



# CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE



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# ESTABLISHING CLEAR DIRECTIONS



From June of 2019 through June of 2021, Central experienced substantial changes brought on by the *LIFT the Torch* campaign successes, new Cincinnati regional operations, and the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, Central's leadership decided to collaboratively revise the institutional plan starting in September 2021 to account for current realities. In the middle of that revision, the merger with St. Louis Christian College was announced as well. When new events and changes constantly occur, making a plan is difficult. Yet it is necessary to keep everyone on the same page. In my travels, I often hear people say they can't keep up with everything happening at Central. My response: "You're not alone!"

Whether you have been a longtime supporter of Central, a recent graduate, or a newcomer in the past couple of years, this issue of *theTORCH* is an opportunity for you to **Meet Central**. In the various locations where Central is operating, you will see how the mission, vision, and values of the College are being pursued.

With every turn of the page, you will glimpse another way that CCCB is vital to the work of so many churches and ministers. By the time you reach the end, I hope you will know how you can pray for the school, its employees, and the students being trained.

Thank you for making it possible for CCCB to follow these directions through your ongoing support and prayers.

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# MISSION STATEMENT

*Central Christian College of the Bible exists to educate biblical servants for a faithful life of kingdom ministry.*

## KEY CONCEPTS

Central offers residential, extension, graduate, online, and continuing **education**.

**Biblical servants** are able to know, interpret, live out, and teach God's Word.

A **faithful life** is being faithful to doctrinal convictions, internal discipleship, and personal relationships.

**Kingdom ministry** results from being equipped to function in the body of Christ within a local church, in the marketplace, or on the mission field.

# VISION STATEMENT

*Innovative Ministry Education in Multiple Locations for the Christian Church.*

## KEY CONCEPTS

**Innovative Ministry Education** is flexible in delivery, responsive to the student, and focused on the future.

**Multiple Locations** include Moberly, St. Louis, Cincinnati, online, and other places where the church may need more trained workers.

**The Christian Church** fellowship of congregations is the primary audience for Central's ministry training, while also serving the church at large.

# CORE VALUES



## BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

We promote New Testament Christianity through the legacy of the Restoration Movement and CCCB.



## COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP

We encourage personal transformation through prayer and spiritual mentoring in a mutually supportive environment.



## KINGDOM COLLABORATION

We partner with other organizations for more Christian workers, congregational success, and kingdom growth.



## ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

We offer valuable academic programs to develop Christian workers in various regions at an affordable cost.



## PERSONAL ATMOSPHERE

We treat each constituent in ways appropriate to their needs, abilities, and plans.

# BUILDING AN “AUTHENTIC U”

[This is a brief summary of Central’s new recruiting emphasis, called Authentic U.]

Society today values the idea of authenticity, which is being true to one’s self. Navigating that standard is challenging when it results in these guidelines: **Do what you want when you want. You define yourself to everyone around you.**

It is partly true that each person gets to define their own self. Everyone is on a journey to become the person they were designed to be. However, that journey can become self-centered or selfish to those who are considering whether and where to attend college.

During the next season of your life, the best gift you can give yourself is becoming who you were designed to be. If focusing on “yourself” feels inappropriate, try slightly changing the end of the statement: **“The best gift you can give yourself is becoming who you were designed to be in Christ.”**

When you realize your true nature as designed, cultivated, and lived out according to Christ, you find ultimate identity and purpose.

At Central Christian College of the Bible, **Authentic U** is a promise to **help students find themselves in Christ**. As David Benner wrote in his book *The Gift of Being Yourself*, “Our true self-in-Christ is the only self that will support authenticity . . . being yourself would not make any spiritual sense if your uniqueness were not of immense value to God.” At the heart of discovering yourself in Christ is studying God’s Word. Other activities (like ones described on the next page) help shape and sharpen the special and unique gifts that you bring to the experience.

Because of your immeasurable value to Christ and His kingdom, CCCB helps you discover your authentic self in Him. Finding yourself in Christ helps you experience purpose, peace, and fulfillment.



*Apply Today!*

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming an undergraduate student at our Moberly campus, point your phone camera at this code to let us know!



