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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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The Good Life—No Debt

2 Kings 4:7

"She went and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.'"

We recently watched the very highly publicized handling of the U.S. debt ceiling as the markets and interest parties around the world



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III

patiently watched and waited.

Debt was handled in several texts in the bible and is important in the life of the believer. If you borrow from someone, you should pay it back.

Circumstances will develop when there may be conflicting choices and other factors that affect your ability to pay your debt. If you made the debt, you should pay the debt.

Better yet, we all should not spend any more than we have. Living within our means.

This text from 2 Kings shows where the widow was blessed by the oil that was accumulated in jars and other vessels. There was

enough oil to sell and pay the debt and even enough left over to live on.

How wonderful it would be if everyone did not develop any unnecessary debt. It would not be any need for credit cards. People would only spend what they have.

Living on what you have is a principal of godly living. Romans 12: 8 says *"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."*

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



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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

Hampton Minister's Conference

June 4-8, 2023, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia.

General Assembly

July 29 –August 1, 2023

Camp Christian

See Schedule

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.*

2023 Summer Camp

Genesis Camp—For those completing Kinder-	6/12-16	6-8th grade	\$295
Chrysalis Cam—For those completing grades	6/19-23	3rd—5th grade	\$295
Junior Cam—For those completing grades	6/19-21	1st—2nd grade	\$200
Chi Rho Cam—For those completing grades	6/23-25	Kindergarten/parent	\$260 for 2
CYF Cam—For those completing grades 9, 10,	6/26-7/1	9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th	\$330
Chrysalis Cam—Counselors in Oasis Camp	Tentative week of 7/17	10th, 11th, and 12th	\$215



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

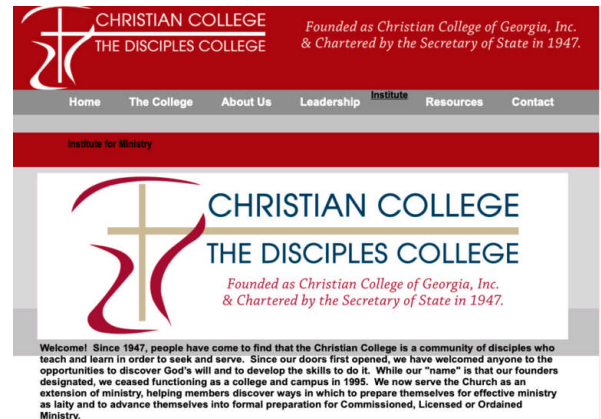
Christian Education

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

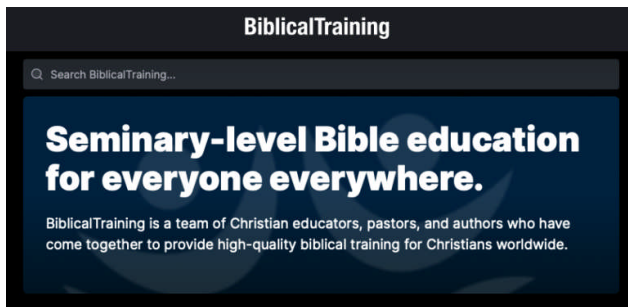
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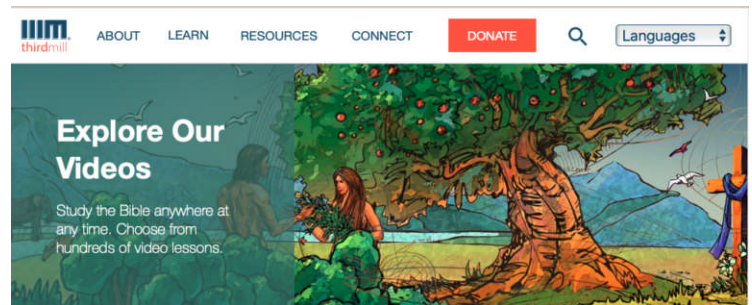
Online Courses Online Lectures Communities
<https://www.transformingthechurch.org>



<http://www.thedisciplescollege.org>



<https://www.biblicaltraining.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.

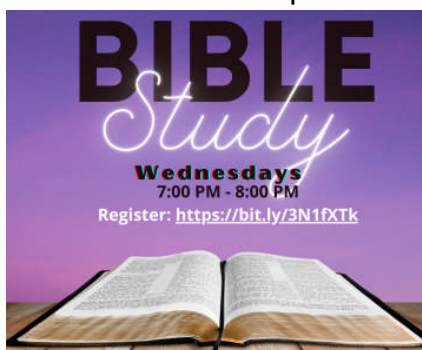
Faith Development of Leaders – To prepare and nurture future leaders in the ministry of the Church through spiritual growth opportunities such as retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, and mission trips/experiences.

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
6/7/23	God's Kingdom of Peace	John 16:20-33	Isaiah 65:17-25
6/14/23	God's Servant King	Isaiah 50:4-9	Ezekiel 37:15-28
6/21/23	Renewed In God's Love	2 Corinthians 5:12-23	Zephaniah 3:14-20
6/28/23	Peace to the Nations	Isaiah 55	Zechariah 9:9-17
7/5/23	The Kingdom Has Come Upon You	Matthew 6:5-15	Matthew 12:1-32
7/12/23	The Sower and the Seed	Psalms 95	Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4; Luke 8:5-15
7/19/23	Weeds Among the Wheat	2 Corinthians 13:1-10	Matthew 13:24-43
7/26/23	Finding and Gathering	Job 28:1-2, 12-19	Matthew 13:44-52
8/2/23	Inheriting the Kingdom	Isaiah 44:21-28	Galatians 5:13-26
8/9/23	The Nature of the Kingdom	Proverbs 2:1-11	Romans 14:10-23
8/16/23	Judgment in the Kingdom	Isaiah 41:1-14	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
8/23/23	God's Kingdom Will Be All In All	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 15:1-28; Ephesians 1:15-23

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 10, 2023

Upgrade Thursdays—Disciples women: A Vision for the Future

August 17, 2023

Clergy Connect: Retired Clergy

August 18-19, 2023

Healthy Boundaries 201: Beyond Basics and Into the Digital World

August 24, 2023

Upgrade Thursdays– Welcome with a Wow! Your Visitors' First Impression

September 14, 2023

Upgrade Thursdays—Disciples Home Missions: A Ready Resource for Your

Find the words this puzzle:

Fathers of the Bible

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Zacharias

Adam

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