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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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Hear God's Voice

Deuteronomy 4:36

"From heaven he made you hear his voice to discipline you. On earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from out of the fire."

This scripture which is part of a much larger lesson is dealing with one very important point for your medi-



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III

tation time, listen to God.

Those who have a prayer life are always talking to God, asking God for desires, thanking God for blessings, and sharing the desires of their heart.

To add to the very important discipline of prayer, add listening. Listen to the voice of God that speaks to you in your quiet time. Listen to the voice of God that speaks as you see many things happening in your home, in your neighborhood, in your country, and in the world.

The God that spoke during the time of the Moses is still speaking today.

In the hustle and bustle of this age where artificial intelligence is taking over

many functions and people are communicating with each in person less as cell phones and other media take over, God was before this, God is today, and God will be tomorrow. Remember Psalm 46:10 which says "He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Hear God's voice. Psalm 29 reminds us that the "Voice of the Lord" is over waters, is powerful, is majestic, breaks the Cedars, strikes with flames of fire, shakes the wilderness, twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare. Listen.

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



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Ministry Needs You

We are so thankful for the many of you who have stepped up to help in this ministry. From the offerings to the many things like managing the mail, working with online ministry, visiting the sick, writing letters, and so much more. We could not have made the impact that this ministry has made with-

out those who stepped up and helped.

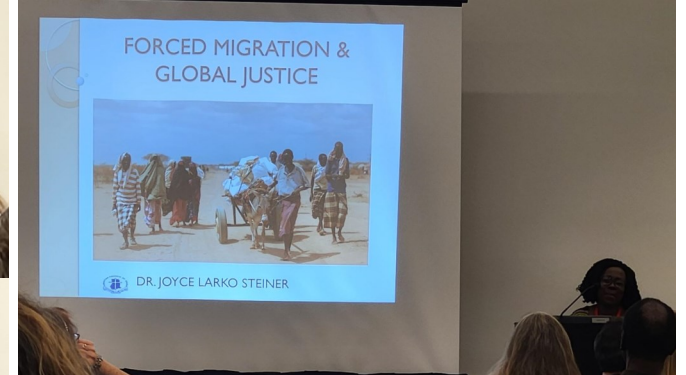
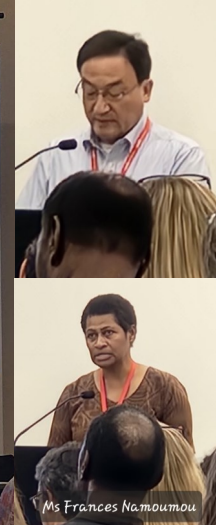
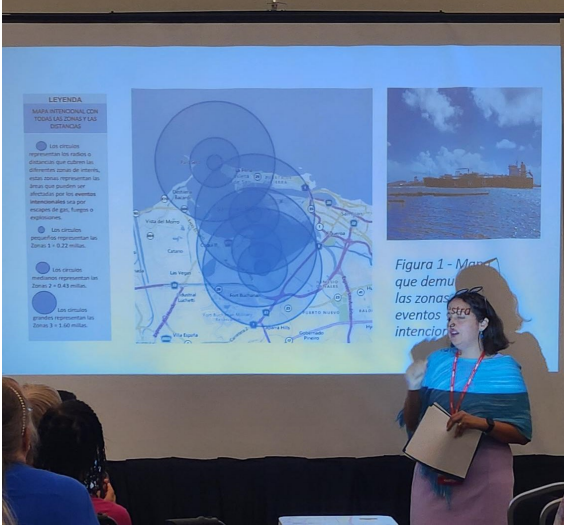
This is a call for those would like to help in ministry in some way. As the message above implies, what is God speaking to you? What are you waiting for? Ministry needs you and we want to work with you to help bring it to life. We

need help with so many things.

Send your name and contact information to "Help"

Fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com.





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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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Aug 17, 2023

Clergy Connect: Retired Clergy

August 18-19, 2023

Healthy Boundaries 201

August 24, 2023

Upgrade Thursdays: Welcome with a
Wow! Your Visitor's First Impression

September 22-24, 2023

Georgia Disciples Women Fall Re-
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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

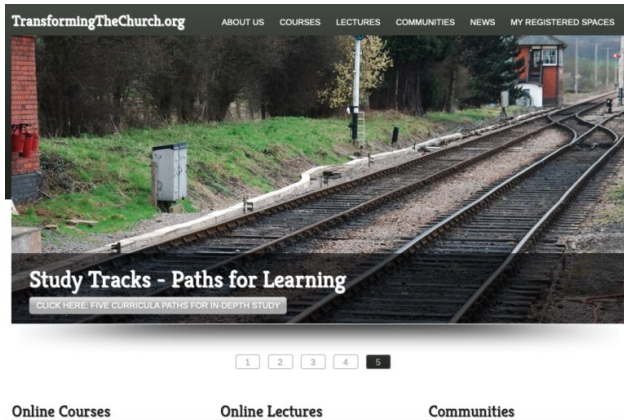
Rev. Dr. Bell has been called to a new assignment at Lexington Theological Seminary and will be leaving the Christian Church in Georgia, effective July 31, 2023. We thank Rev. Dr. Bell for nine years of shared ministry! We honor her work, dedication, and heart for ministry. Let us continue to keep her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