# CHAPEL CHANGES

For decades, Central has required students to attend chapel twice a week. Two key changes were made this year to improve the experience. **Tuesday morning chapel** at 10:10 am is no longer immediately followed by class, allowing for more time for the message, worship, prayer, and other community building activities. The second service of the week is now **Thursday evenings** at 8:00 pm, offering a relaxed environment with a different variety of activities, including musical styles, campus speakers, and spiritual experiences.



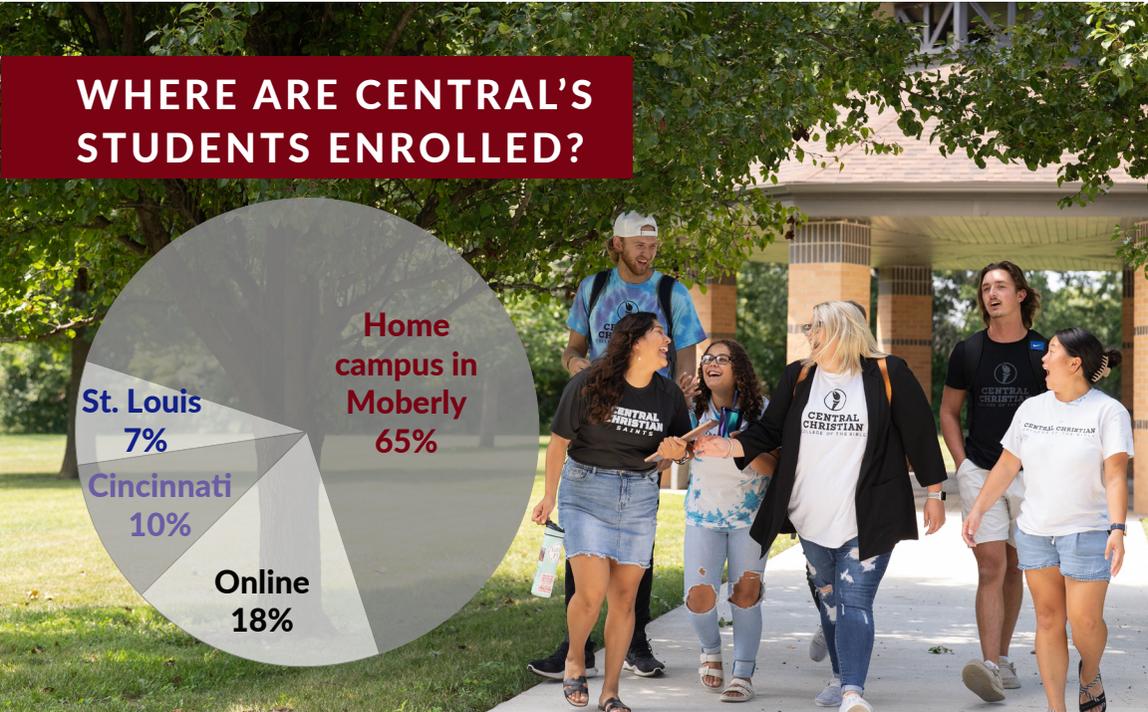
# COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP

Student discipleship groups meet for an hour on Wednesday mornings for directed Bible reading, discussion, and prayer.

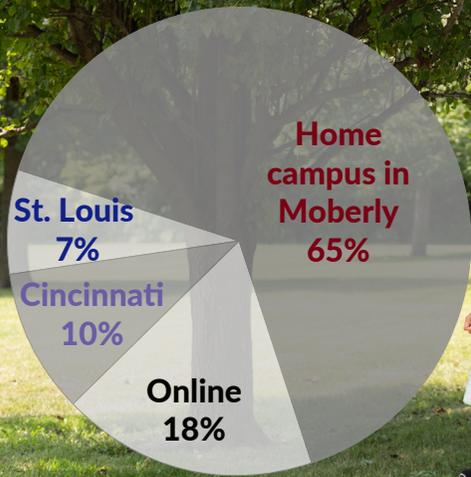


# SAINTS GPS

Started three years ago as part of the *LIFT the Torch* campaign, **Saints GPS** is now a comprehensive program that develops students through **Guidance, Professionalism, and Spirituality**. Activities include gifts assessment, skills seminars, practices of spiritual discernment, and many other opportunities to find direction.



