



CHRIST COLLEGE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

A Ministry of Christ United Methodist Memphis

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The Christ College Residency Program exists to equip college students with a theological framework to view life as ministry and mission.

The Residency Program is intended for college students who will work and minister primarily in Memphis, or other cities of global significance, after graduation.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

Every follower of Jesus is called to know God, reflect God's glory and center his or her life on God's mission. Whether you plan to be an investment banker, marketing executive, lawyer, musician, missionary, or a stay-at-home mom, God wants to reveal Himself to the world through you.

The Christ College Residency Program will help you develop a theological framework for your ministry and mission in the following areas: (1) knowledge of the Gospel and its significance, (2) understanding the story of scripture and its call to missions as a lifestyle, and (3) understanding the way in which God's Word shapes our ethics.

The overall design of the program brings academics and the church together by combining classroom experience with a ministry internship. The advantage of this approach is that it requires students to apply what they learn in real time. Our gifted and experienced faculty use lecture and discussion to challenge you academically and push you to apply the material practically. The small class size ensures participation and builds meaningful, lasting relationships that will encourage you through your ministry life.

If you have the mind for a rigorous academic experience and a heart for service then prayerfully consider applying.

THE STUDENTS

The Residency program is seeking college students who desire to live their life on mission for God. We are looking for students who desire to model Gospel-centered living in their current context and who view their future career as a place to reflect the Kingdom. Finally, our desire is to inspire students to see the ministry opportunities in Memphis, so that upon graduation Residents would consider moving to Memphis to invest their loves in the city. The program is not limited to any college class, nor to those seeking to reside in Memphis upon graduation, but priority is given to juniors and seniors.

THE STRUCTURE

Students have two tracks from which they choose: The Local Summer Internship and the Global Summer Internship. Each is a 10-week program, beginning on May 31, 2010, and lasting through July 31, 2010.

Each track has four components: Academic Instruction, Ministry Internship, Mentoring and Christian Community

LOCAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

During this 10-week experience you'll develop a Gospel-centered theology that launches you out on mission. You will combine six hours of classroom instruction per week with up to 40 hours of real-life ministry as an intern within the church.

Students enrolled in the Local Summer internship will be paid \$1,500 for the 10 weeks.

1. Academic Instruction - classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until Noon.

- Biblical Theology of Mission - 4 Weeks
- Gospel Transformation - 2 Weeks
- Christian Ethics & Apologetics - 2 Weeks

2. Internship – Depending on the track you choose, you may intern in a Christ Church ministry, a local Memphis para-church organization, or in our international internship with an international missions partner.

Each college student enrolled in the Residency Program will serve as an intern at Christ Church in an area of ministry that engages his or her gifts and passions. Interns can serve in Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Community Life (Disciple-making Ministry), Local Missions, Worship & Pastoral Care, or Urban Education.

3. Mentoring – As students serve as interns in a ministry area at Christ Church they will be mentored by staff leaders in their particular area of ministry interest. This will be life-on-life mentoring as we share in ministry together.

4. Christian Community – A vital part of the Residency Program is the community that develops between the students who are enrolled. Students will learn together in the classroom and work together as interns. In addition, there will be outings designed to expose students to the many cultural experiences available in Memphis.

GLOBAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

During this 10-week experience you will receive four weeks of intense theological training before a month-long mission experience with one of our global ministry partners. Global Summer Interns will study *Biblical Theology of Mission* and *Gospel-Transformation* over 4 weeks.

The regular cost of the month-long internship is \$3,000-4,000, and Global Summer Interns will receive a scholarship that covers all but \$700-900.

1. Academic Instruction - classes take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until Noon with additional time to be determined by the director.

