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# Fountain of Hope



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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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## Love is Still The Main Thing

John 13:34-35

*"<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

*<sup>35</sup> By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

Happy New Year. Each



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III

year, many people make resolutions or goals that they plan to achieve in the new year. If it is truly a goal, you can begin working toward it any day of the year. However there is one goal that I would like to present to you that is relevant and has far reaching effects. It is called love.

Paul teaches about love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, *"<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. "*

Let's consider to do more loving in 2023. Love at home, at school, at work, in church, in government, at the gym, at the club meeting, and any other place that we find ourselves.

If we really love there would be no need for the investment in alarms, guns, security, justice systems, and so many other Band-Aids for not loving.

If this seems to big for you, just start with your family and your friends. Start with your coworkers or whoever you come in contact.

May the peace and love of God surround you and keep you is our prayer. Shalom



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## Fountain of Hope Offers Christian Education Opportunities

New opportunities have opened up for the Fountain of Hope Church family to grow in study. Through the Christian College of Georgia, we are making available free and low cost courses lead by instructors.

Virtual Bible Study is every Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm. Request the URL connection through Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com.

See page 5 of this newsletter or go to Fountainofhope-christianchurch.com and

look under Christian Education. Classes are free or low cost.





# 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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Bro. Sam Warfield  
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## 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  
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Youth Regional Assembly  
February 24-26, 2022

General Assembly  
July 29 –August 1, 2023

## 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

<b>PETE</b> Polyethylene terephthalate		Water bottles Soda bottles Food packaging	<b>LDPE</b> Low-density polyethylene		Clothing Furniture Grocery bags
<b>HDPE</b> High-density polyethylene		Cereal box liners Milk jugs Yogurt tubs	<b>PP</b> Polypropylene		Yogurt containers Beverage caps Straws
<b>V</b> Vinyl or Polyvinyl chloride		Clear food packaging Cleaning product bottles Cooking oil bottles	<b>PS</b> 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

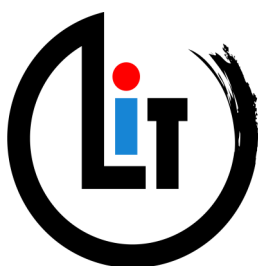


# Mission of Hope

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



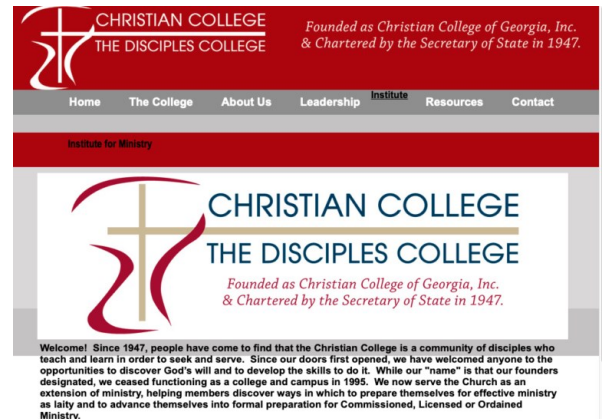
## Christian Education

There are opportunities to grow: Virtual Bible Study (Each Wednesday at 7pm) and On Demand Classes

