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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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Wednesday Ashes With No Thursday Love

Isaiah 58:3-5

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice? Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is

such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

February is known for Black History Month, Valentines Day, Mardi Gras, and Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is day established by the Christian church to focus on our relationship with God. It also marks the beginning of the Lenten season as we approach Easter.

Isaiah brought message of reconciliation with sincerity and truthfulness. Building and maintaining our relationship with God is a daily task. We fail and fall short

when we go through the outward process of penance without sincerely bringing our heart to the same place that is shown on the outside.

When you fast and fight, you miss the mark. When you fast and oppress your workers, you miss the mark.

We must humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways and seek God's face then God will heal the land. We must love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul and our neighbor as ourselves.

We need Wednesday Ashes with Thursday Love. Love God. Love each other.

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 CONVOCAATION

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Development Time Line

Dates	Events
1830	Beginning of the African American Convention movement in "free" states
1865	Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation
1867-1910	Organizing of African American Disciple conventions
1890	Preston Taylor hired as National Evangelist by ACMS
1914	Rosa Brown hired as Field Worker for women by CWBM P.H. Moss hired as Church School and Young Peoples Worker by ACMS
1917	NCMC organized and approved as an auxiliary of the International Convention
1935	R.H. Peoples hired as National Field Worker by UCMS
1943	R.H. Peoples call for merger of NCMC and International Convention
1945	Emmet Dickson hired as Executive Secretary of NCMC
1947	Lorenzo Evans hired as Director of Christian Education by NCMC
1949	Charles Webb, Sr. hired as Director of Field Work and Evangelism by NCMC
1960	Merger of staff and service of NCMC with UCMS
1969	Merger of NCMC with International Convention



1867

The National Convention of Disciples (Colored) was founded by Rufus Conrad. He was the first called pastor of Mission Chapel in Indianapolis, IN. Mission Chapel is now known as Light of the World Christian Church.



1969

The National Christian Missionary Convention merged with the International Convention of the Christian Church, maintained its corporation, and began developing the structure for the National Convocation.



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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
Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com**

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

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

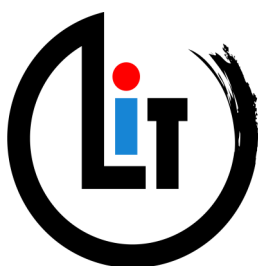


Mission of Hope

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

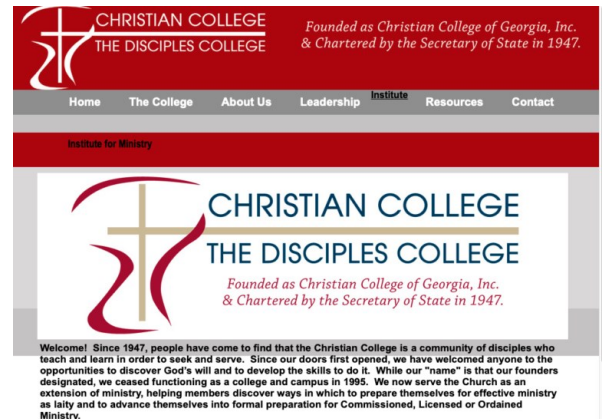
Christian Education

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

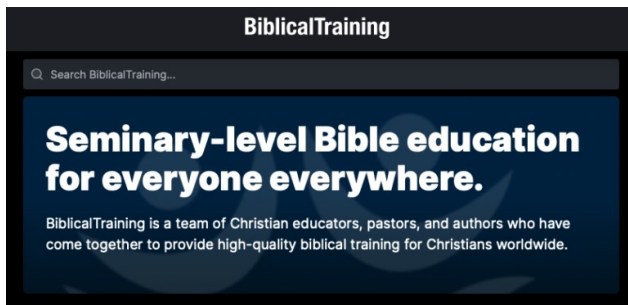
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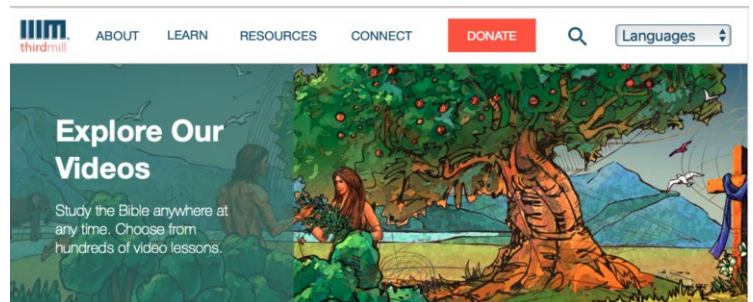
Online Courses Online Lectures Communities
<https://www.transformingthechurch.org>



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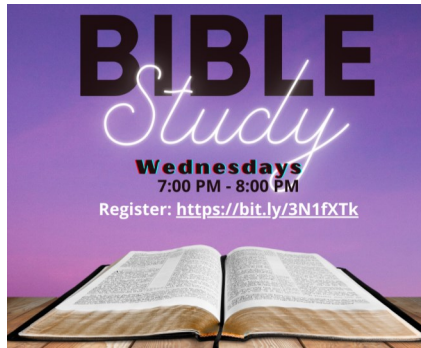


“Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

LUKE 17:20-21

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

Event Brite Or www.fountainofhopechristianchurch.com



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:

LENTEN WORD SEARCH

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