- *Biblical Theology of Mission*
- *Gospel Transformation*
- *Missions Preparation*

Mission Experience with Christ Church International Ministry Partner

- China
- Zambia
- Russia
- Middle East

Mentoring – While in the States, students will work closely with the International Director of Missions at Christ Church and then receive mentoring from our mission partners in the field.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Biblical Theology of Missions

In this study of the Bible and mission, we will ask what Jesus wants from the people He redeems, and we'll learn that (surprise!) we are *missionaries*. He hasn't just saved us by grace; He has recruited us and is graciously transforming us so that we can be His servants at work in His world for His Kingdom purposes. We'll learn about the methods and models for our mission in Scripture (even in the Old Testament!) and take a look at the opposition to our mission and how the Gospel empowers us to overcome it.

Gospel Transformation

In this course we will learn that the Gospel has the power not only to save us, but also to transform us. This transformation takes place when we believe by faith that we are the adopted sons and daughters of God whose needs are met in Christ. Each week, students will work through a series of scripture-based lessons and participate in discussion-oriented lectures. Specifically, we'll look at what it means to say, "The Gospel, and my need for it, are both greater than I realize." We will uncover idols in our lives, learn how faith and repentance lead to freedom and peace and spot the two enemies of the Gospel—Relativism and Moralism.

Christian Ethics: Issues of Justice and Morality

In the final part of the course, Residents will engage in ethical and philosophical questions with practical significance for Christian life and ministry in a pluralistic world. Residents will work with Dr. Barnard to process the way in which Christian truth impacts our day-to-day lives. We'll examine the quest for Christian meaning and significance against the background of the problem of meaninglessness in the modern secular world; vocation/work; sex/sexuality; and the use/misuse of technology in our lives and in our world. Classes will build on reading assignments through the use of lectures, class discussion and video clips. The chance of C. S. Lewis coming up during class time is near 100 percent.

THE FACULTY

Dr. Jason Hood, (Ph.D., Univ. of Aberdeen) – Director of the Christ College Residency Program

Jason has taught for Belhaven College and Reformed Theological Seminary. After graduating from Rhodes College in 1998, he taught in inner-city Memphis for four years and is currently Scholar-in-Residence at Christ Church and a Christ College faculty member. Jason has published a number of academic articles and essays, chiefly in the field of New Testament, and has a passion for teaching God's Word to God's people. He and his wife and three young children live in the middle of Memphis.

Rev. Scott Lees – Christ Church Pastor of Community Life

Rev. Scott Lees has served as an ordained minister since 2000. After graduating from Asbury Seminary in 2003, Scott became the Growing Deep (Lead Associate) Pastor at The Orchard: a United Methodist congregation in Tupelo, MS. Over the past two years Scott has created, developed and led the Community Life Team at Christ Church. The goal of the team is to help every believer grow into a Gospel-centered disciple-maker who lives his or her life for God's mission. The three loves of Scott's life are Jesus, his wife Kristen and his alma mater The Georgia Bulldawgs. He tries to keep it in that order but oftentimes confuses the order during college football season.

Dr. Justin Barnard (Ph.D., Florida State University)

Justin is Director of the Carl F.H. Henry Institute for Intellectual Discipleship and Associate Professor of Philosophy at Union University. Prior to his appointment at Union, Dr. Barnard was an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Crichton College in Memphis where, from 2005-2007, he served as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He is an active member of the Society of Christian Philosophers and the Evangelical Philosophical Society, serving the latter as chair of the southeastern region. His teaching and scholarly interests include bioethics, philosophy of religion/apologetics and the philosophical legacy of C.S. Lewis. In addition, Dr. Barnard regularly speaks to church and public audiences on issues related to Christian faith and culture. Justin is married and has two children.

Robbyn Abedi

Robbyn teaches courses on Gospel-centered living and disciples men and women who are between the ages of 21 and 35. Previously, Robbyn served at The Orchard United Methodist Church in Tupelo, MS, as Pastor and Director of Missions. In that role, he led mission programs in Ecuador, Nicaragua and Ghana. While at The Orchard, Robbyn taught that mission service gives evidence to our faith in Jesus Christ. Prior to The Orchard, he worked as a missionary for three years in Western Europe and the Middle East where he taught and disciplined young adults, studied Arabic and helped implement church planting strategies and discipleship programs to reach Muslims. Robbyn is married to Suzi and has a dog named Hedwig.

