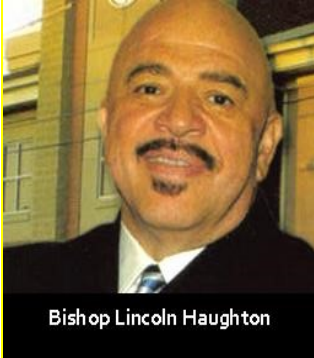


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Bishop Lincoln Haughton

Words from the Bishop: Living My Best Life

SCRIPTURE FOR THE QUARTER

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

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Whatever the Lord allows...it is right and good. God is always aware of what is taking place in our lives. He has a divine will that is always working things out together for the good for those who trust in Him. As believers, God is on our side. He is our Friend. He came into the world, allowed Himself to suffer death on the cross, was buried and rose again so that our sins would be forgiven and that we would have eternal life. On earth, Jesus was tempted in all points as we are...yet without sin. He always obeyed His Father. What an Example for us.

His character and essence is always good. He is empathetic and caring. Jesus is always interceding to the Father to be merciful on our behalf. God is not weary in well doing...nor should we be. We should always be striving to treat everyone right. God's mercy falls on the just and the unjust. God was merciful to us before we even knew Him. With the indwelling of the power of the Holy Ghost, we remember what God has done. We remember from where the Lord has brought us when we were lost in sin.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The blessings of the Lord are all around us. Jesus said, "I am the Door for the sheep. My sheep hear My voice." God will provide every one of our needs according to His riches in glory. People (sheep) will hear Jesus' voice but will NOT hear or follow false teachers.

There are people who may sit next to you in church and hear the same Word as you but do not "spiritually hear" or understand. Just being in church will not save you. Water baptism does not save you. Just as a wedding band is a symbol; of marriage, it does not guarantee fidelity and faithful living.

Water baptism is an outward symbol and testimony of the conversion we believe takes place in our spirit after repentance. As we arise from water baptism, we believe this also recalls that Jesus rose from the grave and that the dead in Christ will also rise when the Lord Jesus returns for His Second Coming to rapture, His Church.

Each day that we arise we should be "living" Christ in our words, thoughts, and actions throughout the day. Heaven is our ultimate goal and we must live determined not to let anything or anyone cause us to lose sight of that goal.

As we mature and grow in Christ, we should be doing less and less of the dumb and irresponsible things we were doing before coming to Christ. Since only our born again spirit is perfect, in our flesh we will fall short from time to time. If we confess our faults and missteps, God is faithful and just to forgive. Life is a constant cycle of repentance and restoration. Even when our born again spirit is willing to obey God, the flesh is al-

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ways weak and contrary to the spirit. Thank God, when we walk in the Spirit, nourished and guided by the Word of God, we will not obey the lust of the flesh, desiring what it sees.

It is essential to worship Christ in our spirit. We cannot worship God with our intellect. We worship Him in spirit and in truth. We received Christ by faith. We enter into His presence by faith.

Jesus has given us our freedom from the bondage of sin. He alone is our Sustainer and the ONLY One who completely satisfies. With Jesus as the head of our life, we have the abundant life, water, green pastures, and safety.

It is also important to remember that the devil wants to steal your peace of mind. Believers must guard against staying on social media platforms all day and night rather than reading God’s Word, praying and meditating on the goodness of God. Social media can quickly become an idol and false god. The love of and pursuit of “things” and possessions can destroy your thirst for spiritual goals. Too many believers get caught up in excess debt, living in third and fourth mortgages and driving cars they cannot afford, seeking to impress people.

No matter what befalls you...do not lose your praise. Praise and depression cannot live in the same house. Love and forgive now. This could be your last day on earth. Be determined each day to live your best life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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; please 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 2026 Summer Quarter Adult Bible classes are shown below. The theme for the quarter is “*The Lord’s Patience with His People.*” 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. There are live-streamed services viewable via YouTube Live and Facebook Live. Further details about our live-streamed services are also available in the Administrative Office.

UNIT II: Faithful to His Promises		
July 12.....	God Sends a Righteous Branch.....	Jeremiah 23:1-8
July 19.....	God’s Faithful Justice.....	Jeremiah 26:1-13
July 26.....	God’s Hope for Exiles.....	Jeremiah 29:1-14
Aug. 2.....	God’s Promised Land.....	Jeremiah 30:1-11, 18-22
UNIT III: His Compassion Never Fails		
Aug. 9.....	God Reconciles His People.....	Jeremiah 31:1-14
Aug. 16.....	The Good Shepherd.....	Ezekiel 34:1-16
Aug. 23.....	God’s Love for Israel.....	Hosea 11:1-11
Aug. 30.....	God’s Faithfulness to Israel.....	Micah 7:14-20

July News

July Remembrances

Fibroid Awareness Month
 Eat It Fresh Month
 Healthy Vision Month
 Fireworks Safety Month
 Drug Abuse Awareness Month
 Sarcoma Awareness Month
 National Youth Awareness Month
 Social Wellness Month
 Summer Heat-related Awareness Month
 National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

July 28 World Hepatitis Day
July 31 Heat Stroke Prevention Day

Mobile Unit Schedule

*Brought to you by the City of Cleveland Public Health
 at CLE Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers*

Have Blood Pressure Checks, Reproductive Health Screenings, Mental Health Resources, Smoking and Vaping Quit Assistance and more at no cost or appointment needed.

