

Creative Life TODAY

CREATIVE LIFE SPIRITUAL CENTER • SINCE 1985 • "I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A PLACE THAT TEACHES WHAT I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED!"

Rev. Arthur Johnson special Sunday speaker



A rousing morning of powerful motivation and deep inspiration awaits us all when Rev. Arthur takes the stage again! After a career as a Baptist

minister, he discovered New Thought and then our Center, and he's been a beloved presence ever since. He is the President and CEO of the Vision-Inspired Performance Group; speaker, teacher, and consultant; mentor to many other leaders; and author of books *Ignite the Fire Within* and *Inspired to Achieve More*, plus an article and a set of "Daily Guides" in Science of Mind magazine. He speaks on *What You See is What You Get* at 11AM (one service only) on SUNDAY, JANUARY 19! arthurjohnson.com

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The study of the Science of Mind is a study of First Cause, Spirit, Mind, or that Invisible Essence, that ultimate Stuff and Intelligence from which everything comes, the Power back of creation—the Thing Itself.

ERNEST HOLMES



The Upward Spiral

LOGICAL, PRACTICAL and SPIRITUAL

Sundays 9:30 & 11:00am

JAN 5 Our Basic Teaching in About 30 Minutes

JAN 12 It All Starts With the Very Next Thought
plus musical guest **Buddy Mondlock**

JAN 19 **11:00 ONLY** Rev. Arthur Johnson
What You See is What You Get

JAN 26 How to Be an Agent of Healing

Wednesdays 7:00pm

JAN 8 Rev. Lisa Ryan
The Gift of the Epiphany

JAN 15 Rev. David Dewhurst
I Hope You Get What You Deserve

JAN 22 The Care and Feeding of Mental Equivalents

JAN 29 How to Pray For Other People

Senior minister Jesse Jennings is the speaker unless otherwise noted. Bring a friend!

Heartfelt Living

sunday afternoons!

☛ **DISCOVER** how thoughts and feelings combine to form beliefs—shaping our experiences and our futures... ☛ **DISCUSS** your goals, challenges, and questions in a nurturing, nonjudgmental, mutually supportive atmosphere... ☛ **EXPLORE** affirmation, visualization, meditation, visioning, and other tools for greater clarity and enhanced joy... ☛ **CREATE** an end-of-class project.

It's ten SUNDAY afternoons with minister Jesse Jennings and practitioner Monty Wilson.

Tuition is \$250 (may be paid in installments) plus books: *The Science of Mind*, on sale now, and a workbook available the week before class. Minimum five (5) first-time students required for the course to make. Distance students are welcome via Zoom at the same tuition.

Interested? Just pre-register in Builders' Hall or by email to info@creativelife.org.

10 SUNDAYS • 1:00-3:30PM • starting FEBRUARY 2



Treatment & Meditation Spiritual Practices for Daily Living class

"In the spiritual realm, Universal Subjective Mind as Law is the soil. It is just as dependable, just as reliable and functions just as naturally as the soil in the garden. It takes whatever you choose to plant in it, and it produces accordingly."
—Ernest Holmes



Here's a ten-week, 30-hour course, for *Heartfelt Living* graduates, that focuses on creating a personalized spiritual practice for everyday life, including discussions and exercises on treating for others, perceiving wholeness with heart and mind, drawing on the infinite reservoir within, trusting life's process, and getting unstuck. Moving deeper into daily spiritual practices with yourself and others is a way to be amazed in the areas of manifestation *and* creative contemplation, while exploring the fine points of our faith system! *Treatment & Meditation* also satisfies the "Spiritual Practices" module requirement for eventual admission into professional practitioner training. Tuition is \$250 plus books: *Can We Talk to God?* (Holmes), *Journey of Awakening* (Ram Dass) and a workbook, all available here.