THIS IS CHRIST CHURCH

Founded in 1955, Christ Church is located in the middle of Memphis, Tennessee, and has a 5,800 member congregation.

At Christ United Methodist Church, our vision is to:

- **Transform Lives** – we desire to be shaped, individually and as the body, to be more like Jesus Christ.
- **Serve Others** – we desire for all members to put the interest of others before their own, and to journey outward to serve the body of Christ, the city and the world.

Two primary ministries we use to fulfill this vision are described below: Christ College and our Missions Ministries.

THIS IS CHRIST COLLEGE

Christ College is an intense discipleship experience for those who desire a deeper level of biblical teaching and accountability when it comes to disciple-making. We offer seminary-level material taught by pastors, church leaders and seminary faculty. We have two goals:

- To shape the student's Christian worldview by grounding him or her firmly in the Gospel and God's story of redemption.
- To send the student out into the world to disciple and mentor others in his or her home, workplace, neighborhood, city and the world.

We believe God has called every Christian to make disciples and it is the responsibility of the Church to empower people for this calling. Our Servant Leadership Program has completed its first year and currently has 120 students enrolled.

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THIS IS OUR MISSION FOCUS

Over the years, Christ Church has been blessed with a vision and resources to reach out into Memphis. In response to the Gospel, Christ Church has founded several local ministries with a strategy of launching them and helping them reach independence while continuing to support them using the resources God has entrusted to us. Three of our inner-city ministries following this strategy are listed below.

- **Service Over Self, Inc. (SOS)** began as a two-week inner city missions experience out of Christ United Methodist Church in the summer of 1986. Since that time, SOS has grown into a year-round Christian community development organization. SOS hosts volunteers throughout the year to work with residents to make homes warmer, safer and drier in the name of Christ. SOS hosts nearly 1,700 volunteers a year to participate in one of two camps: SOS (Binghampton) - Spring Camps for college students, Summer Camps for junior and senior high students, and groups of any age during our Fall Weekend Camps; and SOS114 (Orange Mound) - Summer Camps for senior high students.
- **The Binghampton Development Corporation (BDC)** was founded in 2003 as an expanded commitment by Christ United Methodist Church to the Binghampton community. The BDC is an independent, non-profit community development corporation. The BDC's mission is work to build a healthy Binghampton community by facilitating the revitalization primarily through housing and economic development.
- Opening in August 2010 with the inaugural kindergarten class, **Cornerstone Preparatory School** is a private Christian elementary school which educates kindergarten through fifth grade students. The school is located near the Binghampton community in Memphis. Cornerstone Prep utilizes academic rigor and a Christian worldview to equip all students with the skills and character necessary to succeed in college and to become life-changing leaders in their community.

Our **International Missions** strategy is to care for the sick and abandoned, unleash the Gospel among unreached people, mobilize servant leaders and create opportunities for the poor and oppressed.

Our focus areas are China, Zambia, the Middle East and Russia. We partner with respected mission organizations and missionaries who help fulfill our strategy. Our work has included working with orphanages, schools and hospitals, facilitating clean drinking water in arid areas, farming, supporting indigenous pastors with leadership training, training businessmen and women, construction and medical relief.



THIS IS MEMPHIS

- Memphis is the 18th largest city in the United States and was founded in 1819. The name Memphis means “Established and Beautiful.”
- Home to Sun Studio and known worldwide as the "Home of the Blues & Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll.”
- Memphis is mentioned in more songs than any other city in the world - more than 400 according to Billboard Magazine.
- First Holiday Inn built in Memphis in 1952.
- Pork barbecue capital of the world, thanks to Memphis in May's Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest and more than 100 barbecue specialty restaurants.
- "America's Distribution Center." FedEx was founded in Memphis in 1971 and makes Memphis International Airport (MEM) the number-one busiest cargo airport in the world.

