

Information about the Ashram

What is a Christian Ashram
The word Ashram (pronounced “Ah’Shrum) is from the Sanskrit meaning “a retreat”, or more literally “away from hard work”. It is a time for spiritual growth, proclaiming **Jesus as Lord**. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a world-famous missionary, evangelist and author, brought the Ashram movement to the United States from India. This quest to make God more real in one’s daily living is Christ-centered, church-centered, and person-centered.

Program Highlights
In order to make our Ashram a heart warming, mountaintop experience, time is set aside for worship, sharing, silent meditation, prayer, relaxation and fellowship. The Ashram is interdenominational with a goal of removing all barriers in Christ by providing fresh insight, commitments, and spiritual growth. Classes and activities are available for children and youth through the entire Ashram. Nursery care will also be provided.

Open and Overflowing Heart
The Ashram begins with the sharing of blessings, needs, and spiritual desires that they have coming into the Ashram. It then ends with sharing how each one has been blessed, challenged, and equipped for continuing growth and ministry during the retreat. This special time of praise to God and encouragement of one another prepares us all to return to our lives ready for what God has for us to do.

Speakers
Each Ashram has an Evangelist and a Bible Teacher. The Evangelist helps opens participants hearts God’s Spirit with dynamic, bold, and relevant messages in their proclamation of the Word. The Bible Teacher provides substantive, Scripture-based lessons for reflection and discussion.

Healing and Wholeness
Often a pivotal moment during the retreat, each Ashram includes a time when participants are given the opportunity to receive physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing through prayer and community support.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil
The Prayer Vigil is a very important discipline of the Ashram. We will observe a 24-hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 10:00 PM Thursday night and continuing until 7:00 AM Sunday morning. A room is designated as our Prayer Room, and a sign-ups will be at the registration table. A journal for recording prayer requests, a Bible, and other devotional materials will be available.

Corporate Silence
The Corporate Silence is another important discipline of the Ashram. We observe Corporate Silence from 11:00 PM each night until the Evangelist breaks the silence at the Corporate Devotional the following morning. During the observed silence, all attendees are ask to refrain from talking.

Scholarships
A limited amount of scholarship funding may be available from the Ralph Green-Bill Osbourne Memorial Scholarship Fund. The primary purpose of a scholarship is to defray the cost for those attending the Ashram for the first time. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please contact our Director Gary Wheeler at pastorgary@germantownchurch.com or 937-204-4400.

Love Offering
A Love Offering will be taken on Saturday evening to help defray the expenses of the speakers.

Other amenities available at Parchment Valley
Full service camping hookups, swimming and nature walks are available. Contact Parchment Valley at (304) 372-3675 for more information and rate.

- What to bring**
- Bible, notebook, pen or pencil.
 - Casual dress.
 - Personal items and toiletries.
 - *One bath towel, hand towel, and wash cloth is provided for each person.* You may wish to bring additional wash clothes and towels.

Daily Schedule

Thursday
3:00 PM Registration
4:30 PM Board of Twelve Meeting
5:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Orientation and Singing
7:45 PM Open Heart
8:30 PM Evangelistic Message
10:00 PM Begin 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
11:00 PM Corporate Silence

Friday and Saturday
7:30 AM Corporate Devotion
8:00 AM Breakfast
8:45 AM Devotion and Singing
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Friday: Break, Saturday: Prayer and Share
10:15 AM Friday: Prayer and Share
10:50 AM Saturday: Family Picture
11:00 AM Evangelistic Message
12:00 PM Lunch and Free Time,
Board of Twelve Meeting (Saturday)
3:00 PM Nursing Home (Friday only)
4:15 PM Church In Action
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Family Meeting (Saturday only)
7:00 PM Singing
7:15 PM Witness Hour
7:50 PM Break
8:00 PM Evangelistic Message
Anointing Service (Saturday only)
9:00 PM Trip to Dairy Queen (Friday only)
11:00 PM Corporate Silence

Sunday
7:30 AM Corporate Devotion
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Overflowing Heart and Communion
12:00 PM Lunch and Departure

Registration Form

Please Submit by July 16

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

On the reserve side of this form, please list the name and age (if under 30) of each person who will be attending the Ashram. FOR EACH PERSON, indicate the night(s) they will need lodging and the meals they will be eating. For children, please indicate the grade they will be entering this Fall. PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE.

- Registration Fee:** The Registration Fee is:
- \$25 per person for those 30 years and older.
 - \$10 per person for those 20-29 years old.
 - No fee for those who are 19 years and younger.

Note: the registration fee is a separate fee and is not deducted from the charges for the lodging and meals. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Instructions: Please detach this portion of the brochure and mail it with a check for the registration fee made payable to **Mountaineer Christian Ashram** to:

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