



The Importance of God, Family, Friends, and the People Who Surround You According to the Bible

Life is a journey that we do not walk alone. The Bible offers deep wisdom on the importance of relationships — our relationship with God, with our family, our friends, and the community around us. Each of these relationships plays a vital role in shaping our faith, character, and purpose.

1. God: The Foundation of All Relationships

The most vital relationship we can ever have is with God. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and the One who gives meaning to our lives. The Bible makes it clear that without a relationship with God, everything else loses its eternal value.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." — Matthew 22:37

Our connection with God is not just religious; it is deeply personal. It is a relationship that helps us walk through the journeys in our lives, regardless of the trials and tribulations we face along the way. He calls us His children (John 1:12), His friends (John 15:15), and His beloved (Romans 8:38-39). When we put God first, every other relationship falls into its proper place.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." — Matthew 6:33

2. Family: God's Design for Love and Legacy

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Carry
each
other's
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and in this
way, you
will fulfill
the law of
Christ.

Galatians 6:2



EDITOR'S CORNER

Love in Action Across the Nations

*"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."
(1 Peter 4:8, NIV)*

Grace and peace to all of you reading this fall edition of Healthcare Pulse. Here in Florida, we are entering the cooler months—a welcome change from the heat and humidity of summer. As the seasons shift, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in every season of life and ministry.

At the close of August and through September, I had the privilege of visiting the West Coast, meeting with HCFUSA friends and donors. What a joy it was to reconnect with many of you whom I had not seen in years! Your continued prayers and faithful support sustain this ministry that began in 1976 in San Clemente, California.

Continuing the Mission

HCFUSA remains committed to mentoring, encouraging, and equipping believers to live out their faith in the healthcare field. We continue to facilitate Bible study groups, one-on-one discipleship, and training for those preparing to serve in missions. In addition, we are grateful for the continuing education opportunities for nurses provided through Dr. Trinh's mini conferences.

This year, our board members have been active in missions around the world:

Dr. Trinh led a mission trip to Vietnam, serving both physically and spiritually.

Melodee, another board member, joined Joni Eareckson Tada's team on a mission to Peru, distributing wheelchairs and sharing the Good News of the Gospel.

Rosie continues her vital ministry in the Philippines, offering one-on-one discipleship training for missionaries and pastors' wives. — **Continued over to Page 9**

Ongoing Ministries

God continues to work through HCFUSA in many ways, including:

- **Prayer groups** lifting up healthcare workers and HCF leaders in the U.S. and around the world
- **Mentoring international nurses** as they adjust to the U.S. healthcare system and integrate into faith-based practice
- **One-on-one discipleship and mentoring**

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- **Weekly community Bible studies**
- **Friday morning prayer with HCFUSA**
- **Monthly Nurses Christian Fellowship prayer gatherings**
- **Health education outreach** in collaboration with Dr. Trinh's TongueOut ministry, mentoring student doctors from five Irish universities and providing medical education to mission hospitals in Kenya.

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This work is made possible through your **faithful prayers and generous support**. Thank you for partnering with us to extend Christ's compassion throughout the healthcare world.

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May God richly bless you and your family this year! 🙏

With gratitude and blessings,

Eithne
Eithne Keegan, MSN, RN



WIRED OR INSPIRED

A BRIEF LOOK AT ARTIFICIAL AND SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE

by Segun Oyedokun, MD



Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most widely discussed topics today, including within healthcare. The more I learn about AI, the more I recognize the importance of depending on the Holy Spirit, not only in our professional roles as Christian healthcare workers but also as witnesses for Christ in our respective places of work, which in many ways serve as our mission fields.

AI is the field of computer science focused on creating systems that can perform tasks typically requiring human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and language understanding. According to recent insights, AI consistently ranks among the most discussed subjects, especially in marketing, business, healthcare, and technology. While it may not dominate everyday conversations like politics or entertainment, it holds a leading place in professional and forward-looking discussions. Superintelligence is another concept worth mentioning. Nick Bostrom, a University of Oxford philosopher, defines it as "any intellect that greatly exceeds the cognitive performance of humans in virtually all domains of interest."