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- The Piggly Wiggly, the world's first self-service grocery store, opened in Memphis in 1916.
- Memphis is the second most generous city in America and contains numerous urban ministries.
- St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital is located in Memphis. St. Jude is unlike any other pediatric treatment and research facility anywhere. Discoveries made here have completely changed how the world treats children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases.
- The Memphis Grizzlies are the local NBA franchise, and the Memphis Redbirds are the AAA affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals.
- The Memphis Zoo is home to more than 3,500 animals representing more than 500 different species. It is one of five zoos in North America that houses giant pandas. In 2008, the Memphis Zoo was ranked "#1 Zoo in the U.S." by TripAdvisor.com.
- Memphis museums include The Brooks Museum, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, The Pink Palace Museum, The Children's Museum of Memphis, The Stax Museum of American Soul Music, The National Civil Rights Museum and The Rock 'N Soul Museum. Other attractions include Elvis Presley's Graceland, the Gibson Guitar Factory, The Orpheum Theater, Beale Street Historic District, Cooper Young Entertainment District and The Botanical Gardens.



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- Memphis has the third highest rate of poverty of the nation's larger cities.
- Memphis City high schools ranks 118th in the State of Tennessee out of 121 school districts.
- Memphis includes neighborhoods like 38126, the nation's third poorest zip code in 1999.
- Memphis is the most obese city on the continent.
- African Americans comprise 43.8% of the total Memphis MSA population, yet African-American businesses collect only 0.8% of total business gross receipts.
- According to a survey by Christ Community Health Services in 2004, there were two physicians practices serving the Frayser area (Pop. 43,000) while there were 90 physician practices serving [suburban] Germantown (Pop. 37,000).
- Median household incomes for the highest zip code area are more than 10 times that of the lowest area.

- More than sixty percent of children born in Memphis are born into single-parent households.
- Memphis has the highest infant mortality rate of the 60 largest cities in the U.S.
- 41% of 9th graders entering Memphis City Schools in 2001 dropped out of school before graduation in 2005.

Application for Christ College Residency Program

Please note: many of the questions on this application are not intended to determine “fit” for participation but to help us get to know you as a person. If you have any questions as you complete this application, please call or e-mail:

(General Questions) Joshua Smith, joshscumcmemphis.org, 901.219.2818

(Student Ministry) Alex Hunt, alexh@cumcmemphis.org, 901.239-6736

(Missions) Eric Angel, ericacumcmemphis.org, 901.202-6050

To return your application, please send by e-mail and a signed copy by snail mail to

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Section 1

Contact Information

Name:

Name you prefer to be called:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Current address:

Telephone:

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

Section 2

Educational Background:

University or College currently or last attended:

School name:

Year entered:

Year left:

Expected graduation date:

Major:

GPA:

3. Please spend one paragraph describing “where you are” as a person and as a believer: how you are living, what your priorities and motivations in life are and any changes in Christian discipleship you have experienced in the past few years.

4. How would you respond to this statement? “Scripture is God’s Word. What it says is true, and I attempt to do what it says.”

5. Please list some authors, pastors, youth leaders, preachers, thinkers, artists, etc. who have been influential in developing your thinking and your worldview.

Section 5

Reference:

Please list one reference (with title/job description/relationship to you and contact information) who would be willing to answer a few brief questions via phone or e-mail. This person should be familiar with your recent life experience and Christian development (mentor, college pastor, etc.). PLEASE NOTE: This is not a make or break reference (i.e., job application) but a chance for us to get to know a bit more about you.

Other Information:

Please tell us anything else you feel we should know that has not been covered in this application.

Please read and sign below:

I affirm that the information I have provided in this application, including all attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing here I authorize Christ United Methodist Church to make independent inquiries about me. I understand that, as the final step before admission, a background check, drug test and Protect Our Kids training is required if I am involved in working with the children and youth of the church.

By signing below, I also agree (if accepted, and if I join the program) to take on the responsibility of prayerful participation in the program with discipline, honesty, grace and humility.

Signature:

Date: