

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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First Fruit

Deuteronomy 26:1-2

"When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, 2 take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God

will choose as a dwelling for his Name 3 and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

Put God first and see what happens. We are in an age where everyone is about themselves, what they can get, and what they have. All of us are born into the world the same way and at some point all of us will die. According to God's law in Revelation 20:15 when the dead give account for their lives in the Book of Life, "The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

God looks at how you order or put priority on the things in your life. Matthew 6:33 spells it out for us, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

What are you putting first in your life? Is God first? If you don't know how to do it, start with baby steps. Take one day and put God first and see what that looks like your life. Make God first and see what happens to the rest of your life.

May Grace and Peace fill your life.



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III



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Fountain of Hope Gives Scholarship in Partnership With South Alabama Mass Choir

In 1989, Pastor Marshall along with Tommy James of Andalusia founded the South Alabama Mass Choir, a community based group from 6 counties in South Alabama. The choir performed concerts and sponsored activities to support the community. As

the group celebrated it's 30th year reunion in 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Andalusia, Alabama, the choir initiated funds for a scholarship for a deserving high school senior. To receive the scholarship, the student must write a 500 word essay

on how their education will prepare them to serve their community. Essays are due November 15, 2022. For more information send questions to SouthAlabamaMass@gmail.com.



NATIONAL CONVOCATION

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

OUR VISION

The vision of the National Convocation is to be a leaven in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) under One God as One Church with One Mission in the world; as a voice promoting pertinent issues related to the African American Church, carrying out the biblical mandate, and to transform lives.

OUR STRATEGY

Promote and support transformational Ministry in our local congregations.

Promote and support reconciliation, social justice and move our congregations toward being pro-reconciling / anti-racism communities.

Strengthen and transform the Biennial Session

OUR MISSION

To build meaningful and personal relationships with the people of our communities and other bodies essential to transforming congregations to do mission and ministry in a current and emerging context.

(Romans 12:9-21)

(Isaiah 43:19)

OUR COVENANT

We shall strive to do mission and ministry to all generations within our communities and seek to be a conduit of God's unconditional love to all people.

Continuous be relevant, thriving, and vibrant Disciples congregations of the National Convocation, preparing ourselves for mission and ministry in the 21st Century.



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Nikki Thornton
Bro. Calvin Croom
Family of Otis Ray
Sis. Kim Hoyles
Bro. Mack McFadden

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.**

**Send request for URL link to
Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com**

Regional Assembly
November 11-12, 2022
First Christian Church
Athens, GA

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/>

RECYCLING KEY

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| PETE Polyethylene terephthalate | | Water bottles Soda bottles Food packaging | LDPE Low-density polyethylene | | Clothing Furniture Grocery bags |
| HDPE High-density polyethylene | | Cereal box liners Milk jugs Yogurt tubs | PP Polypropylene | | Yogurt containers Beverage caps Straws |
| V Vinyl or Polyvinyl chloride | | Clear food packaging Cleaning product bottles Cooking oil bottles | PS Polystyrene | | Disposable dishes Carry-out containers Egg cartons |

Easier to recycle (1, 2)

More Difficult to Recycle (3,4, 5, & 6)

Check with your local recycling company

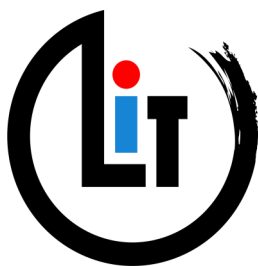


Mission of Hope

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



In 2021, 1 in 10 babies was born too early in the United States. Learn about the problem, risk factors, and what we can do to reduce premature birth.

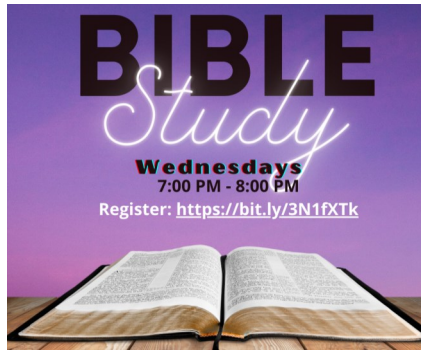


“Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

LUKE 17:20-21

Fountain of Hope Christian Church *Virtual* Bible Study - Join Us

Event Brite Or www.fountainofhopechristianchurch.com



| Date | Topic | Devotional | Background |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 8/31/22 | The Call of Abram | Hebrews 11:8-19 | Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-7 |
| 9/7/22 | God Chooses the Younger Twin | Psalm 75 | Genesis 25:19-34 |
| 9/14/22 | Jacob Called Israel | Romans 11:25-32 | Genesis 32:22-32 |
| 9/21/22 | The Scepter Given to Judah | Numbers 24:2-9, 15-17 | Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:12-19, 24-26; 49:8-12 |
| 9/28/22 | The Birth of Moses | Acts 7:17-29 | Exodus 1:15-2:10 |
| 10/5/22 | Song of Moses | Exodus 14:21-31 | Deuteronomy 31:30-32:47 |
| 10/12/22 | The Call of Gideon | 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 | Judges 6:1-27 |
| 10/19/22 | Who is King? | Psalm 93 | 1 Samuel 8:1-9; 10:17-25 |
| 10/26/22 | David Anointed as King | Acts 13:21-31 | 1 Samuel 16:1-13 |
| 11/2/22 | God Picked You! | Esther 4:5-17 | Acts 19; Ephesians 1:1-14; Revelation 2:1-7 |
| 11/9/22 | Christ Is Wisdom | Psalm 16 | Acts 19:Ephesians 1:15-23, Revelation 2:1-7 |
| 11/16/22 | We are God's Handi Work | 1 Timothy 2:1-8 | Acts 19:Ephesians 2, Revelation 2:1-7 |
| 11/23/22 | God Gives Tools for Our Protection | Psalm 91 | Acts 19:Ephesians 6:10-24, Revelation 2:1-7 |
| 11/30/22 | Zechariah Hears from God | John 10:22-30 | Luke 1:5-23 |

Find the words this puzzle:

Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

The puzzle is based on Psalm 100

C T Y A E E G G E F W S O Z D
W Q K V B O F H A N E N V G S
Y Q O X Q Y P O G T D A G C F
W L K Z R S N W R O E U R J U
V O S O N G S Q V E T S R T W
O U R F E I X E U U V H N E H
Y O T S D J C H O K F E N B S
A T E T H J R H O J O Y R H W
Y R G F N I S O E B J Y H Z E
Z L O N R O P S E Q S M X I N
G L A D N E S S F S H L N A T
X A T W C L I P A S T U R E E
Q U U H Q A G F C H N Y L R R
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WORSHIP
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GLADNESS

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THANKS
GATES

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SHOUT
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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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