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On the other hand, Spiritual Intelligence (in the Christian context) is the ability to draw on the Spirit of God for wisdom and truth, integrate faith into everyday life, and express it in words and actions. For most of this year, the scripture I have meditated on is Psalm 34. This passage encourages

believers to trust in the Lord, praise Him continually, and seek Him in times of trouble. Its rendition by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir continues to minister to me; it's worth checking out! While technology provides instant access to information through Google, apps, and AI tools, I often encounter situations where medical knowledge alone is not enough as an emergency physician. From difficult resuscitations to complex psychosocial cases, I have learned to depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who never fails to provide direction and peace amid uncertainty.

As we continue to explore the possibilities of AI, the ultimate source of superintelligence or spiritual intelligence to function effectively as witnesses for Christ remains the Holy Spirit. 🕊

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts. 1:8

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Segun joined the HCF in South Africa in 1996 as a brand-new believer. He completed the HCF 3-month basic discipleship training, served as the chairperson of the fellowship in his local hospital, later as a provincial chairperson, and was a member of the National Action Team. In 2003, he relocated to Canada, where he has since served as the Regional Contact Person and National Coordinator. He is blessed with a beautiful wife and two young adult sons.

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CALLED BY NAME **DR. GERRY LANDRY'S JOURNEY** **TO HEAVEN AND BACK**

Adapted by Healthcare Christian Fellowship

Dr. Gerry Landry, who was very near and dear to HCFUSA was a respected anesthesiologist, who experienced a moment that would forever change his life and faith. One evening, while at home in Tyler, Texas, he felt sudden, overwhelming chest pain and extreme fatigue. His wife quickly called for an ambulance, and during the transport, he repeatedly called upon the name of Jesus, seeking comfort and protection (*Christian Today*, 2024).

Upon arrival at the hospital, Dr. Landry was diagnosed with a collapsed inferior coronary artery. Despite the emergency interventions, his heart stopped at 4:13 p.m., and he was declared clinically dead. It was in these profound moments of stillness that Dr. Landry recounts his spirit leaving his body and entering a realm of indescribable light and love (*God Reports*, 2016).

In this heavenly place, he recognized radiant figures, including loved ones who had passed before him. Then he experienced the most profound encounter of all: Jesus Himself appeared, greeting Dr. Landry personally, saying, "Gerry, My peace be with you." This personal recognition reinforced the biblical truth that God knows each of us intimately:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV)

Jesus assured him of complete healing—not only of his physical heart but of all pain, anxiety, shame, and guilt. Dr. Landry was then given a mission: to return to the earthly realm and share the truths he had witnessed. Though he felt the allure of staying in the heavenly presence, he sensed a divine pull back to his body. After approximately four minutes of clinical death, he was revived, entering a coma for about ten hours while the ICU team monitored his fragile recovery (*Connecting With You*, 2016).

When Dr. Landry awakened fully, he was physically intact and spiritually transformed. Within a



week, he returned home, and five weeks later, he resumed his professional duties, now carrying a message of hope, love, and the reality of God's presence. The experience reinforced his faith, emphasizing the importance of loving deeply and serving others, mirroring the command of **1 Peter 4:8: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins" (NIV).**

Dr. Landry's testimony reminds us that the heart of God is personal and attentive. He knew Dr. Landry's name in a moment when life itself seemed to have ended. This encounter illustrates the promises of Jesus in **John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (NIV).** The reassurance of divine love and eternal perspective provides both comfort and courage to all who hear his story.

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FRIENDS ARE A RARE TREASURE

by Linda Borchard, RN



I recently had a touching and memorable experience with a very good friend of mine. My friend's mother was in her last hours due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. As my friend was cradling her mom securely in her arms, she asked for prayer. During this transition period, I felt it an honor to pray for Frances as she passed from the arms of her daughter into the outstretched arms of Our Heavenly Father.

