

## WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN ASHRAM?

If the word "Ashram" is not familiar to you, then you may recognize the word "retreat". The Christian Ashram is a unique retreat that is Christ-centered and that gives you an opportunity to discover Christian answers for victorious daily living.

It is an opportunity to enter into and experience fellowship and caring as known in the New Testament church. (Acts 2:42) The coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost created

### ***A Fellowship Of Believers***

around the person of Jesus Christ. Out of that fellowship grew the church. (Acts 8:1) This unique retreat will help you experience that wonderful expression of fellowship seen in the lives of those first disciples of Jesus.

Christians have one thing in common –

### ***Faith In Jesus Christ.***

Around Him we become one, while agreeing to differ on marginal things. We learn to confess the earliest creed of the Christian faith that

***"Jesus is Lord".***

It is part of the way we greet each new day by saying,

***"The Lord Is Risen! Jesus Is Lord."***

When we put Jesus at the center, we will find that a lot of things change. For example, barriers that divide will come down. We set aside our denominational labels.

### ***Here We Are One In The Body Of Christ -- The Church***

We set aside any barriers of race, age or professional titles. We are sisters and brothers in Christ.

### ***We Are All Christians In The Making. God Is Not Finished With Us Yet.***

Jesus talked a lot about the Kingdom of God. In this unique retreat we begin to

### ***Experience Life In The Kingdom Here And Now.***

It won't be perfect because we are not perfect. But, it will be a place where God's love comes to bring healing and wholeness as it did in Jesus' ministry.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM THIS UNIQUE RETREAT?

You will receive inspiration and encouragement as the good news of Jesus our Savior and Lord is shared by our guest speaker whom we call Evangelist. Another speaker will lead us in a time of study and reflection on the Scriptures. Another person will share with us from their faith journey.

They will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ in their life.

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." You will have time to reflect on how your faith can find expression in the mission of your local church or community where you live.

As time and opportunity permit, there will be a "work hour" in which all are invited to use their hands together in some act of Christian service. Great singing is a part of the daily agenda. Your spirit will be lifted in worship and praise. A communion service will be offered near the end of the retreat.

The ***healing ministry*** was a vital part of Jesus' ministry. On the last evening there is a time for prayer as we seek God's healing for the whole person –

### ***Spirit, Soul And Body.***

However, healing may come at any time as you listen to the Word preached and taught or in the prayerful atmosphere of your small prayer and share group.

There will be time for you to relax, rest, go for a walk or enjoy other free time activities. Some have called it ***"a holiday with God"***. It is a time apart for physical and spiritual renewal in the context of Christian love and caring. Many of the Christian Ashrams have planned programs for children and teens. The whole family can be blessed by this unique holiday retreat together.

**THERE IS SOMETHING  
HERE FOR EVERYONE!**

Whether you are seeking answers to life's basic questions, longing for Christian fellowship and nurture or just need a holiday in a Christian setting, you can find the answers at a Christian Ashram.

The goal of EVERY Christian Ashram is to help you become a better person as a

***Pastor, Church Member, Parent Or  
Child,***

whichever role you seek to fulfill in your community.

***Some of the truths incorporated in  
the Christian Ashram are.....***

"Here we enter a fellowship. Sometimes, we will agree to differ. Always, we will resolve to love and unite to serve."

"There are many religions – there is but one Gospel."

"Leave behind all race and class distinctions all you who enter here."

**JESUS IS LORD!**

**WHAT IS OUR HISTORY?**



*"I decided I needed a group discipline, both for myself and for my work. So, in 1930, I invited two others to join me in establishing a Christian Ashram."*

*E. Stanley Jones*

Our founder, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world famous missionary, evangelist and author, established the Christian Ashram movement. He took the ancient ashram format and gave it Christian content, grounding the program in Jesus Christ.

- Established at Sat Tal, India in 1930
- Created for accountability, fellowship and discipleship
- Brought to North America in 1940
- Provided opportunities for deeper spiritual growth and discipleship
- Grew to 75 Christian Ashrams worldwide by the time of his death in 1973
- Continues as an effective way to authentically connect with one another and with Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

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