

Clifton, NJ Family Church: Letter from our Pastor - initiating a small group system

Crescentia DeGoede
August 21, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope and pray that you are happy, healthy and feeling loved.

In her Memoir, True Mother expresses, *"I dream of a church that feels like a mother's warm embrace, a church that feels like a home, where people always want to come and stay. This is my husband's dream as well."* (24) I share True Parents' dream for our church. I would love to see our community embrace one another as a family, and feel at home with one another.

Realistically, this is not an easy dream to realize for a church community as big as we are in NJ. It's especially challenging at this time when it's not safe for us to meet in person together. But it's not impossible, and I'm determined to keep on striving for this dream.

In an effort to foster meaningful and supportive connections within our community, Pastor Naokimi and I are initiating a small group system. Our hope is that every family and young adult in our community can take part in a small group that nourishes and empowers them.

Tomorrow, we will host a Small Group Host Kickoff BBQ at the church for all those who are committing to serve as small group host over the next 6 months. We will also honor those who've served as county leaders over the last 4 months. The best way you can support this initiative is by responding to the invitation from your local host to join a small group, share your ideas and suggestions, participate in the gatherings, either virtually or in-person, and make the most out of the time for connection and sharing.

Coming up this week we will be celebrating the 24th Chil Pal Jeol, as well as, the anniversary of the 30,000 and 360,000 couples Blessing Ceremonies. Stay tuned for more info on how we can celebrate these together. In the meantime, I encourage you to start planning your family celebrations now.

Hope you a wonderful week, full of love and blessings, and good health!

Sincerely,
Pastor Crescentia



24th Chil Pal Jeol

*Day of Declaration of Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the
Parents of Heaven and Earth*

AUGUST 24, 2020



**National Family Service
on Sundays at 11am**

Please make sure to join us in watching the live stream of the national service, which will be offered at 11AM EST to communities across the nation.

It will be live streamed here: live.familyfed.org at 11AM. Enjoy the service from the comfort of your own home!

Blessing and Education

Tribal Messiah Blessing Ceremony

Saturday August 29 | 2pm - 5pm

Dress Formally - Wear a Mask and Social Distancing will be enforced.

2pm: Reception and Guidelines
3:30pm to 5pm: Blessing Ceremony
Candidate: \$20/couple | \$30/family

Contact: Atsushi Takino
(201-355-9905 | takino7eoptonline.net)



10-HOURS DIVINE PRINCIPLE PROGRAM

Join Us Again on August 29 at 9am to 11am

Enjoy an interactive introduction to the essentials of Divine Principle

Perfect for new members of our community

[Register Here](#)

Sunday School Summer



Sunday School Summer Program



Sunday August 23, 2020

Time: 11:15

Come join our **Virtual Sunday School Summer Program** through Zoom. The program is designed for young children who are **going into Kindergarten - 7th grade**. The theme this Sunday will be on the **Let Us Pray**.

Zoom Class Rules:

1. Please be Prepared and Be on Time

2. Keep video on mute until they are asked to speak.
3. If Child would like to speak, they need to raise their hand
4. Videos are encouraged to be on, but if the child is shy to show their face, we understand.

Please see the resources below to print out before the start of our Playdate time. To join by zoom, click on the link below:

[Zoom Link](#)

Resources to Print for this Sunday's Program

Coming Soon!!

Singles Gathering for BCs of D3

Would you like to get to know other BC singles in District 3? Interested to learn some tips for finding your soulmate? Have questions about the matching and Blessing?

Whether you're really serious about finding the one, or just curious to see who's out there this gathering is for you.

If you would like to be part of this FREE gathering, click on the registration button to get the Zoom link.



See you tomorrow, **Saturday, August 22nd at 8 PM!**

[Register Here](#)

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PRAYER FOR UNITY

"The Roles of Pastors in the Midst of Diversity"

Keynote Speaker:

REV. MICHAEL JORDAN
PASTOR, MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
East Orange, NJ

Host

REV. DR. MICHAEL SYKES
Senior Pastor
United Missionary Baptist Church

Co-host

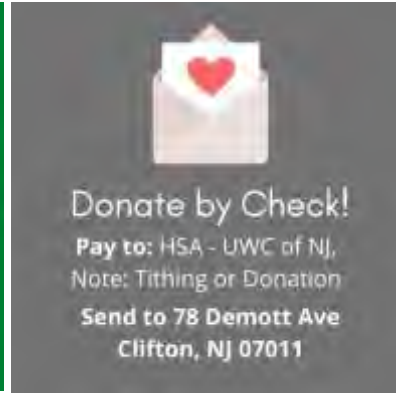
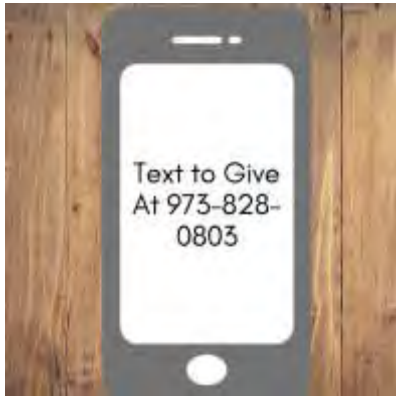
BISHOP RENE BALLENAS
Presiding Bishop
Association of Christian Evangelists

SATURDAY, AUG 29, 2020 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST USA

ACLC Northeast USA

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Meet the Pastor



Reserve a Room



In order to use the church property safely, all parties desiring to use the church property will need to complete a room request form online, and agree to the following regulations.

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[Fill Out Our Form](#)