This poignant event triggered thoughts about friendship and how meaningful they are to me. I know God has orchestrated my friendships from elementary school through college, in the workplace, with new family members, neighbors and of course, my Bible study group. It is not by accident I have met so many wonderful Christian women. We are created by God and for God. Our Creator made us to experience true friendship. By demonstrating love toward one another and being of service to each other we are reflecting the love Jesus shows for us.

The Bible has much to say about friendships. In *Proverbs 17:17*, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." True friends are loyal and loving, especially during difficult times. They are present for celebrations as well as hardships and do not disappear when the going gets rough. "As iron sharpens iron," the Lord says in *Proverbs 27:17*, "so one man sharpens another." Friends help us grow spiritually by offering wisdom, encouragement and sometimes correction while pointing each other back to Christ.

Most of us were taught by our parents to choose friends wisely. There are verses in the Bible which guide us in selecting friends. For example, *Proverbs 27:6* states "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." A true friend cares about your well-being and will offer constructive criticism, honest feedback and sometimes correction. An enemy may use insincere flattery to manipulate or deceive you. *Proverbs 12:26* tells us

"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." A righteous person is discerning when it comes to choosing a friend. *Proverbs 22:24-25* warns us against impulsiveness, anger and association with those who lack self-control. *"Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character," says in 1 Corinthians 15:33.* Avoid friendships that threaten your core values and be aware of circumstances where you are negatively influenced. Lastly, *Proverbs 13:20* reminds us to "walk with the wise". The people you surround can influence your character and how you think.

God blesses those who walk in His ways and spiritually rooted friends will walk with you in the way of the Lord.

The framework for sustaining good friendships is found in the Bible as well. *"Speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).* In other words, communicate honestly and authentically with each other. You are also prioritizing the well-being of the other person by speaking with kindness, compassion, and empathy. Good friends speak gently and honestly, even if the truth is difficult to hear, because they want what is best for you. Love and truth are interconnected in the life of a Christian. Additionally, we are commanded to bear with each other and forgive one another. *"Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).* We need to learn to forgive grudges so that our friendships might survive. We are called to extend grace to our friend even when we are hurt or disappointed so that we remain close to each other. Through words, prayers and actions, friends should encourage and strengthen one another. Friendships also thrive on consistent contact, especially in periods of distress.

This support can manifest itself in many

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HOLDING ME TOGETHER THROUGH JOY AND GRIEF

by Christian Naughton

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." —Matthew 5:4

God's timing is always perfect. Even though His ways are not my ways and I don't always understand what He is doing.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." —Isaiah 55:9

In February of 2025 one of the most joyous events happened in my husband and my life. The birth of our first grandchild! Our hearts were so full we thought they might burst. She was beautiful and healthy and oh so loved! Our daughter and son in law named her after my mom. They gave her my mom's given name which is Rosalva as her middle name. My mom, who is Nana to her grandchildren, was so touched and honored to have her first grandchild named after her.

Sadly the saddest day would occur in my life just a few short months after. Mom passed away in April of 2025 before ever getting to meet her beautiful namesake.

Her passing was very sudden and unexpected. It hit our entire family so hard.

Mom was always the epitome of health and we always thought she would outlive us all.

How could this be happening? To go from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. I suppose that is the juxtaposition of life.

My mom was my world. She was truly the best mom, nana, sister and friend to all who knew her. She was always fully "all in" in our lives. She loved with her whole heart and always saw the best in us.

Now we are left with learning how to go through life without her.

It has been difficult for sure but at the same time I still experience great joy in watching my granddaughter grow. And the love and support of our family and friends.

God truly is our comforter. The promise He gives is never a life without trials and tribulations, but life with someone to walk alongside you who has suffered and experienced everything we could ever go through. He is able to identify with us and can handle any emotion we go through. He can handle our outbursts and breakdowns. Our tears and our fears and everything in between. He is our comfort and our strength. Nothing is off limits with Him. He brings beauty for ashes and restores what is broken. His promises are true and He is faithful.

