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Celebrating Black History Month

The disciples of Christ were the original followers of Jesus who spread his teachings and laid the foundation for Christianity. Their stories of faith, sacrifice, and perseverance serve as timeless examples of devotion and service. As we celebrate Black History Month, it is essential to recognize the impact of Black disciples and their contributions to the faith.

Throughout history, African American Christians have played a crucial role in the growth and development of the Church. From the early days of the Black Church movement to the present, Black disciples have been at the forefront of social justice, education, and community building. Figures such as Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., a modern-day disciple of Christ, have championed civil rights and equality, drawing inspiration from the teachings of Jesus.

Moreover, figures like Harriet Tubman, who was often called the "Moses of her people," found strength in her faith to lead many enslaved people to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Her unwavering belief in God's guidance was a testament to the powerful role that spirituality played in the pursuit of freedom and justice.

In the spirit of Black History Month, let us remember and celebrate the Black disciples of Christ who have paved the way for future generations. Their faith, resilience, and commitment to justice continue to inspire us today.



As we reassess our priorities, we have made the difficult decision not to host A Purple Affair this year. While we love bringing our community together, we believe those funds can be better used to directly support survivors and sustain our essential services.

If you were planning to attend, we ask you to consider making a donation instead—a ticket would have been \$30, and every dollar will go toward helping those in need.

However, we will still be hosting our Handbag for Hope Raffle! The Louis Vuitton is still ready for one lucky winner to take home. To purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/APALV25>

Additionally, we still have a great opportunity to come together! Join us at the **Ponca City Herb Festival**, where you can support local vendors while helping Survivor Resource Network continue its mission. Your attendance and contributions make a real difference!

Thank you for standing with us to ensure safety, healing, and hope for survivors.

Sunday, February 2 ~ Service Attendance

In Person: 67 Live Online: 41

Social Media Hits: 76

Sunday, February 9 ~ Service Information

Luke 5:1-11

"They left everything and followed him."