Tuesdays from 2 – 5 p.m.

July 7 at Michael Zone 6301 Lorain Avenue
 July 14 at Michael Zone 6301 Lorain Avenue
 July 21 at Zelma George 3155 MLK Jr. Boulevard
 July 28 at Zelma George 3155 MLK Jr. Boulevard

If you have any questions call 216-664-2889.

LIFE SURGE™ CLEVELAND SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 8:30AM - 5:30PM ROCKET ARENA

This one-day event is being planned for local Christians to learn how to create and multiply financial resources for Kingdom impact. You are invited to join other believers to worship while hearing from musicians, speakers, and investors. Among other things, you should walk away grounded in biblical wisdom for your finances and equipped with practical tools to build a legacy. The four **W's** to lean into are:

WORSHIP (John 4:23): True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

WISDOM (Proverbs 4:7): Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.

WORK (Colossians 3:23): And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

WEALTH (Isaiah 48:17): ...I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Basic ticket price is \$25. More information is available at lifesurge.com/Cleveland.

August News

Mobile Unit Schedule

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at CLE Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers*

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Tuesdays from 2 – 5 p.m.

- August 11 at Gunning Park 18700 Puritas Avenue
- August 18 at Collinwood 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard
- August 25 at Collinwood 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

If you have any questions call 216-664-2889.

August Remembrances

- Gastroparesis Awareness Month
- National Wellness Month
- Family Fun Month
- National Black-Owned Business Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Cataract and National Eye Awareness Month
- National Minority Donor and African American Male Wellness Month
- National Make a Will Month
- Aug. 4** National Night Out Against Crime Day
- Aug 9** National Book Lovers Day
- Aug. 19** World Humanitarian Day



Visit our Free Community Fair

August 7, 2026 | 1:30 – 4 p.m. | FREE

Join Benjamin Rose for a Community Fair and Client Celebration. We'll have activities, raffles, information from many of our local partners, free food, and produce giveaways, as well as live music from Cecil Rucker, Jr. and Good Vibes. All ages are welcome! We will also be joined by Ahmaad Crump, In-Arena Host for the Cleveland Cavaliers and 93.1 WZAK Radio Personality.

11890 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, OH 44120

More information at benrose.org/triumph

CLEVELAND BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Open to All Families

Free Parking at Williard Garage!

Saturday, August 8, 2026

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cleveland Public Auditorium

500 Lakeside Avenue, East Cleveland, OH 44114

September News

11th ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS FAMILY DAY & Resource Fair Connecting Families

A day celebrating grandparents, grandchildren, and family

Saturday, September 19, 2026 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Luke East Park Pavilion Area Cleveland, Ohio

Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Attendees. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a full day of family fun! Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Games with Grandchildren, Candyland Play Area, Face Painting, Hula Hoop Contest Puppets, Gospel Choir Performances, Pioneers & Trailblazers Recognition, and Local & County Services.

For more information 216-390-0957 and/or GrandparentsFamilyDay.com.

September Remembrances

Sept. 5 Labor Day

- Sept. 8 International Literacy Day
- Sept. 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance
- Sept. 13 Grandparent’s Day
- Sept 21 International Day of Peace
- Sept. 21 World Alzheimer’s Day
- Sept. 22 Fall Prevention Awareness Day
- Sept. 29 World Heart Day

Monthly Awareness

- Kinship Appreciation
- Prostate Health
- Baby Safety
- Self Improvement
- Hunger Action (Feeding America)
- Positive Parenting
- Senior Safety
- Fruits and Vegetables (more matter)

PROSTATE CANCER FACT SHEET for Patients and Caregivers from the American Cancer Society (cancer.org | 1.800.227.2345)

Prostate Cancer is the most common type of cancer in men (other than skin cancer) and the second leading cause of cancer death (after lung cancer) in the U.S. Risk Factors include men of any age but especially those over 50. African American and Caribbean men of African ancestry are more vulnerable. Having a father or brother who has had prostate cancer increases the risk of getting this disease. Certain gene changes or having Lynch Syndrome can increase a man’s risk of getting prostate cancer.

There is no sure way to prevent prostate cancer. However some things that can be done are to maintain regular physical activity, a healthy weight, and eating a diet high in vegetables and low in fat. Screening and early detection may be an option for men of average or higher risk according to their age. Early stage prostate cancer usually has no symptoms. But if there are symptoms they may include trouble urinating, blood in the urine or semen, trouble getting an erection, weakness or numbness in the legs or feet, not being able to control the bladder or bowel and pain in the hips, spine, ribs or other areas.

Treatment for prostate cancer depends on the type and state of the cancer. You should always talk to your doctor about the best treatment. Prostate cancer affects a man’s quality of life. Different physical, social, mental health, spiritual, and money issues can come up at any time. Good communication between a man with the disease and their health care team is always important.