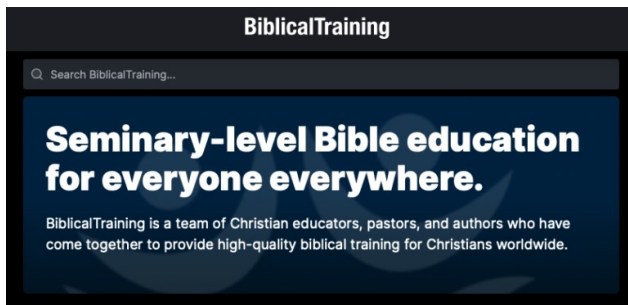
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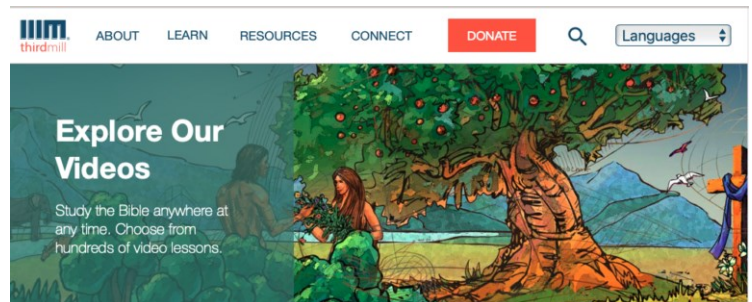
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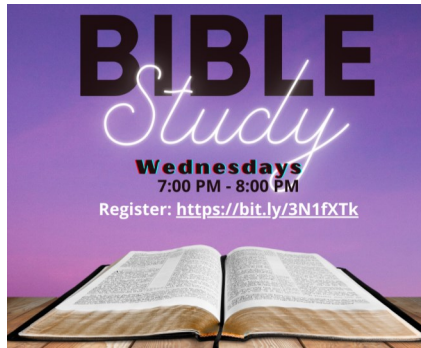


“Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

LUKE 17:20-21

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

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Date	Lesson	Devotional	Background
12/7/22	Zechariah Speaks	Malachi 4:1-6	Luke 1:57-66, 76-79
12/14/22	John the Baptist Appears	John 1:29-42	Luke 3:1-20; John 1
12/21/22	Mary Rejoices	Isaiah 9:1-7	Luke 1:46-55
12/28/22	God Promises to Hear and Forgive	Deuteronomy 30:1-10	2 Chronicles 7:1-22
1/4/23	God Promises to Restore	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, 13-17	Isaiah 43:1-21
1/11/23	God Promises to Guide	Psalms 119:81-96	Isaiah 48:1-22
1/18/23	God Promises Light	Ephesians 5:11-20	Isaiah 58:1-14
1/25/23	God Promises to His Presence	Exodus 33:12-23	Joel 1:1-4; 2:18-31
2/1/23	Résumé of Those Called	Psalms 25:1-15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
2/8/23	Remind of the Call	John 15:1-14	2 Timothy 1:3-14
2/15/23	Responsibility of the Call	Amos 5:7-15	James 2:1-12
2/22/23	Results of the Call	1 Thessalonians 5:1-10	1 Peter 2:1-25
3/1/23	The Prodigal Son	Psalms 28	Luke 15:11-32
3/8/23	The Greatest in the Kingdom	Matthew 19:13-22	Matthew 18:1-9; Mark 10:15
3/15/23	Jesus talks with a Samaritan	Isaiah 44:1-8	John 4:1-42
3/22/23	Jesus Overpowers Legion	2 Corinthians 10:1-6	Mark 5:1-20
3/29/23	The Empty Tomb	Psalms 22:20-31	Luke 24:1-12
4/5/23	Disciples Believe the Resurrection	John 20:11-18	Luke:13-49
4/12/23	Jesus Cooks Breakfast	Psalms 30	John 21:1-14
4/19/23	Jesus Reinstates Peter	Jesus Reinstates	John 21:15-25
4/26/23	Jesus Makes a Promise	Psalms 24	Acts 1:1-11
5/3/23	The Day of Pentecost	Psalms 16	Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-40
5/10/23	Jumping for Joy	Luke 10:1-9	Acts 3
5/17/23	An Ethiopian is Baptized	Isaiah 60:9-14	Acts 8:29-40
5/24/23	Saul of Tarsus	Philippians 3:1-14	Acts 9:1-14
5/31/23	God Reigns	Colossians 3:8-17	Isaiah 52:1-12

Find the words this puzzle:

# Old Testament Prophets Word Search

G E J P P N E M R X W O T Z J Y I E I M E D Q R  
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daniel  
ezekiel  
isaiah  
jonah  
moses  
samuel

abraham  
deborah  
habakkuk  
jeremiah  
malachi  
nahum  
zechariah

aaron  
elijah  
haggai  
joel  
micah  
nathan  
zeophaniah

Amos  
elisha  
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