

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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Jesus Is With Us Even With Doubters

Matthew 28:16-20

"16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all na-

tions, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

We live in an age that dates back to the time when Jesus rose from the dead. After Jesus rose from the tomb, the disciples who had seen Jesus heal the sick, raise the dead, feed the hungry, and cast out demons were slow to accept that Jesus rose from the dead.

Judas had already killed himself so there were only eleven disciples. These eleven went to the place where Jesus told them to go. Even though some doubted, Jesus

to go make disciples until the end of the age.

It's important to note that some doubted then and some doubt today. We live in a time where civility is going out the window. We live in a time where corrupt leaders no longer hide their corruptness. We live in a time where people are disrespectful of each other and even threaten and attempt to kill each other.

For the faithful, remember the other part to this promise. Jesus will be with us always to the very end of the age. Things may get difficult, but Jesus will be with us. Keep the faith.

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



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III



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Preparing for General Assembly

This year General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Louisville, KY on July 29—August 1, 2023. Fountain of Hope will be represented at the conference and will vote on all actions proposed at the conference.

There will be training classes and opportunities to connect with many of the ministries of the general church. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Pastor Charles Marshall.

Registration is going on now and it's important to

begin to make arrangements now if you plan on attending.





SUNDAY, JULY 30 AT 1:30 PM

Among Us

- The Church Has Left the Building

Within Us

- Not Your Father's Men's Ministry
- Living Out Sustained Mission & Practical Giving
- Healthy Boundaries Modules
- BIPOC Mental Health Roundtable
- PR/AR Experiential Training Course
- Pastor Wellness In This Together

Goodness Abroad

- The Covenant Project
- Equipping Disciples to Confront Christian Nationalism
- On Earth as it is in Heaven: Cultivating Joy in a time of Climate Injustice"

MONDAY, JULY 31 AT 8:45 AM

Among Us

- The Disciples: A Struggle for Reformation
- Moral Injury
- Restorative Justice

Within Us

- From Brain to Book
- Healthy Boundaries Modules
- Lament of Life Unlived
- Partnering with Your Neighbors
- PR/AR Experiential Training Course

Goodness Abroad

- Building Justice for the Whole Kindom
- Korean Peace Appeal
- Ministry Moments with Global Mission Co-Workers
- The Covenant Project

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 8:45 AM

Among Us

- Hybrid-How To

Within Us

- Association of Disciples Musicians
- Creating Streams of Income and Investing as Stewardship
- Cual Sera tu Legado
- Post-Pandemic Family Faith
- Toward the Freedom of Hope and Lament
- Why Build Back When You Can Build Forward

Goodness Abroad

- Peace in a Militarized World
- Kindom Language: What's the Difference?

This four-day event will encourage Disciples who gather to celebrate the way that God's expansive love connects each of us as "kin" and to be part of the larger Kindom of God. Join us July 29-August 1, 2023 for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Louisville, mission project, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, and adults across the life of the church.

WHERE: Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky

WHEN: General Assembly will start at 9 am on Saturday, July 29th, and conclude after the closing worship service at 9 pm on Tuesday, August 1st.

*** IMPORTANT NOTE:** On-site registration will open at noon on Friday, July 28, 2023.

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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**

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

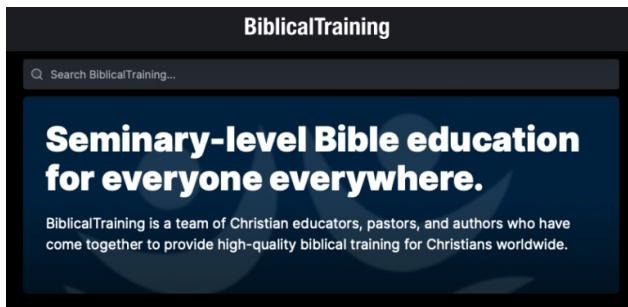
There are opportunities to grow: Virtual Bible Study (Each Wednesday at 7pm) and On Demand Classes

<https://fountainofhopechristianchurch.com/christian-education/>

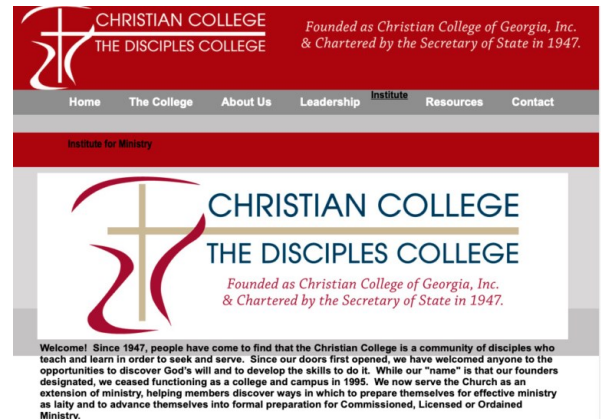


Online Courses Online Lectures Communities

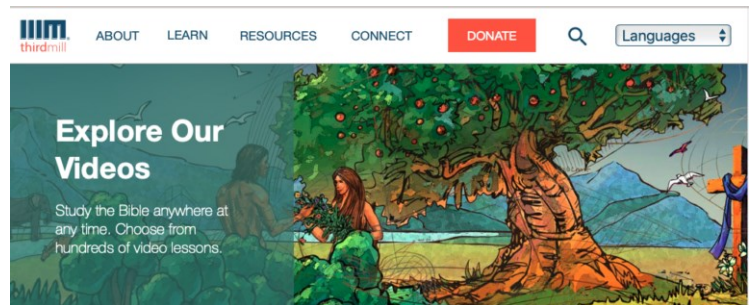
<https://www.transformingthechurch.org>



<https://www.biblicaltraining.org>



<http://www.thedisciplescollege.org>



<https://www.thirdmill.org>

Black Leadership Projects Grant

The Black Leadership Project was created in 1970 by the United Christian Missionary Society. Funding is provided by interest income from a bequest of the sale of Mount Beulah Farm. Funds are granted to applicants whose projects develop, nurture, and strengthen church leadership in African American congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Project Guidelines

A project, for the purpose of awarding this grant, will be defined as an event, activity, or resource that develops, nurtures, and strengthens lay and/or clergy leadership of the African American congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Project categories must include one or more of the following:

Leadership in Congregational Life – To provide educational opportunities and/or training for leaders within the congregation such as teachers, officers, committee chairpersons, constituency groups, etc.

Leadership in Outreach Ministries – To provide development opportunities for congregational leaders to serve the community in mission, locally and globally.

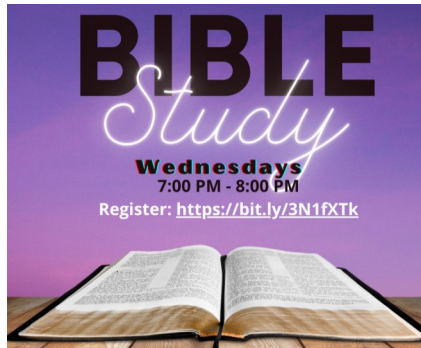
Faith Development of Leaders – To prepare and nurture future leaders in the ministry of the Church through spiritual growth opportunities such as retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, and mission trips/experiences.

Scholarship Support for Leaders – To assist participants (lay and clergy) in attending particular educational events or programs such as those provided by the Institute for African American Faith and Life of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Note: Leadership Grant funds may not be used toward an academic degree program (other funds are available for academic training).

Leadership in African American Programming – To assure that new and vital ministry continues to be developed and offered to the African American constituency of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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:

The Resurrection

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