The course is ten **SATURDAYS, 10AM-12:30PM**, starting **JANUARY 25**, or ten **WEDNESDAYS, 4:00-6:30PM**, starting **JANUARY 29** (pick the one you prefer), both led by minister Jesse Jennings and practitioner Ruth Catalogna. Please sign up in Builders' Hall or to...
info@creativelife.org



BUDDY MONDLOCK Sunday musical guest

Buddy Mondlock's songs have been recorded by Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith and Janis Ian, to name just a few. In 1987 he was a New Folk Award Winner at Kerrville and he released his first album called *On the Line*. David Wilcox recorded Buddy's "The Kid" for A&M, and Buddy has written with Garth Brooks and Janis Ian; their song "Amsterdam" was recorded by Joan Baez. His "Comin' Down In the Rain" was recorded by Nanci Griffith, as was "Every Now and Then," by Garth Brooks. Later Buddy collaborated with Peter, Paul and Mary; then Art Garfunkel and Maia Sharp, writing and recording an album together, *Everything Waits To Be Noticed*, touring all over America and Europe, singing together like feathers in a wing. His latest CD is *The Memory Wall*. Buddy visits CLC again at **9:30 & 11AM** on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12!** buddymondlock.com

Booster Buffet monthly Sunday brunch



Dainill Mercadel and Sarah Westbrook present, with your help, a first-of-the-month potluck brunch and social experience on **SUNDAYS, JANUARY 5** and **FEBRUARY 2**, after the **11AM** service. We serve a wide array of tastes—and we always can use more salads and main dishes. Vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free dishes are especially appreciated, but we'll devour and enjoy whatever you bring. A \$5 per family donation is asked. Please use the sign up sheet in Builders' Hall to indicate what you'll bring. To offer to help:

dani_j_37@yahoo.com •
westbrook500@gmail.com

Join us at Toastmasters



We invite you to join us as we sponsor a Toastmasters program to build communication and leadership skills here at Creative Life. Toastmasters is a global organization that specializes in empowering individuals to become effective communicators and leaders through experiential learning. Come to a demo workshop on **MONDAY, JANUARY 6** at **6:30PM**, and in the meantime, contact Elly Hard at elly.hard@gmail.com.

toastmasters.org/pathways-overview

Sunday talks online

Watch talks on our YouTube channel (enter "Creative Life Spiritual Center") and archived audio is here:
creativelife.org/sundaytalks.html

Wisdom of the Universe weekly discussions

We are studying the confluence of metaphysics and science to help us better understand how the world of consciousness gives rise to our world of form. Using books, speakers and various media, we bring current information forward for open discussion. We meet **12-2PM WEDNESDAYS**, led by Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf, who also teach at the Lone Star College/Montgomery Academy of Lifelong Learning. All are welcome; join anytime. Appreciative giving. Info:
denese28@comcast.net

A Course in Miracles weekly discussions

A Course in Miracles is "a unique, universal, self-study spiritual thought system that teaches the way to Love and Inner Peace is through forgiveness." (acim.org) The *Course* states, "...seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world." This long-time group is led by Bill & Cathy MacKenzie, **7PM THURSDAYS** in Katherman Hall, upstairs. All are welcome; join anytime. Appreciative giving. Meetings resume **JANUARY 2**. Info...

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TransAlliance of Spring support group

Courtney Fleming and Kole Kerr present *TransAlliance of Spring*, a support group and safe space for all Transgender, Intersex and non-binary individuals. Adults 18 and over—and minors 14 and up with signed permission from a parent or guardian, who must attend first meeting—are welcome, as are allies. **THURSDAYS, 7:30-8:30PM** in the Quimby Room, on the first floor of the Learning Center. Info: courtneymarissa76@gmail.com or text to **(713) 416-1477**.

