

Fountain of Hope

Official Newsletter of the Fountain of Hope Christian Church

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.

What A Storm Will Teach You

Matthew 14:27-32

27But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 28“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink,



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cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Beloved, this message for us from Matthew is simple. Don’t worry about storms that come in your life. With Jesus, you will be alright.

In this text in Matthew, the Disciples were going to the other side of the lake, when a storm arose. They saw Jesus walking along the coast of the Lake and were terrified with fear because they didn’t believe it was Jesus. When they last saw Jesus, Jesus had gone on the mountain side to pray.

To calm them down and reassure the disciples that Jesus was aware of their

Situation, Jesus yelled out to them to “Take courage. Don’t be afraid”.

They didn’t believe it, so Peter called out, “Lord if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water”. Jesus said, “Come”. Peter walked on the water and walked to Jesus. When Peter focused on the stuff that was going on in the storm and took his eyes off Jesus, he sank. By that time, Jesus reached down and grabbed his hand and helped him into the boat.

Beloved, don’t get caught up in the storms and noise of this world. Keep your eyes on Jesus Christ who is waiting to hold your hand in the storm to help you get in the boat of safety. Keep the Faith!

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU!

Preparing for the 172nd Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Georgia

On April 23-25, the Christian Church in Georgia will gather at the Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA. This year’s theme is **“Walking in COMMUNITY-Arise, Awake, and Activate!!!”** based on Isaiah 43:18-19 which says *"Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*

There will be worship, fellowship, training, business of the region, and great presentations from leaders:

- Rev. Terri Hord Owens, Disciples General Minister and President
- Rev. Dr. Adam Harmon, Georgia’s Regional Minister
- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Senior Pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church

Rev. Kinsie M. Tate, LPCC, Self Care Training for Clergy

Many other events.

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Christian Education

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



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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

WALKING IN COMMUNITY

172nd Regional Assembly of the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

April 23-25, 2026

Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA



Green Chalice Gathering
Preparing the Soil! Gardens and more
April 16, 7-8:15 ET



At this free online gathering for all people we will listen, pray, learn and be inspired together. We will meet some of the Green Chalice faith leaders and learn about congregational efforts to care for creation, love their neighbors and faithfully accompany people and planet. In April we will focus on preparing the soil, growing food, caring for pollinators and supporting community and church gardens. What are you planning to plant?

Register here.
<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=d892a4c2-b82e-4aa4-8417-17b9fa7ebd52&envId=p-2Xj0Bll5rEm8MRVgKSYv6w&zone=usa>



Eco Story Circles: Exploring Gratitude and Grief in these times. online gathering

Learn more and register at Greenchalice.org



7- Wednesdays,
February 11- March 25, 2026,
12:15-1:30 pm ET

Online Guides: Connie Burns
Sydne Stone, Martha Frame
Scott Hardin-Nieri, Nicole Vickey

Save the Date!

The National Convocation
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
29th Biennial Session
June 11-14, 2026
Dallas, TX

Event Registration and Hotel Reservation
Details Coming Soon

www.nationalconvocation.org



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

Virtual Bible Study - Join US

Request the Bible Study URL from

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2/4/26	Baptism and the Lord's Supper	John 1:29-34	Acts 2:38, 41; Romans 6:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
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Date	Lesson	Devotional	Background
2/11/26	The Lord's Day	Psalms 118:19-24	Genesis 2:2-3; Matthew 12:1-14; 28:1-10, Exodus 20:8-11, Romans 14:4-6; Revelation 1:10
2/18/26	Stewardship and Mission	Zechariah 8:18-23	Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Acts 26:12-20; Acts 1:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-9
2/25/26	Loving God, Loving Others	Proverbs 28:18-22	Romans 15:1-7; Philippians 2:1-8; Colossians 3:12; 4:1
3/4/26	Watching Our Consumption	Titus 1:5-9	Daniel 1:8-20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 1 Timothy 4:7-12
3/11/26	Giving to the Community	Exodus 20:12-17	Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:25-37; James 1:27; 2:14-17
3/18/26	Welcoming Others in Christ	Colossians 3:1-11	Ruth 1:1-18; John 4:5-10; Acts 10:1-11; 18
3/25/26	Waiting for God's Peace	Revelation 5:8-14	Isaiah 11:6-10; John 18:28-38; Ephesians 4:4-6, 13-19
4/1/26	Resurrection: The Future Hope	Luke 24:1-12	Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-20, 50-58; Revelations 22:1-5
4/8/26	Authority: Belonging to God	Proverbs 31:4-9	Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8
4/15/26	Children: Gift and Model	Psalms 8	Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 9:36-37, 42; 10:13-16; Luke 2:1-20
4/22/26	Family: Distinct and Obedient	2 Samuel 7:25-29	Matthew 19:3-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:3-5
4/29/26	Christian Expectation of Grace	Revelation 5:1-5	Jonah 1-4; Galatians 3:1-13
5/6/26	Work as Christian Duty	Ecclesiastes 9:4-10	Genesis 2:15-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
5/13/26	Christian Manner of Justice	Luke 3:7-14	Exodus 1:8-14; Amos 5:6-15; Zechariah 8:16-17; 1 Timothy 6:17-19
5/20/26	Christian Rhythms of Life	Ecclesiastes 2:20-25	Jeremiah 31:12-13; Mark 2:18-28; 6:30-32; John 2:1-11
5/27/26	Living in Christian Community	Hebrews 1:1-6	Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 122:1-9; Hebrews 10:19-25
6/3/26	Deborah, the Dutiful Judge	Matthew 20:20-28	Judges 4-5

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Founded in 2008 in the basement of a flower shop, Fountain of Hope Christian Church has actively done ministry around the world. Along with worship, bible study, our missions and ministry includes providing shoes for thousands of people around the world, clothing the homeless, nurture for battered women's shelters, pastoral car to nursing homes and incarcerated youth, environmental justice, advocacy, and much more. It is possible by the Grace of God who encourages people around the world to sow seeds into this ministry.



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