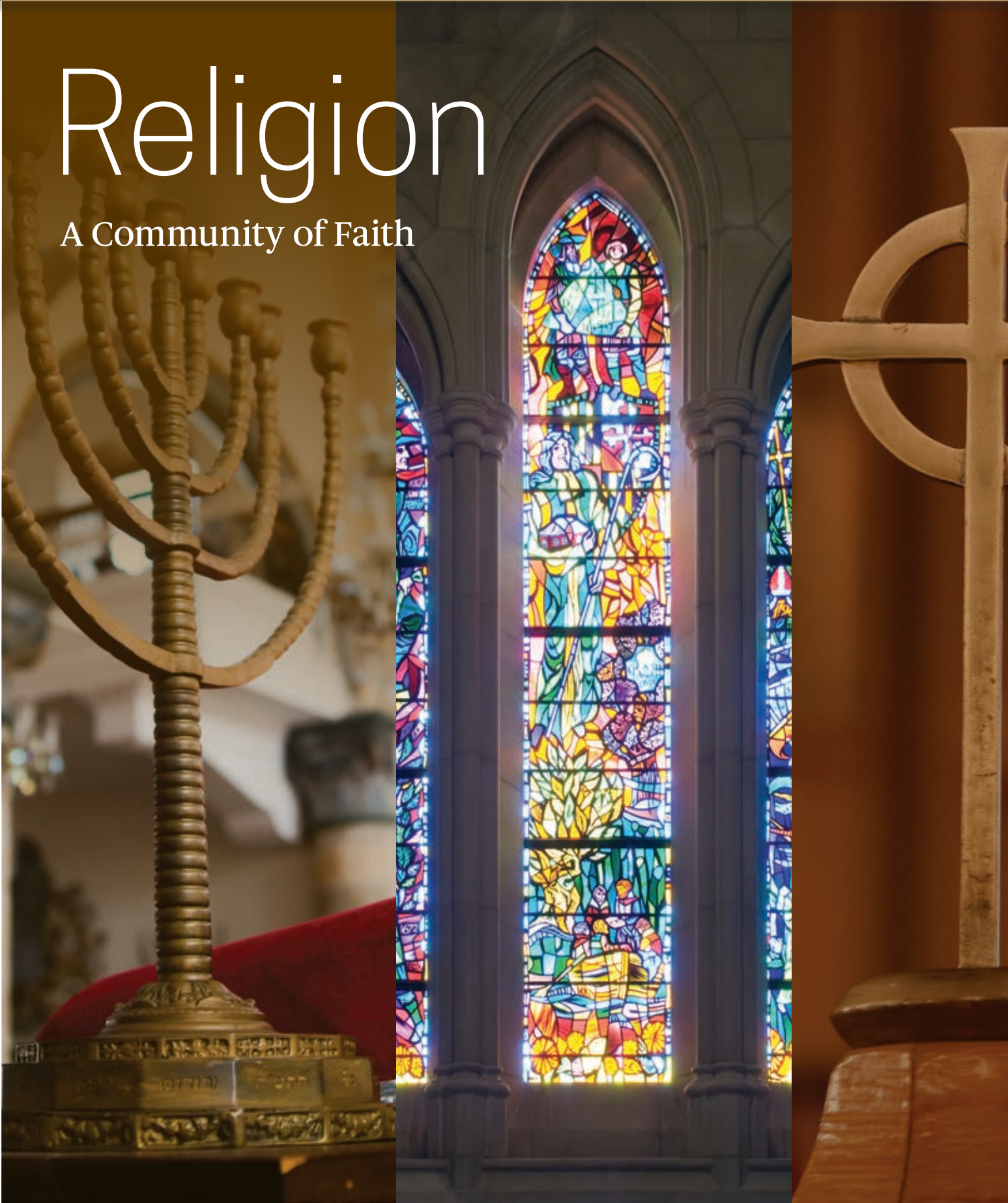


Religion

A Community of Faith



AS A DIVERSE CITY, Chattanooga is a mosaic of cultures and religions, drawing people of all faiths and walks of life. Along with religious diversity, the area offers beautiful places to worship, nonprofit ministries to help those in need, and faith-based educational opportunities.

As part of the Bible Belt, a plethora of churches and religious organizations are available across Chattanooga, from the most traditional, to new and contemporary. Protestant denominations include Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Seventh-day Adventist. Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Latter-Day Saints, and Unitarian communities are also represented, as is a thriving Jewish community with synagogues for the orthodox, conservative, and reformed. Baha'i, Buddhist centers, Hindi temples, and Muslim mosques complete the religious landscape.

Stunning religious structures span the Chattanooga area, providing architectural interest and character. From Greek Revival to colonial to contemporary, Chattanooga-area worship centers exude grace and style.

If you wish to give your time and efforts to those in need, opportunities are abundant through Chattanooga's churches, religious organizations, and extensive nonprofit ministries. Areas of focus range from underprivileged children, to the homeless community, to medical research, and more.

For parents looking to provide their children with a faith-based education, Chattanooga is home to Catholic, Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Seventh-day Adventist schools. Schools range from daycare and preschool to elementary and high school. Several nearby religious colleges and universities include Southern Adventist University, Lee University, Bryan College, Covenant College, and Tennessee Wesleyan College. For more information on choices for education, see this issue's sections on Education and Higher Education.

DID YOU KNOW?

Several of Chattanooga's churches are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.