

# Fountain of Hope



Official Newsletter of the Fountain of Hope Christian Church

MISSION: Encourage spiritual growth and nurture God's children to take care of self, community, and the world through Christian Education, Radical Hospitality, Authentic Praise and Worship, and Service.

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## Telling The Story Is Still Relevant Today

*Joel 1:1-2*

The month of February is Black History month where people of African descent celebrate the accomplishments of humanity while in North America. This celebration founded by Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard trained



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III

historian, since 1915, promoted these accomplishments of African Americans.

Now there are other history months to ensure the telling of certain U.S. demographics' history: September 15-October 15 is Latin Heritage Month; October is LGBTQIA History Month; November is Native American Month; March is Women's Heritage Month; and May is Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month.

The reason that these people have begun to tell their stories is because many of their stories were left out of mainstream history narratives in the U.S.

The prophet Joel clearly has expressed the importance of people telling their story without redaction or revisions: *Hear this, O elders, give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your ancestors? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.*

Despite what 1776 Commission to fight against leftist coordinated revisionism said on January 7, 2021 per the Christianity Daily, Jeremiah 4:2 states that nations will be blessed in truth. Let's tell the whole story today.

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### COVID-19 is Still Here

- Stay safe
- Social Distance
- Wear your mask
- Follow CDC guidance
- Avoid large crowds
- Wash your hands
- Protect your loved ones

## Fountain of Hope Begins New Ministry Platform

Beginning February 2021, Fountain of Hope begins streaming its services via the internet.

As majority of the U.S. remains on quarantine as a result of the Covid-19, Fountain of Hope Christian

Church continues to grow with Christian Education, hospitality, authentic worship and praise; and service.

We encourage you to look out for ways to connect and grow and we grow

Subscribe to the **Fountain of Hope 1** Channel on YouTube so that you can easily connect to Fountain of Hope online. You can also connect on the website at [www.fountainofhopechristianchurch.com](http://www.fountainofhopechristianchurch.com).

# Climate Change and the Biden Administration

According to the Washington Post on January 21, 2021, the Biden Administration has made climate change a center focus of its initiatives. He's named former secretary of state John Kerry as international climate envoy and former EPA administrator Gina McCarthy as national climate adviser.

In some ways, the most important climate job of all is secretary of state. Just as Kerry, in that role, led global climate diplomacy efforts, multilaterally through the Paris agreement and bilaterally with other large econo-

mies such as China's, Biden's nominee to run the State Department, Antony Blinken, will do the same. Biden already rejoined the Paris agreement.

The federal rulemaking process is full of procedures, such as public comment periods, that can delay new policies for years.

However, there is a great degree of hope for positive sustainability change



*Good created ...and it was good*

with a Democratic controlled Congress and presidency.

In the meantime, there is still work that each and every church can do to make a difference along with each every Christian.

God commands us to care for the earth since the days of Adam and Eve. Each of us must make a positive contribution that will leave a better world for generations to come.



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Sis. Rhonda Martin  
Sis Nadine Archield  
Sis Segrid Archield  
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Sis. Dekoslyn Cook-Robinson  
Min. Thomas Walters  
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Sis Gwen Carmen  
Bro. Sam Underwood  
Elder Donevan Reese  
Rev. Melva Hill  
Sis. Zelma Byrd  
Sis. Lasandra Boyce & Family  
Those suffering from Covid-19  
The Dixon Family  
The Cook Family  
Jeanneta Grace-Butler  
Family of Rev. R.L. and Willie Mae Robinson  
Bro. Howard Baker  
Family of Bro. Cedric Robinson

#### **JUST LET US KNOW -**

- If you need pastoral care
- If you need prayer
- If you need someone to talk to
- If you wish to be married
- If you have loved ones experiencing death
- If you are faced with any life situation

## **Become a Member**

Becoming a member is easy. All you need to do is take the step of faith and become a part of this fellowship. Our members are located all over the world. You can be a part of this transforming ministry by simply letting one of our leaders know that you desire to be a part. We can make the necessary arrangements with you in necessary.

You may join by one of three (3) ways: Baptism, Letter, or Watch Care.

**Baptism**—If you never have been baptized

**Letter** — If you are moving membership from another church.

**Watch Care**—Keep your current membership, but affiliate under care while you are in

## **News from the Disciples of Christ**

**Bible Study each week on  
Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**

#### **General Assembly 2021**

**General Board of the  
Christian Church (Disciples  
of Christ) voted to cancel the**



Launched this fall: Alex - Data for Disciples  
Online yearbook database with tools for congregations built in.

*Lanzamiento: Alex - Datos para los discípulos  
Base de datos del anuario en línea con herramientas integradas para las congregaciones.*

#### **Theological Institutions**

Seven Disciples theological institutions educate ministers for thousands of Disciples congregations as well as for other denominations. Located in large metropolitan areas, these schools serve as theological, spiritual, and intellectual centers. Learn more about these institutions in [Learn more about these institutions from HELM](#). These institutions receive denominational support through [Disciples Mission Fund](#) and the [Thanksgiving Special Day Offering](#).