CODA open meetings

Codependents Anonymous is a fellowship of people seeking recovery, and meets **5-6PM SATURDAYS**, upstairs in Katherman Hall. Info: Lisa C. at...

lcucerre@mtnking.com



SUNDAY CIRCLES



Children begin their learning adventures in the registration area in the youth foyer, **10:15-11AM** on **SUNDAYS**, then move to their classes, to be reunited with their parents in the Great Hall in time for the closing song. Some Sundays we offer special theme workshops for the kids, too. Age-appropriate prayer/treatment opens all the classes, and for each class there is age-appropriate discussion of the monthly theme and creative projects to enhance the learning. Just after noon all the teachers and children gather in the reception area of the Learning Center for our closing prayer circle. Then the teachers bring the children to you in the Great Hall. Please remember that no youth are to roam the Center grounds unattended.

Our coordinating Sunday minister is **Marsha Lehman** at xlr8coach@aol.com, assisted by practitioners **Linda Clesson** and **Marissa Mijal**. Our youth minister and chaplain is **Debra Morwood** at debramorwood@sbcglobal.net.



CLC ministers go the extra holiday mile for the child in each of us.

"We too need to be guided by the star of life to that holy place within us where the little child we are — the Child of God — is cradled in the arms of infinite love and wisdom."

ERNEST HOLMES

WHAT WE DO

The CLC Children's and Youth Services Department is devoted to celebrating the spiritual development of each child we teach. All age groups are involved in various activities, workshops, and special projects incorporating the teachings of Science of Mind. We strive to create an atmosphere of love and kindness in our words and actions toward each other and to recognize and honor the diversity of every person.

- **Toddlers** (18 mos. to age 3) are lovingly cared for by our toddler teachers. In their very artistically designed Discovery Room, the children are encouraged to interact and experience their world as only a toddler can. They are offered games, toys, books and other age-appropriate activities in a safe, secure and loving environment.
- **4-6 age group.** Beginning around the age of 4, our toddlers are moved to the Ingenuity Room. This group begins to learn the basics of treatment and the value of giving a smile and a kind word. Our creative teachers provide age-appropriate instruction and activities.

- **7-12 age group** are in the Quimby Room, regularly practicing the steps of Treatment presented in a manner appropriate to their age group. The teachers provide learning tools, creative projects, workshops and other teaching methods to engage each child's learning of the principles of Science of Mind.

- **13-17 age group** meets on the second floor of the Learning Center in the Hopkins classroom. They are engaged in special projects, workshops, have guest speakers and are involved in several volunteer service endeavors at CLC. The teachers working with this group encourage their talents, keep them engaged in learning Science of Mind principles and we throw in some fun along the way!

TEACH OUR CHILDREN WELL...

We teach our children that God is Life—the Life within each of them and in all Creation—that all people are children of the One God, and therefore, are all brothers and sisters. • We teach that God is all-inclusive and we are each created in the image of God—Good. • We teach that God is Love, and we honor God-in-all through love, not fear. • We teach that sin is simply a mistake and when we make mistakes, we are punished by them, not by God. • We teach that God is Spirit and present everywhere, that this Spirit is within us and speaks to us through our minds when we are willing to listen. • We teach that there are spiritual laws that must be understood and followed, just as we follow human laws. • We teach that religion is something to be used every day, not just on Sundays. • We teach that Religious Science is a religion that can be used at home, at school and at play; that since God is within us, heaven is also within us, that is we learn to live our lives in harmony with God's Law, we live in heaven now. • We teach that keeping the mind focused on good causes a richer experience of life. • We teach that God is truth and beauty, peace and harmony; that as we grow to be more like God, our lives will be filled with health, happiness and success. • We teach that nothing is too wonderful to happen, nothing is too good to be true: everything is possible to God through me and you!

—adapted from a work by **Dorothy Quigley**



We're grateful for...

♥ Sean K. Connelly, Richard Stromatt, and all the folks who help with Center maintenance...

♥ Dainill Mercadel and Sarah Westbrook, for staging December's first-Sunday brunch, assisted by Babs Dewhurst, Ana Kimball, and many others...