Church Information and New Members

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. *Any changes will be announced.*



The **Words of Hope Bookstore** is open!

Stop by after service!

A wide variety of items of interest may be available. If not, they can be ordered.

“What items are available?” You may ask.

Commemorative items such as mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, pins, and tumblers. CD’s from past services. Bibles, books, bookmarks, etc. Again, stop by and check out the inventory.



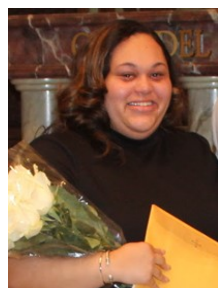
These **NEW MEMBERS** became a part of the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries family from April through May 2026. Please help us welcome them.

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| Cameron Bolden | Arrieal M. Johnson |
| Janice M. Boone | Jalan N. Johnson |
| Tierra Coleman | Daleaya D. Keten |
| Timothy L. Coleman | Rashad A. Montgomery |
| Timothy L. Coleman, Jr. | Yatsy Pereda |
| Antonea M. Crawford | Markita L. Pinkney |
| Raymond N. Drake | Luke W. Tarter |
| Velvonte M. Tucker, Jr. | |

Celebrations

Education Day was held Sunday, June 14, 2026, during the 11:00 a.m. service at the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries. Morgan Chanel Slay and Caitlyn Ryann Fitzpatrick were recognized.

Morgan participated in the Praise Dance Ministry, the Joylanders and is currently a member of the Gospel Pearls at the Citadel. She graduated from Orange High School where she was captain of the Varsity Volleyball Team and recognized for Academic Excellence by the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. Morgan plans to attend Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, an HBCU (Historically Black College or University). She plans to study Criminal Justice and become a Criminal Defense attorney; advocating for individuals who have been wrongly accused of crimes. Morgan also plans to join the Innocence Project, which seeks to overturn wrongful convictions and ensure that innocent people receive justice.



Caitlyn participated in the Praise Dance Ministry while growing up at the Citadel. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Hampton University (HBCU) in Hampton, West Virginia, with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Communication and a minor in Sports Management. Caitlyn was Lead Editor for the school magazine, Assistant Executive Producer of the Sports Talk Show, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., United Negro College Fund Scholar, HBCU Scholar, and on the Dean's List eight times. Caitlyn plans to attend graduate school to pursue a Master's Degree in Sports Management and a career in Sports Communications.

We wish both students peace and blessings as they begin this new chapter in their life!!

On Sunday, June 28, 2026, at the 11 o'clock morning worship service, we celebrated the **100th birthday** of **Evelyn Haughton**, the **Queen Mother** of the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries.

Not only blessed with long life, but also blessed with extraordinary cognitive ability, wit and mobility, Mother Haughton walked down the center aisle in the sanctuary near the beginning of the service arm in arm with her youngest son, our pastor, Bishop, Lincoln C. Haughton, III.

As she entered the sanctuary, her oldest son, Deacon James R. Haughton, Jr. and her daughter, Sister Brenda Haughton, joyously witnessed God's faithfulness in the life of their mother, as the entire congregation gave a thunderous standing ovation in appreciation for such an extraordinary woman of God.

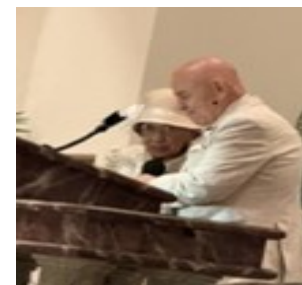
As we praised God through song, the congregation also watched a video presentation of an appreciation service held in 2006 at the church. Family and friends had gathered 20 years ago, as they did on this day, from near and far to celebrate this faithful, humble, devoted woman of God.

Always a hard worker, willing to listen, and never seeking attention, Mother Haughton has served with grace and dignity as Queen Mother of the Cleveland Church of Christ since 1957. She was always working with and supporting her husband and pastor, the late Bishop James R. Haughton, Sr., until the Lord granted him his eternal reward.

Mother Haughton, a woman of few words, stood in the pulpit and expressed her appreciation to the entire congregation and testified of her unwavering trust in the Lord stating "He is my all and all!"

After service, the congregation enjoyed beautifully decorated sheet cakes and cookies in the Rotunda.

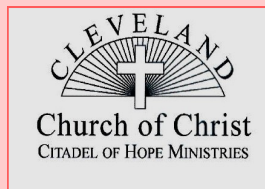
We shall treasure and praise God for such a joyous moment in time the Lord Jesus Christ gave us that day.



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www.clevelandchurch.org**



Community Meals

Community Meals are still being held on the third Saturday of each month when the Cleveland Church of Christ Citadel of Hope Ministries opens our doors and serves the community. We welcome donations and volunteer participants as we minister to those in need.



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, September 18, 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
October 4, 2026***

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:

August 7-8, 2026

September 4-5, 2026

October 2-3, 2026

Thank you to all who contributed to this Issue!