreation".

- CITY OF CLEVELAND Public Health**
clevelandhealth.org
Questions? Call 216-664-2889
Tuesdays 1 to 5 pm
May 2026 Schedule
- 5 Michael Zone 6301 Lorain Avenue**
 - 12 Frederick Douglass 15401 Miles Avenue**
 - 19 Zelma George 3155 MLK Jr. Boulevard**
 - 26 Gunning Park 16700 Puritaa Avenue**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June is **National Health, Fitness, and Exercise Month**. We must begin talking about Exercise and Physical Activity. Exercise and Physical Activity are often “just what the doctor ordered” to Get Fit for Life. Getting Exercise and Physical Activity will enable the following:

- Help you have more energy to do the things you want to do.
- Help maintain and improve your physical strength and fitness.
- Help improve mood and reduce feelings of depression.
- Help manage and prevent such things as heart disease, diabetes, some types of cancer, osteoporosis, and disabilities as you grow older.
- Help improve your balance and prevent falls.

Many doctors now recommend that older adults try to make exercise and physical activity a part of everyday life. Add these to your things to talk about with your doctor. Ask how they would benefit you, if there are any activities you should avoid, and whether your doctor can recommend any specific kinds of exercise.

Visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/exercise-physical-activity for older adults along with safety tips and activity ideas.



To understand the significance of **Juneteenth** as a federal holiday, Artificial Intelligence would have us consider the following points:

- Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.
- It marks the day, June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers announced freedom in Texas, the last holdout state.
- The holiday symbolizes the end of slavery and the ongoing struggle for civil rights.
- It was officially recognized as a federal holiday in June 2021.
- Celebrations often include cultural events, educational activities, and community gatherings.
- Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the importance of equality and justice for all.

Because the article about Health, Fitness, and Exercise, mostly hints to elderly individuals, it is helpful for all of us to get adequate exercise. Here are some **EXERCISE TIPS** for practical and safe exercise.

1. Check with your doctor first to get medical clearance before starting any new exercise program.
2. Start slow with low-impact activities like walking and progress gradually to increase duration, different activities, and intensity to avoid injury.
3. Focus on Cardio, Strength Training, Balance, and Flexibility.
4. Warm up with 5-10 minutes of light activity and stretch afterward to prevent stiffness.
5. Listen to your body and stop if you feel dizzy, short of breath, or experience chest or joint pain. Soreness is okay, pain is not.
6. Stay Hydrated by drinking water before, during and after exercise.
7. Make it Social, exercise with a friend and have fun or join group classes.
8. Be consistent in your exercise routine, don't start and stop.

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Do you have an article, news item, or advertisement you would like published in the *Citadel News Quarterly*?

For the next edition, please submit any newsletter proposals to the Administrative Office on or before Friday, June 19, 2026.

All proposals and/or submissions to the *Citadel News Quarterly* are subject to administrative approval and/or editing and may not necessarily be printed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this publication, please contact us at (216) 373-2151.

*The next publication will be available on
July 5, 2026.*

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Thank you to all contributors of this issue.



OUR CORPORATE FASTS

The Corporate Fast lasts from midnight on the first Friday of each month until noon on the first Saturday. Plan to participate with your church family. We are fasting for souls to have a closer walk with the Lord. Those who fast and pray can expect a miracle. The next Corporate Fasting dates are given below:

May 1-2, 2026

June 5-6, 2026

July 3-4, 2026



These **NEW MEMBERS** became a part of the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries family from January 4 through March 29, 2026:

Mary A. Benedict

Kyra Gibson

Anita F. Gordon

Mildred M. Graham

Kendyll L. Griffin

Patricia M. Ivery

Quinton L. Powell

Tina Sanders

Dwayne M. Stevens

Shaun Talley

D'myin E. Tate

Velvonte M. Tucker

Valerie D. Wilson

Brotherhood and Sisterhood are still alive!

On the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. the Bishop meets with the men of the Citadel on Zoom. Likewise, on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., the Bishop meets with the women of the Citadel. This meeting is also held on Zoom. The meetings are typically an hour in length. These meetings have taken the place of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Fellowship gatherings once held at the Citadel before COVID-19. If you need more information about these meetings, inquire at the Administrative Office.