♥ The producers and cast of "Treasures of the Spirit" — Melody & Kenzie Berryman, Nancy Bonilla, Melodie Tipton, Kelly Balachandran, Kole Kerr, Ana Kimball, Brian Schwanitz, Bella Spradley, KD Wilson, Rocky White, and Georgie Holbrook — plus set builder Richard Stromatt, sound and lighting engineer Pam Parrott, dinner crew Dainill Mercadel and Sarah Westbrook and door crew Maureen Cramer and David Dewhurst, who gave us an amazing evening!

♥ Sharon Mignerey and Denise Slate, who decorated the Great Hall for the holidays...

♥ Holiday and regular service musical performers Kenzie & Melody Berryman, Georgie Holbrook, Mary Radspinner, Brian & Marylinn Schwanitz, Melodie Tipton, Peter Trout, KD Wilson, and Geoffry Oshman...

♥ Practitioner Sarah Westbrook, who led the *You Can Heal Your Life* book study...

♥ Wednesday Soul Session speakers Courtney Fleming and Kole Kerr; minister Marsha Lehman, who conducted the Taizé service; and special guest meditation leader Susan Matamoros...

♥ Natalie "Fox" Maisel, who led the wonderful Yule circle, assisted by Abby & Greg Buchold, Monika Labadie, and Joe Machado...

♥ Ministers Debra Morwood and Lisa Ryan, who are leading the New Year's Eve burning bowl service...

♥ Everyone providing meals and medical transportation to CLCers.



Weddings

♥ On November 27, Kevin Murray married Stephanie Gurrola...

♥ On December 7, Michael Vela married Charis Clark. Both ceremonies were performed by minister Debra Morwood.

Annual members' business meeting



If you're an active CLC member, come eat, meet and vote! On the evening of **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**, we'll hear financial and team reports on our 2019 experience

and 2020 vision, hold a board election, and then bestow our annual *SuperK Award*. Two trustees, Dainill Mercadel and Carthel Smejkal, are up for re-election to two-year terms. We start with potluck snacks at **5:30PM**, then convene in the Great Hall at **6PM**.



Want to participate in our **music program**?

Email Geoffry Oshman at clscmusic@comcast.net

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Your **5-star review** helps us, too!

Conscious giving



Please remember the ongoing life of your Center in your regular giving!

To mail in a check, see our address on page one.

You can also make your fully tax-deductible donation by credit/debit card; or via the PayPal link on our website and in our weekly emails; or by signing up in the bookstore to make monthly donations...

creativelife.org/bookstore.htm

CLC Legacy Program

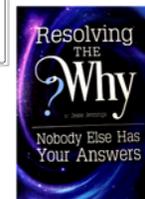


When you begin planning your philanthropic legacy, you search for a cause that is dear to your heart, where you know you can truly make a difference and where your "ultimate gift" will be maintained and multiplied through sound spiritual practices. Please consider CLC a worthwhile and trusted cause for your long-term love and support, by means of wills, trust and bequests • giving through charitable trusts and appreciated assets • IRA charitable rollover • life estate agreements • gifts of life insurance. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor. Many thanks to Brian Schwanitz for launching this Legacy Program!

NEW BOOKS \$3-4



Several hundred new books, some slightly shelf-worn — spirituality, world religions, self-discovery, prosperity, health, nutrition, science, philosophy, parenting, and children's books too — are offered at deep discounts!



Read Jesse's feature in the January issue of **Science of Mind** on sale here and at Barnes & Noble

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Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you. Each has spent hundreds of hours in training, to direct natural compassion into helping you through listening, caring, and using spiritual mind treatment — affirmative prayer — to reveal the truth of you that is greater than any apparent limitation. Each is licensed by the Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development. Have a new goal, an old problem, or a question about applying our teaching? Work with a practitioner and watch what happens!

- At *prayer circles* after each **SUNDAY** service in the Garden Room, with the Practitioner-of-the-Day.
- By *telebridge* on **THURSDAY** evenings. Call **(605) 475-4847** at **7:00PM** and enter code **472220#**.
- By *appointment*, on an individual fee basis, for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment.
- *Prayer anytime*. The CSL World Ministry of Prayer responds to urgent requests at **(866) 306-5546**.



