



## Four Fall Getting Ahead Classes Moving Forward...through *Bridge to Hope* in *Hot Springs, Arkansas!*

### Two Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By-World and Two Getting Ahead While Getting Out Classes Started on Monday, August 8th...

First Baptist Church is once again hosting two classes of CCMC's Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World classes, with 23 investigators. The Getting Ahead While Getting Out groups, held at the Garland County Detention Center, also have a total of 23 people attending. Mike and Deby Prince are facilitating two groups each; Dian Glover and Dorelle Hogan are each co-facilitating a class for GAWGO and observers in the Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World are Dane Nielsen, Jane Yamauchi, Elizabeth Alderman, Terri Helms, and Lisa Wood. Observing a complete 15-16 week session of Getting Ahead is one of the requirements for further facilitating training and certification.

It is with hope and prayers that we send best wishes to everyone involved in this program this fall...whether they are participating, facilitating, observing, hosting, or helping in some other way. May changes happen in these investigators lives that will mean progress for them, their families, and our community.

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**A Special Thank You to:**

**Christi's Boutique  
for a recent donation to CCMC  
as their Charity of the Month!**

*Thank you...thank you...thank you!*

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**Golf Tournament Coming Soon...  
October 10th**

*Deadline for Registration is September 15th!*



# Save the Date

Monday, October 10

Hot Springs Golf and Country Club



Cooperative  
Christian  
Ministries and  
Clinic  
Bridge to Hope

## 2016 Golf Classic

Benefitting Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Luncheon

Four person scramble | Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

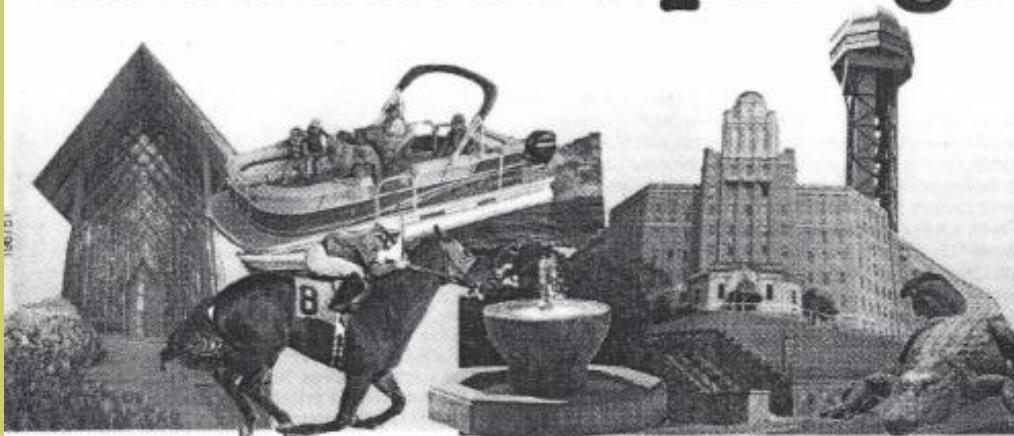
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## CCMC Listed as One of the 100 Things to Love About Hot Springs!

The Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic was featured as one of the 100 Things to Love About Hot Springs by The Sentinel Record. It highlighted CCMC's four areas of focus: a medical/dental/vision clinic; collaboration for immediate needs; long-term individual change; and community change and included good information about its services.

# 100 things to about Hot Springs



## Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic

Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic, founded in 1997 as Charitable Christian Medical Clinic, continues to serve individuals in need in a caring and respectful manner.

CCMC's primary focus from 1997 to 2014 was to provide medical treatment for the uninsured. When implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014 decreased the number of uninsured patients, CCMC re-evaluated its mission statement to include a focus on one thing that had not changed — poverty. CCMC now provides a "Bridge of Hope" to needy individuals living in poverty in our community.

This approach includes four areas of focus: a medical/dental/vision clinic; collaboration for immediate needs; long-term individual change; and community change.

The medical/dental/vision clinic



operates the same as it has in the past, providing health care to those in our community without access to insurance and financial means to pay for their necessary medical care. Collaboration for immediate needs is an in-depth case management by an on-site case manager. The case manager completes a detailed assessment of the client's resources, then reaches an agreement with the client, assigning points of accountability. The goal is to provide assistance for immediate needs, followed by guidance to other points of accountability on their way to self-sufficiency.

Long-term individual change is provided by the educational program "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World," with the end goal that participants become self-sufficient. Participants do some very deep self-exploration, identify their goals and write their own future story. At the end of the 16-week course, the graduates are paired with a mentor, a volunteer f

rom the middle class who meets with them over a period of months and provides moral support and cultural modeling as the graduate follows through with their plans. Oaklawn Racing & Gaming, in association with CCMC, held a job fair earlier this year for the graduates of the program. The job fair was successful and several of the graduates were offered full-time positions. This employment opportunity will help build their financial resources, which is an important key to transitioning into self-sufficiency.

The fourth aspect of CCMC's mission is community engagement and change. CCMC provides education and training on the local economic environment and related statistics to community leaders, businesses and agencies. All of this good work is funded by private donations and fundraisers, including its largest, the annual Chocolate Festival, which raises an average of \$30,000 to \$35,000 each year.



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## Important Upcoming Dates for Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World

## **Informational Meeting for Potential Participants**

Thursday, 10-13-16 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

CCMC, Hot Springs

Note: We are encouraging people to come in and learn about the Getting Ahead process and submit an application early...and, if accepted, get on the list for the next class early so plans can be made and last minute rushes avoided.

### **Mentor Orientation**

Thursday, 10-13-16 11:00 a.m. - noon

CCMC, Hot Springs

### **Mentor/Mentee Regular Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, 10-13-16 6:00 p.m.

The Garage Church, Hot Springs

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## **Service With a Smile!**

We would like to express our appreciation to the Bird brothers who have spent hours picking up items and making deliveries for Getting Ahead. They have scheduled pick-ups, moved heavy items, lifted and toled...all in the spirit of giving...to help CCMC and Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World...and this was all done with smiles on their faces and graciousness in their hearts.

Our appreciation goes out to them!



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## Informational Meetings for Potential GA Participants Are Ongoing!

Please keep in mind that on the **2nd Thursday of each month, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**, informational meetings are held for people to learn more about the Getting Ahead process. These meetings are opportunities for prospective "investigators" to learn more about the process, get questions answered, and discover how the Getting Ahead process can change their lives. The GA process is a self-discovery for each person participating...but it can be comforting to learn it is experienced with others...on a journey that can result in life-long friendships. As we all go about our daily lives and business, we encounter people who may be interested in this process. Please pass these dates on to them!

**Upcoming dates are: October 13  
November 10  
December 8**

Meetings are held at CCMC, 133 Arbor Street. For more information, call 318-1153, ext. 302.

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