## WHERE ARE CENTRAL'S STUDENTS ENROLLED?



# MERGING WITH ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



During the past year, CCCB has worked closely with St. Louis Christian College to complete a legal merger. The goals were to serve current SLCC students, utilize SLCC employees, and honor the legacy of ministry education in St. Louis through creating an extension site to serve the metropolitan area.

**Residential Students** at the SLCC campus in Florissant were individually advised and assisted to prepare for becoming Central students. About 20 of those students relocated to Moberly for the Fall 2022 semester and are continuing their studies without losing progress on earning their degrees. Many of these students have been integrated into campus life, serving as Resident Assistants, worship leaders, student employees, and camp team members. They enjoy living in a comfortable, safe campus with the same Christian college values they experienced before.

**Evening Students** had been taking SLCC classes by video since the beginning of the pandemic. About 15 students are participating in a teachout program that allows them to continue taking video classes on Tuesday evenings until the St. Louis site is remodeled. At that point, they will have the choice of finishing in person or by video.

Central offered jobs to most of the **SLCC employees** who wanted to continue in Christian higher education and were willing to move. At the end, six full-time employees accepted job offers, with three working from St. Louis and three moving to Moberly. **Dr. Scott Womble** agreed to be the St. Louis Site Director, managing the instructors and curriculum there. **Dennis McConnaughay** serves as Regional Director of Minister Relations. **Joe Lieway** is Professor of Cross Cultural Ministries. **Cindy Bingamon** moved to Moberly and became the Associate Registrar and Spurling Hall Residence Director. **Josh Bettison** and his wife **Kacie Bettison** moved to Moberly to be Foundation Hall Residence Directors, with Josh working in Information Technology and Kacie managing the Harvest House coffee shop. These are all valuable additions to the Central team.



Dr. Scott  
Womble



Dennis  
McConnaughay



Joe  
Lieway



Cindy  
Bingamon



Josh  
Bettison



Kacie  
Bettison



The merger has involved transferring endowment funds from St. Louis Christian College for the benefit of CCCB students. In partnership with The Solomon Foundation, legal counsel has worked through each endowment to complete the necessary petitions to create the **SLCC Legacy Scholarship Fund**. It will be maintained by TSF, with all interest going to support former SLCC students, children of alumni, and residents of the St. Louis area who enroll at CCCB. This is expected to generate over \$50,000 per year in scholarship funds. Friends of SLCC may donate to CCCB and designate a gift for the SLCC Legacy Fund, which will be added to that endowment.

The campus of SLCC in Florissant is being sold by TSF to a Christian high school. Over 7,500 books and other equipment were transported about 20 minutes away to the new campus of CCCB, which will contain offices, a library, and three classrooms of various sizes.

## EXTENSION SITE DETAILS:

- 6,000 square feet have been leased for 7 years.
- \$250,000 of renovations have been invested by the building owners.
- Capacity is sufficient to serve 200 students and to welcome 100 guests.
- Located in the same Westport building as Lindenwood University.



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# UPGRADING THE MOBERLY CAMPUS



Due to the remarkable generosity of Central's donors and an incredible partnership with The Solomon Foundation, Central's 25-acre home campus in Moberly, Missouri, has been tremendously upgraded over the past four years. Improvements include exterior signage, entranceway upgrades, public gathering spaces, ADA compliance, new sidewalks, resurfaced driveways, and bathroom fixtures. This has provided an enhanced experience for visitors and the many students who call Central home.



Since starting the financial partnership with The Solomon Foundation in 2021, both institutions have benefited greatly from jointly developing Central's campus. TSF has contributed over \$1.25 million in capital improvements to the property and buildings. An example of this partnership is the renovation of Lang Hall, in which CCCB donors contributed \$250,000 and TSF provided \$620,000 to complete the project.