FEBRUARY 29, 8:00-10:00AM
(WORKERS 7:00-11:00AM)

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF TAMINA & OAK RIDGE AT THE
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE CAMPUS
27310 OAKRIDGE SCHOOL RD., CONROE TX 77385

Feeding up to 200 households, the Food Bank will bring fresh produce, meat and grocery items to hand out — ten pallets of almost 100 pounds of food per family!
YOU CAN HELP: CLC needs **15-25** volunteers on-site at the school **7-11AM** to offload truck, collect data, and distribute food. Please sign up in Builders' Hall or to food team leader **Ruth Catalogna** at racatalogna@hotmail.com.

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Meditation & Prayer Support Thursdays via phone

Experience a half hour of personal affirmative prayer by licensed practitioners, led off by a guided meditation, all from the comfort of your home. Just call this telebridge number and tap in the access code: **(605) 475-4847** and then access code **472220#**. You will be heard but not seen. This 30-minute confidential call is led by CLC practitioners Marissa Mijal and John Rennie, and Louisville CSL practitioner Brenda Hornung, every **THURSDAY** at **7:00PM**. Appreciative giving is welcomed. For more info...

oneriversong@gmail.com

Give clothes & more



Please select items that your own family would feel comfortable wearing having — clean, gently used, and bagged — for the *Something Special* resale store. From the sales proceeds of donated items, Montgomery County Women's Shelter residents and their children receive shoes and clothing since these items are generally left behind when fleeing domestic violence. Transitional housing apartments are fully furnished with donated furniture and housewares helping shelter residents rebuild their homes and lives. Please use the collection bin by the copy room. For more info...

debbarnes47@gmail.com

Support for Roatán, Honduras



This project has now grown into a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization called *Roatán Support Effort*, to allow even more ways of giving, and now with a tax-deductible status. This initiative helps by transporting essential supplies to the clinics, youth soccer league, animal shelter, community outreach program, and soup kitchen on the island of Roatán, Honduras. All donations are used to help the island and all administrative duties are volunteer. Also needed are soccer shoes and uniforms, and children's and adult shoes, to be placed in the bin by the copy room door. Please email Lynn Rippelmeyer at lripp@comcast.net, or call her at **(281) 799-9866**, and visit roatansupporteffort.org.



CALENDAR

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EVENT KEY

- Celebration service
- SOM certificated class
- Other class/group/event
- Meditation/prayer/ritual
- Music & arts event
- Social/service/business
- Youth event

			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NO EVENTS TODAY 	2 MEDITATION & PRAYER SUPPORT 7P • CALL (605) 475-4847 ACCESS CODE 472220# A COURSE IN MIRACLES DISCUSSION • 7P TRANSALLIANCE SUPPORT GROUP • 7:30P		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY				4 CODA MEETING • 5P
5 TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATIONS • 9:30/11A Our Basic Teaching in About 30 Minutes speaking today, minister JESSE JENNINGS MEDITATION • 10:30A PRAYER CIRCLE • 10:30A/12P CHILDREN & YOUTH • 11A BRUNCH • 12P	6 THREE KINGS DAY  TOASTMASTERS DEMO WORKSHOP • 6:30P GRIEVING DURING THE HOLIDAYS SUPPORT GROUP • 6:30P	7	8 WISDOM OF THE UNIVERSE DISCUSSION • 12-2P THE HIGHEST WORKING POWER CLASS 8 OF 10 • 4P EVENING CELEBRATION The Gift of the Epiphany speaking tonight, minister LISA RYAN • 7P	9 MEDITATION & PRAYER SUPPORT 7P • CALL (605) 475-4847 ACCESS CODE 472220# A COURSE IN MIRACLES DISCUSSION • 7P TRANSALLIANCE SUPPORT GROUP • 7:30P	10 ○	11 CODA MEETING • 5P
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