Whatever grief you might be experiencing in your life, I pray you will draw near to the God of all comfort and let Him love you through. 🙏

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
—Psalm 34:18



Christian (right) and her mom, Rosalva

Christian is happily married to her wonderful husband, Sean, of 31 years. Together they have raised three amazing daughters. Recently they welcomed their first grandchild born to their oldest daughter, Faeln, and son in law, Dennis. Her ministry has been that of home-maker for the past 29 years. It has brought her so much joy and blessings. Being able to cultivate a nurturing home environment that is filled with faith, peace, calm, love and cherished memories for those she loves and all who pass through their front door.

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Family is a divine institution established by God from the beginning (Genesis 2:24). The Bible often emphasizes the importance of honoring and nurturing family relationships.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." — Exodus 20:12

God designed the family to be a place of love, teaching, support, and spiritual growth. Parents are to raise their children in the knowledge of God (Proverbs 22:6), and children are called to respect and care for their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

The family also reflects the love and unity found within the Trinity — God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a picture of how love should operate: selfless, sacrificial, and enduring.

3. Friends: Companions for the Journey

The Bible recognizes the immense value of friendship. True friends are rare treasures — people who stand by you not only in good times but especially in hardship.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." — Proverbs 17:17

Jesus Himself had close friends. He called His disciples "friends" because He shared His heart with them (John 15:13-15). True friends sharpen one another, offer wise counsel, and encourage one another in faith.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." — Proverbs 27:17

A Godly friend helps you stay on the right path, supports you in spiritual growth, and reflects the love of Christ in their actions.

4. Community: The Power of the People Around You

The Bible speaks about the body of Christ — a community of believers who are called to live, worship, serve, and grow together. Christianity was never meant to be lived in isolation.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." — Hebrews 10:24-25

The people who surround you — your church, mentors, neighbors, and even strangers — all have a role to play in your spiritual walk. Being part of a Godly community provides accountability, encouragement, and opportunities to serve. ("7 Helpful Keys to Thriving in Your Christian Life")

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

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Conclusion: Right Relationships Reflect God's Love

The Bible teaches that all relationships are a gift from God, designed for our growth, comfort, and joy. When we prioritize our relationship with God, He teaches us how to love and honor those around us — our families, our friends, and even those we meet in passing.

At the core of it all is **love**:
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself." — Matthew 22:37-39

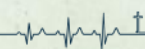
In a world that often promotes independence and self-centeredness, the Bible calls us back to **connection, community, and Christ-centered love**. Nurture your relationship with God first, and you will be empowered to love others the way He loves you. 🙏

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Eithne is an international missionary, teacher, speaker, and short story writer. She edits a magazine called "Healthcare Pulse". She has worked in many aspects of Nursing such as administration, adult and pediatric nursing, prison nursing, education, community health, and Faith Community Nursing. Presently, Eithne has transitioned into full time ministry as the Regional Director of HCFUSA. This is a global organization that encourages disciples, mentors, leads and trains medical mission trips around the world.

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ways from helping a friend physically, just listening, praying aloud or simply sitting in silence with them.

For a group of Christian friends, the common interest is Jesus Christ. He reflects the very best qualities of friendship, and he lived them out perfectly. He forgives us completely. He encourages us and strengthens us. He listens to us, cares for us and speaks the truth in love. He knows us intimately and though we are flawed He still loves us. Jesus is loyal, constant and loves sacrificially. He literally gave His life for us. *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* (John 15:13). By being like Him, we show others the pillars of true friendship: Loyalty, forgiveness, honesty, consistency and support.

In this world where relationships can be so shallow and fleeting, may we be the kind of friend who helps people grow in faith and through good times and bad. Always do our best to direct them to Christ.



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Throughout her years she has placed great importance on the value of friendships and has several friends that she cherishes as sisters. Linda has been a Registered Nurse for over 50 years with an emphasis on Infant Care and Pediatrics.

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God at Work in Every Season

Although I was unable to participate in overseas missions this year due to health challenges, I thank God for His miraculous healing. During my recovery, He provided opportunities to minister within medical facilities, reminding me that **when we are willing, God will use us—wherever we are.** We may not be able to cross the seas to see the Cross, but we can still serve faithfully in our own communities and homes.