Central benefits from this partnership by maintaining and improving facilities at the lowest possible cost. TSF benefits from the partnership by increasing their assets, which are now over \$1 billion. This includes almost 40 ministry properties around the country that they manage through long-term leases to the church, camp, or college.





TAKE  
A TOUR



Fifty years after opening in 1972, Lang Hall reopened in Fall 2022 for male residential students after an extensive renovation. Key improvements included:

- Individual heating and air conditioning units for each room.
- New paint, flooring, and light fixtures in each room.
- Modern furniture configuration to replace the original built-in units.
- Completely renovated lobby with new furniture, heating and air conditioning, windows, and fixtures.

Central's safe and comfortable campus provides students with an atmosphere favorable for personal development and relational growth.



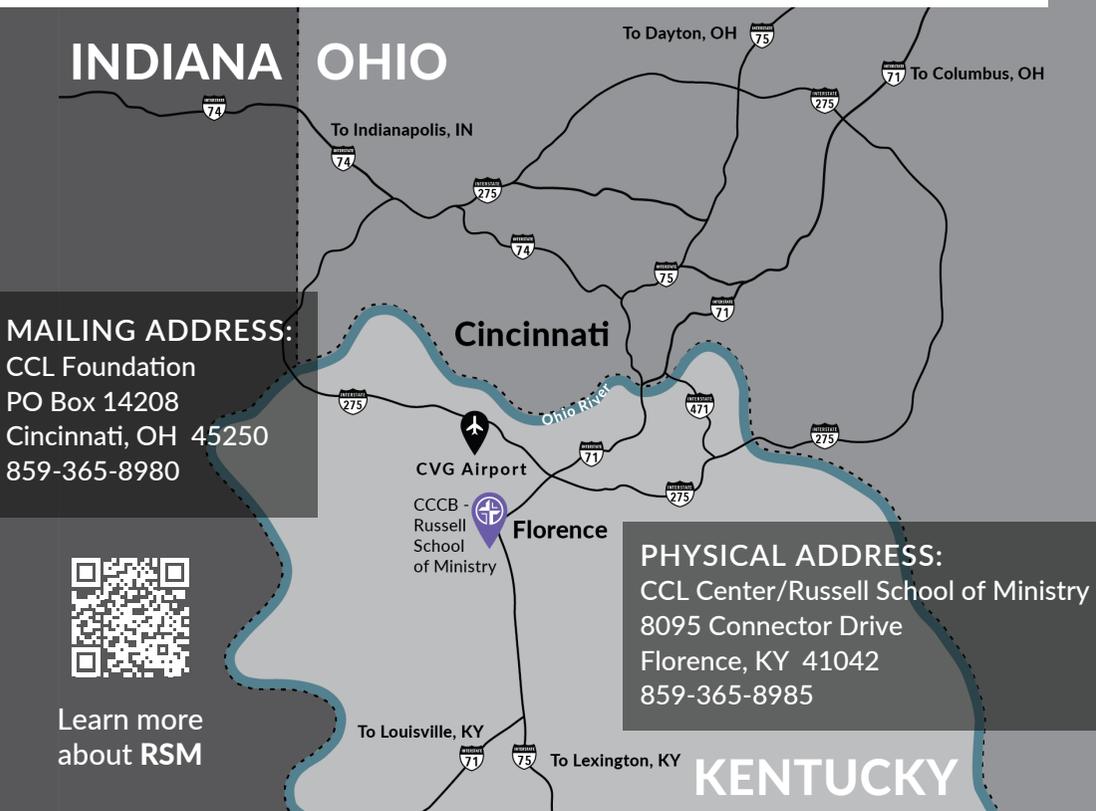
# WORKING IN THE CINCINNATI AREA

In our third year of operating in the Greater Cincinnati Area, CCCB is continuing the legacy of ministry education at the CCL Center, located in Northern Kentucky. As an accredited extension site, **Russell School of Ministry (RSM)** is an evening program for those who want to study the Bible to be a leader in the church. That is only part of the ministry endeavors, at the CCL Center, which also includes the following activities:

- The **Elliott Library & Museum** contains over 50,000 books and hundreds of biblical, historical, and archaeological artifacts.
- The **CCL Network** provides virtual and personal training to ministers around the country, as well as local and regional workshops for church leaders.
- The **CCL Foundation** raises funds and oversees the mission of training skilled leaders with scriptural knowledge for stronger churches.

