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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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Prayer of Faith

James 5:13-16

"13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord

will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

From the beginning of time, humankind has been dealing challenges. Job said that a man born of a woman is a few days and full of trouble. (Job 14:1). If days are full of trouble, we can choose one of two ways to deal with it. We can suffer from it and do nothing or we can take a poster of fighting trouble.

James offers the Christian something that is both powerful and effective. It is prayer. Talk to God about

it. "O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

If there is trouble among you, Pray. Sing songs of praise. Pray. Gather to pray. Pray.

With prayer there is healing. With prayer there is deliverance. Prayer is powerful and effective for whatever the problem may be.

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



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III



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Summer Reading

Steven Covey gives some practical advice on to make the most of your limited to time to accomplish the things that you desire to accomplish. It is an easy read and you will find some truths that can help you and those you work with.

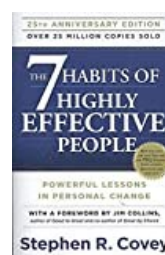
This book has 7 habits that

it outlines:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win/Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

6. Synergize

7. Sharpen the Saw





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 Kingdom
- 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
- Kingdom 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 Kingdom 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

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

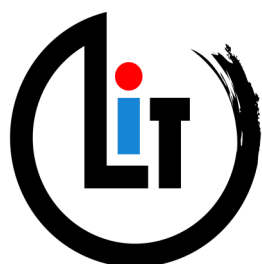


Mission of Hope

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.*



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

Rev. Dr. Bell has been called to a new assignment at Lexington Theological Seminary and will be leaving the Christian Church in Georgia, effective July 31, 2023. We thank Rev. Dr. Bell for nine years of shared ministry! We honor her work, dedication, and heart for ministry. Let us continue to keep her prayer as she goes forward in her new ministry.



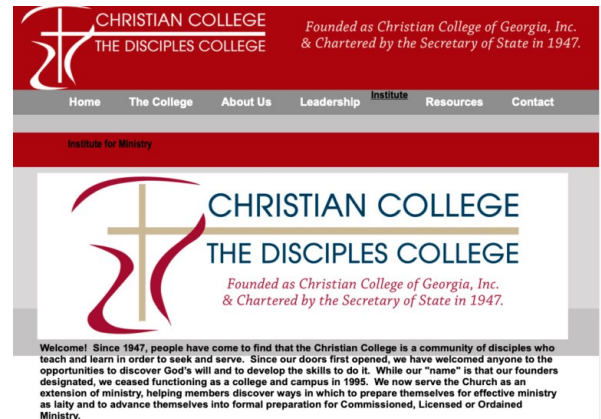
Christian Education

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

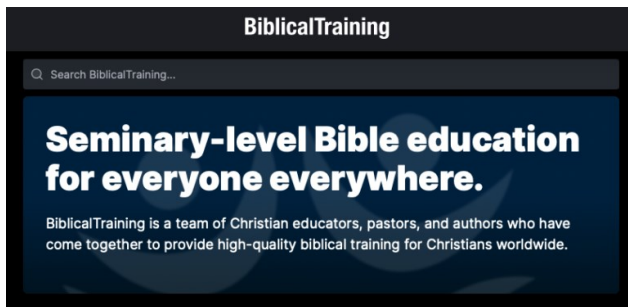
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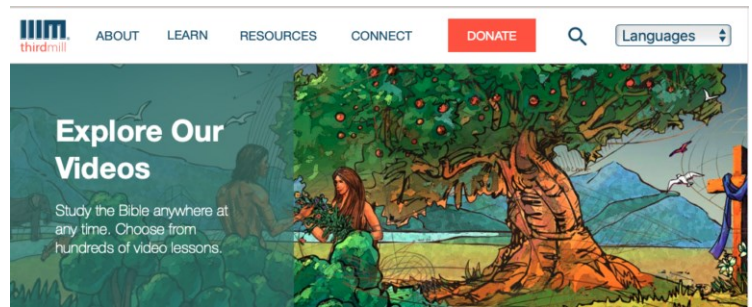
Online Courses Online Lectures Communities
<https://www.transformingthechurch.org>



<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.

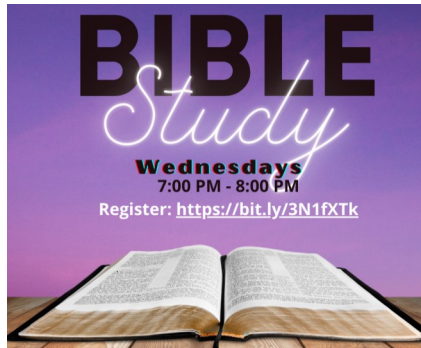
Faith Development of Leaders – To prepare and nurture future leaders in the ministry of the Church through spiritual growth opportunities such as retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, and mission trips/experiences.

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:

Joshua, New Leader

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