I am excited to share that I plan to resume global missions in **2026**, with an upcoming trip to **Egypt** scheduled for **March 2026**. We will also have a conference in Southern California on February 27-28th, exact venue to be determined. We will be presenting on Neurosciences, Physical Health and Wellness, The Healing Ministry of Autism, Safety in our Churches, Workplace, and Schools.

Growth and New Faces

We are delighted to welcome two new volunteers to the HCFUSA team—both have been involved in the ministry over the years. One is a relative of **Carol Krejci**, and the other is related to our late **Dr. Kenneth Ragoonath**, a beloved HCFI board member and a personal encourager to me when I stepped into the leadership with HCFUSA in 2019.

Education and Global Partnerships

Our educational outreach continues to expand—from partnerships with five universities in Ireland to collaborations in **Kenya**.

UCD Dublin, Ireland and other universities' medical students with the help of our leaders Emily and Kate continue to present via Zoom, health education to Kilimanjaro Mission Hospital (KHM) and **Nzoia College of Nursing in Kitale, Kenya**. KHM returned the favor and honored us by presenting an educational session on Pulmonary TB from the Kenyan perspective to university students in Ireland. These global partnerships remind us that healthcare and faith together can transform lives across borders.

A Word of Thanks and Invitation

As we look ahead, we are filled with gratitude for all that God has done through this ministry and through your faithful partnership. Every prayer, every word of encouragement, and every gift makes a difference in advancing the Kingdom through healthcare. As you can see your donations make a difference both at home and globally.

We invite you to continue walking with us—in prayer, in giving, and in service—as we seek to bring Christ's healing love to healthcare professionals and communities both here at home

and across the world.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

With gratitude and love,

Eithne Keegan, MSN, RN
Healthcare Christian Fellowship USA

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Closing Reflection

The late Dr. Landry's journey is a powerful testimony that God's love transcends earthly boundaries. Just as he was called by name, each of us is known, cherished, and invited to trust in God's eternal care. 🙏

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

- Psalm 34:18 NIV

Dr. Landry was born January 29, 1924 in Somerset, Manitoba, Canada. He died October 4, 2002 at Hospice Home Place in Tyler, Texas.

He graduated as Doctor of Medicine from Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. His Postgraduate Education included Residency in Anesthesiology at University of Nebraska, Omaha. Dr. Landry served in various branches of medical practice as well as teaching. For years he traveled worldwide on behalf of Hospital Christian Fellowship.

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NIGERIA

Largest Religion: Christian
% Evangelical: 30.8 %
Population: 237,527,782
Continent: Africa



Persecution of Christians continues to increase, especially in the north. Some extremist Muslim groups have killed thousands of people, and have destroyed hundreds or even thousands of churches. Persecution unites Christians and drives them to the Lord in prayer, but it also threatens the very core of Nigerian society and statehood. Pray for restoration and recovery for those who suffer from loss, or from rape. Pray for forgiveness, and for deliverance from a spirit of revenge. Pray for

believers to respond in the most Christ-like way possible. Finally, pray that the enemies of Christ who commit these terrible acts would become His followers!

Source: <https://operationworld.org/>

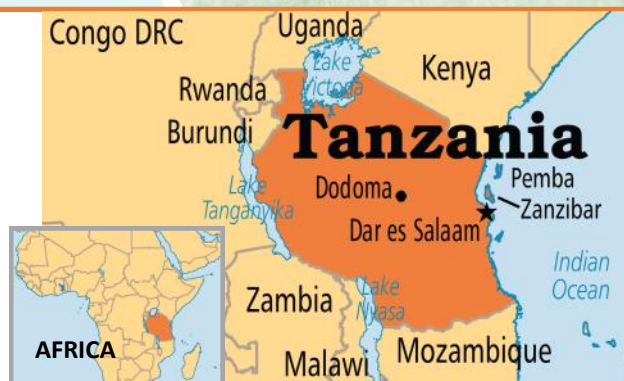
*"If I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to Myself"*