## EXTENSION SITE DETAILS:

- 14,000 square feet have been leased through 2025.
- The space once contained a university extension site, remodeled in 2014.
- Capacity is sufficient to serve 300 students and to welcome 125 guests.
- Located in Florence, KY near Costco, Chick-fil-A, and Hobby Lobby.



### MAILING ADDRESS:

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Learn more  
about RSM

### PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

CCL Center/Russell School of Ministry  
8095 Connector Drive  
Florence, KY 41042  
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The core values of CCCB are reinforced in the activities at the Cincinnati location.



## BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Rare books and original documents from the history of the Restoration Movement demonstrate the power of biblical churches. Influential teachers and leaders are highlighted, along with their contributions to understanding Scripture's background and relevance for today.



## COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP

Russell School of Ministry has developed an innovative program in Christian Formation that students experience first for themselves, then are trained to lead others. Ministers receive care and encouragement through their CCL Network relationships.



## KINGDOM COLLABORATION

The CCL Foundation brings together multiple churches and organizations in the Cincinnati area to support and encourage the work of congregations and ministry leaders. Russell School of Ministry includes local church involvement as part of its training model under the mentorship of a local leader.



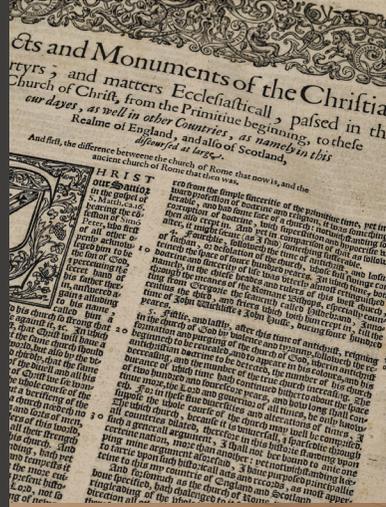
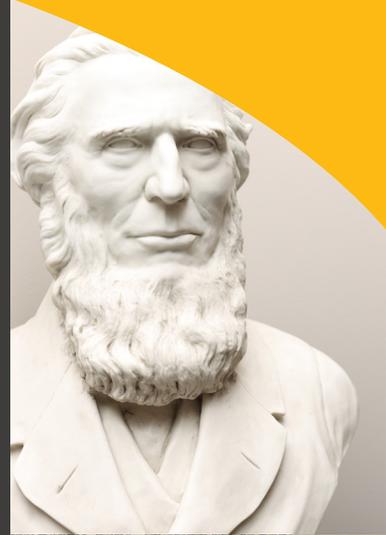
## ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

Undergraduate courses, graduate degrees, and continuing education seminars are offered at the lowest possible cost to current and potential ministers in the Cincinnati region.



## PERSONAL ATMOSPHERE

Students and scholars have access to important resources through the Elliott Library & Museum. Ministers receive career advice, leadership coaching, and practical training through the CCL Network.



# EXPANDING GRADUATE EDUCATION

In Fall of 2020, Central enrolled its first graduate students in pursuit of the Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership degree. Since then, almost 50 students have enrolled, and fourteen have already graduated from the two-year, 36-credit program.

The MA in Ministry Leadership degree provides an innovative path for students to take a one-week intensive course, online course, and supervised ministry experiences each semester over a two-year period. This degree brings together academically credentialed professors, highly experienced practitioners, and fellow ministry peers into a learning environment that is tailored for the busy professional.



If you are a current minister looking to upgrade your leadership skills, this program improves your capacity and quality of ministry. If you are in a different career but exploring a transition to ministry, this degree is a great opportunity to prepare for what's next for your life while continuing in your current role.

Weeklong courses for the MA in Ministry Leadership are currently offered at the Moberly and Cincinnati campuses. For more information about this program, visit [www.CCCB.edu/academics/graduate](http://www.CCCB.edu/academics/graduate).



