

THE 25TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



SEMESTER 1: February 1-22
SEMESTER 2: March 8-29

Appetizers at 5 p.m.
Class begins at 6 p.m.

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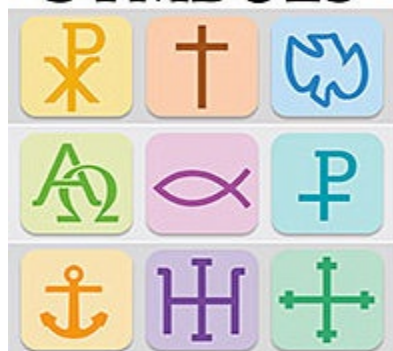
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SEMESTER 1 Diversity in God's Family

Feb. 1 Greek Orthodox
Feb. 8 Coptic
Feb. 15 Mennonite
Feb. 22 Messianic Judaism

March 1 begins at 7 p.m.
Ash Wednesday worship service
No class or refreshments

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



The **Greek Orthodox Church** traces its roots to c.33 A.D., the Day of Pentecost. Today 50% of its 23–24 million members live in Greece. Its traditions and theology are drawn from early Church theologians and Byzantine culture.



The **Coptic (Egyptian) Church** originated in Alexandria during the Apostolic Period and was founded by John Mark, their first Bishop and the author of the *Gospel of Mark*. Some remain in Alexandria, but most of the 10-60 million Coptic Christians live elsewhere.



Mennonites are Anabaptists (a reference to their beliefs on baptism) who follow the teachings of Menno Simons (1496-1561). Their Church is committed to nonviolence, nonresistance, and pacifism. Practices within the church vary ranging from old-fashioned “plain” people to those who are indistinguishable in dress and appearance from the general population.



Messianic Judaism refers to Jewish people who believe and have accepted Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) of Nazareth as the promised Messiah. They continue to remain strong in their Jewish identity while following Yeshua and his new Covenant. Some prefer the term “completed Jew”.

SEMESTER 2

Simple Truths To Set You Free

March 8, 15, 22, 29

One of the Chapel's favorite teachers, Dr. Chris Cortman, returns to share thoughts drawn from his work on emotional wholeness, now combined with insights from the Scriptures and Christian faith.



Each Wednesday will highlight essential truths revealed in the life of Jesus and some of his key followers. Topics will include:

Emotions Are Not Mysterious Visitors; They Can be Identified and Understood

– consider Jesus.

We Can Change Compulsive Behaviors

– consider Paul

Every Behavior Has an Underlying Purpose, and It's Not Always What We Think

– consider Mary & Martha

We All Sabotage Ourselves Unless We Confront Our Internal Saboteur

– consider Peter

Dr. Kathleen Wiggins will co-lead the class three of the four evenings, with Pastoral Intern Adam Ogg on March 15th.