- [Brite Divinity School](#)
- [Christian Theological Seminary](#)
- [Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago](#)
- [Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University](#)
- [Disciples Seminary Foundation](#)
- [Lexington Theological Seminary](#)
- [Phillips Theological Seminary](#)



For other Disciples' schools and education opportunities see:

<https://disciples.org/higher-education/>



# Mission of Hope

We are enhancing and creating partnerships to improve the delivery of youth ministry in the Metro Atlanta Area. In this new program, we would like to bring together the best and most hopeful young people across the Metro Atlanta region to provide meaningful opportunities to each of them. Does this mean that we are seeking students with the highest GPA's? Absolutely not! We are seeking students who have a desire to improve their condition and to be all that God has created them to be. In this program, we would like to help assist youth leaders, teachers, mentors, and other in providing programs such as the following:

College Tours • African Heritage Tours • Leadership Development Experiences • Career Development

**OBJECTIVE:** *Provide hope enriching opportunities for the development of youth as future citizens, leaders, and support the development of meaningful personal goals.*



**LEARN • INTERACT • TRAIN**

- Students will have the opportunity to hear and speak with persons in various careers who will share paths to these careers.
- Students will have opportunity to speak to vocational and technical school admission professionals.
- Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with professionals who can help finance their education.
- Opportunity for Students to earn while learning and leave with a career
- Students will have the opportunity to sign for college

# Care for God's Creation

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. Out of our call to "do justice" (Micah 6:8), we strive to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom through living out our faith by caring for God's creation. In keeping with this demonstration, a resolution concerning carbon neutrality was passed at the 2017 General Assembly, in which the Christian Church (DOC) committed to reducing our carbon pollution with the goal to become carbon neutral by the year 2030 and climate positive by 2035. From Hawaii and Washington to Ontario and Florida, and everywhere in between, Disciples congregations are caring for creation in unique and inspiring ways. Learn more about how to become a Green Chalice Congregation, Camp, or Seminary [here](#).



<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/green-chalice-program/>

Our mission is to connect Christian faith, spiritual practice and creation consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.



The Board of Disciples Home Missions (DHM) is thrilled to announce the call of Rev. Sheila Spencer as DHM's Interim President. Employed by DHM since 2008, Rev. Spencer has been serving as Acting President of DHM since the departure of Rev. Sotello V. Long. Rev. Spencer's qualities as a connector and advocate for all brought her to the top of the list for consideration: she is passionate about how the life changing love of god has infused her life and how she has seen it during her time at DHM.

**Save the Date**

**2022 EXPERIENCE**

**IT'S REAL**  
REV. 7:9-17

JULY 20-23 | FORT WORTH, TX

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SAVE-THE-DATE  
**JULY 20-23, 2022**

Texas Christian University (TCU)  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

National Convocation, Obra Hispana, and North American Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD) have rescheduled the 2020 Experience, It's Real to 2022.

Though the COVID-19 may have set us back for this summer,  
we are pressing onward and  
planning for 2022 in Fort Worth, TX!

If you have questions,  
email us: [ITSREAL@DISCIPLES.ORG](mailto:ITSREAL@DISCIPLES.ORG)