**Dr. Billy Strother**

Dean of  
Graduate Studies



**Dr. Eric Stevens**

Associate Dean of  
Graduate Studies



# EARN YOUR MASTER'S DEGREE



Here are the latest developments in the graduate studies program.

- A **Master of Arts in Preaching (MAP)** degree, approved in Spring 2022 by our accrediting association, will launch in Fall 2023, with classes to be offered at the St. Louis and Cincinnati locations.
- New online courses, such as ***Profiles in Biblical Leadership*** and ***Ephesians for Ministry***, will be taught by Central's faculty.
- In addition to the **E2: effective elders** teaching team of Dr. Gary Johnson, Dr. David Roadcup, and Dr. Billy Strother, students will be instructed by the **CCL Network** teaching team led by Dr. Tim Wallingford, who will teach ***The Disciple-Making Minister***.
- Coaches for MA in Ministry Leadership students will be trained by the **CCL Network**, using experienced ministers to be mentor others.

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*I learned so many important things in this program. I'm not sure I can choose just one! If you are thinking about enrolling in this program, my advice would be just go for it!”*

Nathan Cooper  
(Class of 2022)



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*I chose Central Christian College of the Bible for graduate school because I desired a master's program that had a heavy emphasis on practical application; Central is that.”*

Daniel Goehringer  
(Class of 2022)



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*If God has placed it on your heart to do full-time ministry, I highly encourage you to check out the Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership program and call Dr. Strother. I bet the Spirit will be prompting you at the end of the phone call to enroll in the program.”*

Austin Keller  
(Class of 2022)



# MAKING EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

Support from donors like you and your church make it possible for Central to educate biblical servants for a faithful life of kingdom ministry. Please consider one or more of the following ways you can help keep Central's education affordable for students who attend.

**The Minuteman Fund** brings together hundreds of supporters for improvements, replacements, and repairs. Minutemen are asked once every quarter to give at least \$30 to a specific project that will make a difference for students.



**Monthly Giving** from churches and individuals provide the needed resources for student scholarships, campus operations, and educational expenses. The **CCCB Annual Fund** collects gifts to meet the need for new workers, educational resources, extension locations, and daily expenses. Gifts to *imagineMORE*, the **CCL Foundation** annual fund, supports the CCL Network, Elliott Library & Museum, and Russell School of Ministry.

**Major Sponsorships** come from those who have been blessed with unique opportunities to give. Here are just a few strategies that allow you to minimize your tax liability and maximize your stewardship.

- If you are over 72 and have an IRA, your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) can be used as a gift, resulting in tax savings.
- Gifts of appreciated stock and mutual funds help you avoid capital gains tax and achieve a tax deduction without any expenditure of cash.
- Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) combine the benefits of a gift and an investment. Your CGA earns a fixed interest rate payable in tax-exempt income while also gaining a tax deduction for immediate savings.
- Farmers may use grain or livestock to make a gift to CCCB. When you use this method, the check for the proceeds is given directly to the College from the grain elevator or the sale barn. You avoid all tax on the value of the gift.

**Memorial and Honorary Gifts** are a meaningful way to recognize someone special who valued the importance of ministry education in Moberly, St. Louis, or Cincinnati. These gifts support the future of ministry education and respect the achievements of special classmates, professors, current or retired ministers or missionaries, and others who impacted the church.

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TO CCCB**



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These people have been recognized from September 2021-September 2022  
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## *Gifts in Honor of...*

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Joe Belzer	Ronald Henderson	The Orton Family	Faculty, Staff, & Alumni of SLCC
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



March 23-25, 2023

*"Speak Up: Finding Your Spiritual Voice"*

**Dr. Orpheus Heyward**  
Atlanta, Georgia



April 13-15, 2023

*"Digging Deeper"*

**Tina Wilson**  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

These conferences will be held over a three-day period:

- Thursday at CCCB-Moberly - 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Friday at CCCB-St. Louis - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Saturday at CCCB-St. Louis - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

More information can be found at [www.CCCB.edu/events](http://www.CCCB.edu/events).

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