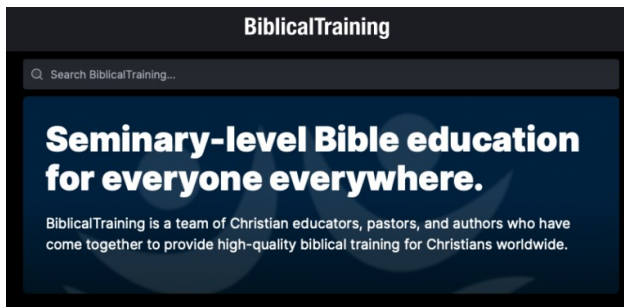
Christian Education

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

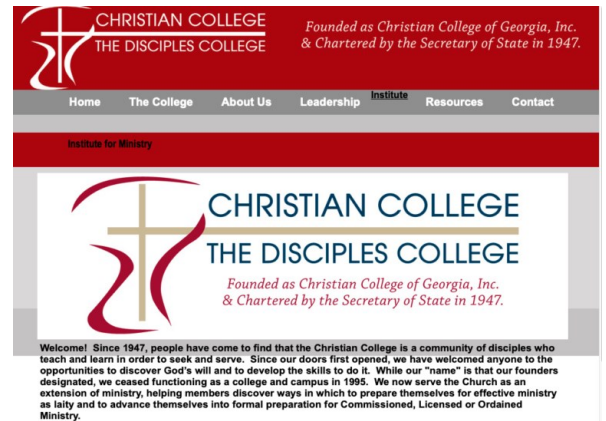
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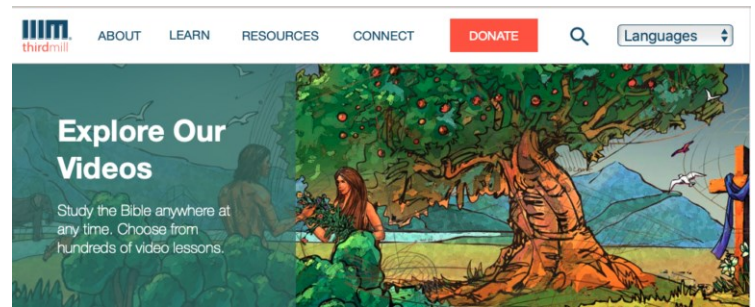
<https://www.transformingthechurch.org>



<https://www.biblicaltraining.org>



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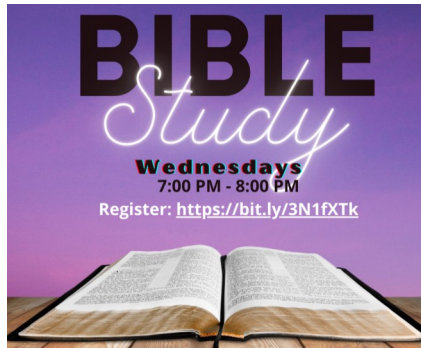
Highlights from 2023 General Assembly

Adoption of the following

1. GA-2343 Proposed Changes to the Design
2. GA-2336 Christian Church Health Care Benefit Trust Closure and Distribution of Assets
3. GA-2338 Concerning Food Waste, Food Insecurity, and Environmental Justice
4. GA-2339 Compelled to Witness: Answering the Cry of our Palestinian Siblings
5. GA-2342 Dissolution of the Pastoral Commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
6. GA-2346 Ratify Actions of the General Board
7. Re-election of Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens to a second term as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
8. GA-2348 Report of the General Nominating Committee
9. GA-2340 Building on our Church's Commitment to Faith-Based Investing
10. Numerous reports were received
11. Several resolutions were referred to committee

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

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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:

NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K
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V N N Q Z Y K V A D E J M V R
G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L
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CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING of the Jews	LAMB of God	LIGHT of the World
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

BIBLICAL JUDGES

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K B L Z I O M H D E B O R A H

ABDON	ABIAH	AMARIAH	DEBORAH
EHUD	ELI	ELON	GIDEON
IBZAN	JAIR	JEPHTHAH	JOEL
KENANIAH	MOSES	OTHNIEL	SAMSON
SAMUEL	SHAMGAR	TOLA	ZEBADIAH

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Z E C H A R I A H Y K A R J F
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Y U F P O X X S W M A W V C S
N X M H B M V K N J Y L W N Q

OBADIAH	HABAKKUK	DEUTERONOMY
RUTH	JONAH	ISAIAH
EZRA	GENESIS	NUMBERS
LEVITICUS	PSALMS	ECCLESIASTES
JEREMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	JOEL
AMOS	MICAH	NAHUM
ZECHARIAH	MALACHAI	HOSEA

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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R O I H R K O X T D I X L V D
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PHILEMON	JAMES	HEBREWS
ACTS	JUDE	MATTHEW
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