**February 3, 2021 Called to Testify (John 4:25-42)**

**February 10, 2021 Called to Support (Luke 8:1-3;  
Mark 15:40; John 20:10-18)**

**February 17, 2021 Called to Explain (Acts 18:1-3,  
18-21, 24-26; Romans 16:3-4)**

**February 24, 2021 Called to Serve (Acts 16:11-15,  
40:1; Corinthians 1:26-30)**

**March 3, 2021 Prophet of Deliverance  
(Deuteronomy 18:15-22)**

**March 10, 2021 Prophet of Conquest (Joshua  
5:13-6:5, 15-16, 20)**

**March 17, 2021 Prophet of Wisdom (2 Kings  
22:14-20)**

**March 24, 2021 Prophet of Courage (Luke 4:14-  
22a)**



## NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

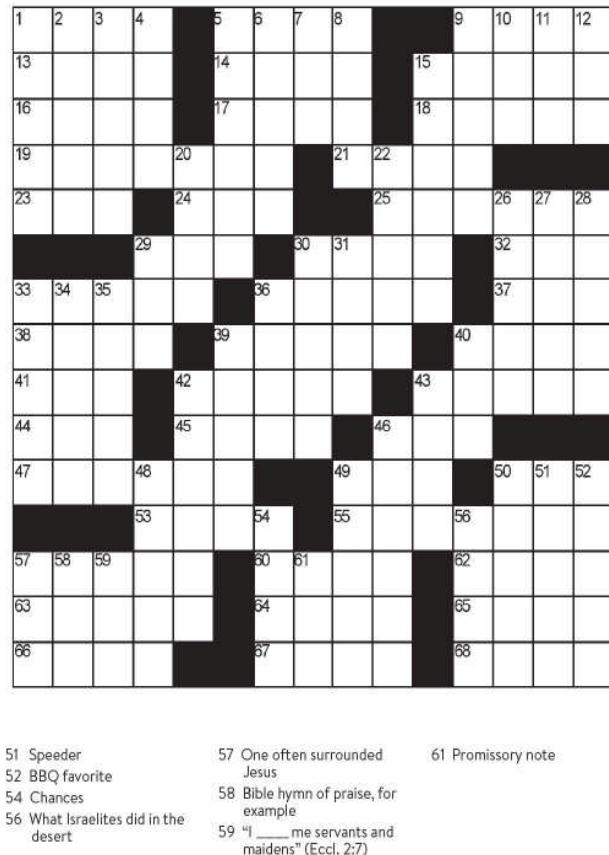


### ACROSS

- 1 It was seen in the east  
 5 Inscribe  
 9 "John \_\_\_\_ witness of him" (John 1:15)  
 13 Oom-pa-pa wind  
 14 "Hey!" when at sea  
 15 Narrow street or passage-way  
 16 First man  
 17 Illness producer  
 18 Guileless  
 19 First four NT books  
 21 "We draw \_\_\_\_ unto God" (Heb. 7:19)  
 23 "Come down \_\_\_\_ my child die" (John 4:49)  
 24 "Golly!"  
 25 Like 5 Down mom's-to-be
- 29 Letters to summon help  
 30 Epistle writer  
 32 Israel suffix  
 33 Book after Hebrews  
 36 Mary and Joseph, Adam and Eve, for example  
 37 Egyptian boy-king, for short  
 38 Bible text no-no; per Revelation 22:19  
 39 Spanish priest  
 40 Book before II Down  
 41 33 Down, \_\_\_\_ of God  
 42 Lets borrow  
 43 Successful dieter  
 44 English river  
 45 Court figure (Abbr.)  
 46 Baby bear
- 47 Jesus' coat, in Mexico  
 49 Stir-fry pan  
 50 Noah's wife, for example  
 53 Nada  
 55 43 Across doesn't do it  
 57 Magnate  
 60 Plunge (in)  
 62 "He died unto sin \_\_\_\_" (Rom. 6:10)  
 63 Sanctuary incense results  
 64 Not a hearer only  
 65 30 Across went several times  
 66 \_\_\_\_ noire, hated one  
 67 Day lights  
 68 Second NT Book

### DOWN

- 1 Where the play takes place  
 2 English dynasty  
 3 Prideful "he is able to \_\_\_\_" (Dan. 4:37)  
 4 Wooden incline  
 5 "His horses are swifter than \_\_\_\_" (Jer. 4:13)  
 6 "All \_\_\_\_ things will I give" (Matt. 4:9)  
 7 30 Across epistle (Abbr.)  
 8 Congregation's song  
 9 Bored person has them  
 10 \_\_\_\_ Baba  
 11 Congregational leader (Abbr.)
- 12 Body's light, in Bible  
 15 Heavenly host  
 20 Some people have big ones  
 22 Make less sensitive  
 26 Book before Philemon  
 27 Church organ offering, maybe  
 28 Warn against  
 29 "LORD \_\_\_\_ a mark upon Cain" (Gen. 4:15)  
 30 Rice wetland  
 31 Broadcasts  
 33 See 41 Across
- 34 "O come, let us \_\_\_\_ Him!"  
 35 Ore digger  
 36 "\_\_\_\_ after the dust" (Amos 2:7)  
 39 Early Church leader  
 40 Man of many woes  
 42 Boutonniere locales  
 43 Acts writer  
 46 Lids  
 48 Mediterranean color  
 49 Jesus' coat, \_\_\_\_ top to bottom  
 50 Brainy group



As we move in to the new year, it's a good time to think about your taxes, your finances, your career, your family, your health, and most of all your soul salvation. Planning helps keep you focus. Once you focus with a plan, work your plan. Setting SMART goals is a great way to get there.

1. Where do you want to be June 2021?
2. Where do you want to be in December 2021?
3. Where do you want to be in December 2026?
4. Where do you want to be in December 36?

Setting realistic SMART goals can help you get there.



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The Fountain of Hope lies within you.

## We're on the web

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Founded in 2008 in the basement of a flower shop, Fountain of Hope Christian Church has actively done ministry around the world. Along with worship, bible study, our missions and ministry includes providing shoes for thousands of people around the world, clothing the homeless, nurture for battered women's shelters, pastoral care to nursing homes and incarcerated youth, environmental justice, advocacy, and much more. It is possible by the Grace of God who encourages people around the world to sow seeds into this ministry.



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