(John 12:32)



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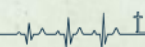
Largest Religion: Christian
% Evangelical: 17.9 %
Population: 70,545,865
Continent: Africa



Widespread and systemic poverty is both a challenge and an opportunity. Many areas require development assistance - schools, universities, hospitals, roads, drinking water and agriculture. Half of all secondary schools are privately funded. Rapid urbanization and endemic corruption intensify the problems. Holistic ministry is necessary and a wonderful way to bring transformation to all levels of Tanzanian life. Most foreign Christian agencies at work in Tanzania already minister in this capacity; pray for more projects to be started and to be finished effectively.

Tanzania remains an "island of peace" amidst troubled nations. It shelters over a million refugees who flee violence in their own lands, and serves as a base for Christian ministry in the region. Still, witchcraft mixes in with both Christianity and Islam in Tanzania. Spiritual superstition and occultism have great costs, and often lead to sexual abuse or even death for victims of these practices. Pray the government will be bold to confront evil, and wise to bring community harmony and religious freedom.

Source: <https://operationworld.org/>





WHAT IS HCF ?

The Healthcare Christian Fellowship (HCF) is a non-profit interdenominational organization among caregivers.

In 1936, Francis Grim, a Christian businessman in South Africa, and his brother, Carl, visited their elderly father daily in a local hospital. During these visits they noticed that the patient's physical needs were well taken care of, but their spiritual needs were largely ignored.

Francis was alarmed and concerned about the lack of spiritual care. He realized that many patients pass through the healthcare systems of our world who do not pass through our churches.

Yet, when they are ill, they often want to reach out to God: A God they do not know. They need someone to teach them the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness, care, healing, joy, and salvation.

He began to train a small group of student nurses how to share their faith with their patients and fellow workers. This was the beginning of what has now become Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI), a world-wide movement among all branches of healthcare, active in over 100 countries around the world. Go to www.hcfglobal.org for more information.

Doctrinal Basis

The Doctrinal Basis of HCFI shall consist of the essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity, including:

- The unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- The person of our Lord Jesus Christ as very God and very Man, born of the virgin Mary, His real and sinless humanity, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension into Heaven.
- The Divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Holy Scripture in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The guilt and depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall.
- The substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His resurrection, as the only way of salvation from sin through repentance and faith.
- The necessity for the new birth by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in the believer for sanctification and service.
- The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the judgment to come for the just and for the unjust.

- The resurrection of the body and eternal life.
- Hell as a place of eternal punishment for all who rejected the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Heaven as a place of everlasting blessedness for all who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

In brief, HCFI places a strong emphasis upon the Deity of Jesus Christ and His Atonement; regeneration by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling fullness in the believer for personal victory and fruitfulness; the supreme authority of the Scriptures and the importance of personal and group evangelism.

Healthcare Christian Fellowship, USA

Healthcare Christian Fellowship, USA (formerly Hospital Christian Fellowship) is the United States chapter of Healthcare Christian Fellowship International. It began in 1972 at a small hospital in San Clemente, California.

A nurse, Aubrey Beauchamp, started prayer meetings at her home. In time this small beginning became a national movement among Christian Caregivers. Aubrey has retired and Eithne Keegan has taken over the leadership of HCF USA. She can be reached at hcfusa53@gmail.com.

Our mission is to encourage and strengthen caregivers in their faith, workplace, and personal life, promoting Biblical principles in healthcare. We train caregivers to meet the spiritual needs of their patients and fellow workers.

You can also visit www.hcfusa.org for more resources and to know how to be part of what God is doing in the health fields of USA and beyond. 📌

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UPCOMING EVENTS



HCF USA CONFERENCE 2026

FEBRUARY 27-28 IN-PERSON AND ZOOM

Venue: *To be determined in Southern California*

Theme: **'Caring for Body, Mind and Spirit:
Building Whole Health in Our Community'**

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