

The Turner Memorial Lecture Series

The Turner Memorial Lecture Series honors one of the most loved and respected leaders of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): William Franklin Turner. "W.F." or "Brother Turner" died in 1961 at the age of 92. He served in Washington State for almost 50 years. Turner began his ministry here as the pastor of First Christian Church in Yakima.

Eventually William Turner served the church as congregational pastor, Northwest Representative for the National Mission Board, State Secretary for Western Washington, and also State Secretary for the Christian Church in the entire Northwest (Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia).

Preacher, student of the Bible, wise counselor, great leader, and friend all describe Brother Turner. He maintained close friendships with several generations of ministers, many of whom turned to him for understanding and help. It seemed fitting to perpetuate his memory by naming this annual series The Turner Memorial Lecture Series.

The lecture series began in 1964 and has brought many distinguished scholars and preachers including:

- 1970 Fred Craddock
- 1972 Walter Brueggemann
- 1973 Barbara Brown Zickmund
- 1975 William Sloane Coffin
- 1999 Marcus Borg
- 2004 Rita Nakashima Brock
- 2006 Hubert Locke
- 2007 Amy-Jill Levine
- 2008 Diana Butler Bass
- 2009 The Three Interfaith Amigos
- 2010 John Dominic Crossan

Lodging

Comfort Suites

- 3702 Fruitvale Boulevard
Yakima, WA 98902
phone: 509-249-1900
- one king bed: \$98.96
 - two queen beds: \$116.96
 - \$10 additional for 3 or 4 guests

Oxford Inn

- 1603 E. Yakima Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901
phone: 509-457-4444
- one or two queen bed:s \$85.00
 - one to four guests at this price

Oxford Suites

- 1701 E. Yakima Avenue
Yakima, WA 98901
phone: 509-457-9000
- one king or two queen beds: \$112.00
 - one to four guests at this price

*Rooms are blocked under "Turner Lectures."
Reservations must be made by September 23rd
to take advantage of these special prices.*

Directions

From I-90 East- or West-bound

1. Merge onto I-82 E / US-97 via Exit 110
2. Take the US-12 W / N 1st Street Exit 31A toward NACHES
3. Merge onto US-12 W
4. Take the FRUITVALE BLVD Exit toward N 40th AVE
5. Stay straight to go onto N 40th AVE
6. Turn RIGHT onto ENGLEWOOD AVE
7. Turn LEFT onto N 44th AVE
8. End at 511 N 44th AVE

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The
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Proudly Presents

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JOHN D. CAPUTO

author of

**WHAT WOULD JESUS
DECONSTRUCT?**

October 10–12, 2011

Englewood Christian Church
Yakima, Washington

What Would Jesus DEconstruct? Postmodernism Meets the Church John D. Caputo

John D. Caputo describes himself as a hybrid philosopher/theologian, bringing philosophical questions to bear on religion and theology while letting theology and religion push back. This approach forces philosophers to think about the strange and haunting narratives in Scripture. He is a distinguished writer and scholar and has held endowed chairs in both philosophy and religion before his recent retirement.

Caputo enjoys presenting the arcane ideas of the academy to wider audiences. This includes frequent interaction with the “Emergent Church,” which he values as a loosely organized cluster of front-line groups where abstract ideas hit the ground. The result of crossing all these wires—between philosophy and theology, between the academy and the pews—gets us closer to what is really going on in religion and theology, closer to what is “happening” there. Doing that, getting at what’s happening in something, Caputo claims, is what the “deconstruction” of something is. So contrary to popular impressions, deconstruction does not raze a structure (like religion, art, or the university) to the ground, but releases its inner energies, lets it breathe, and allows it to reinvent itself.

Perhaps nothing is more deserving of deconstruction than the Church, in the dual sense of “deserve”: as in the sense of meriting it, of being worthy of and important enough to be

deconstructed, and also of getting its just deserts, meaning to get its ears pinned back for its infidelities. If so, what better way to bring deconstruction to bear upon the Church than to ask, what would Jesus deconstruct? What would Jesus have to say if one Sunday morning he suddenly appeared seated in the congregation? That is the question Caputo will pursue in this year’s lecture series. That famous experiment, undertaken in Dostoevsky’s “Grand Inquisitor” and later in Charles Sheldon’s classic, *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?*, is repeated by Caputo using the philosopher Jacques Derrida.

Asking the question *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?* Caputo carefully unpacks the “what,” the “would,” the “Jesus,” and the “deconstruct” in his question, to uncover what is really happening in the Church—or what should be!—namely, the Kingdom of God. This he defines as the *unruly rule* that results if we release what’s going on in the name of God—if we let it happen—if the name of God becomes the name of a deed, not a doctrine.

Workshop Opportunities

As in past years, we will be offering a variety of workshops on Tuesday afternoon. Titles and leaders have not yet been finalized, but they will include the following as well as others:

- ▶ Regional Conversation: A Word from Sandy — *Sandy Messick*
- ▶ Justice and the Land — *David Bell*
- ▶ Photography as Theological Reflection — *Roger Lynn*
- ▶ Prayer without Words — *Laurie Rudell*

Lectureship Schedule

Monday, October 10

- 1:00 Registration: Cole Hall, Englewood C.C.
- 1:30 Gathering and Opening Worship
- 2:30 Lecture 1: *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do? Postmodernism in Kansas*
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Q&A with Dr. Caputo
- 4:45 Breakout Session
- 5:30 Reception

Tuesday, October 11

- 8:45 Gathering (rolls and coffee)
- 9:15 Morning Worship
- 9:30 Lecture 2: *Praying for the Impossible: A Beginner’s Guide for Christian Deconstructors*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Q&A with Dr. Caputo
- 11:45 Breakout Session
- 12:30 Lunch (Included)
- 2:00 Workshops
- 3:30 Free Time (dinner on your own)
- 7:00 Worship

Wednesday, October 12

- 8:45 Gathering (rolls and coffee)
- 9:15 Morning Worship
- 9:30 Lecture 3: *What Would a Deconstructed Church Look Like?*
- 11:00 Blessing for the Road

Registration Form

Save a Stamp and Register Online
It’s Easy and It’s Safe!

www.disciplesnw.org (Look for T.L. link)

OR...Check the Appropriate Boxes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Registration | \$110 | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Clergy | \$85 | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Clergy Spouse | \$85 | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$65 | \$75 |

Monday Evening Reception and Tuesday Lunch are included in registration fees

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

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