

Sandy Run MBC



"The Hallmark of Hope"

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Matthew 28:19-20
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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

2020: A Year of Transformation

A new year is just over the horizon, and as we eagerly await what God has in store for our CLS, let's take a few moments to reflect on how we ended this year.

Many started thinking that 2020 was the year of perfect vision. However, March 2020 changed everything. The coronavirus transformed our lives in many ways; it transformed how we work, how we play, how we worship, and how we learn. However, transformation is not a bad thing, for Paul reminds us that we are to be transformed by the renewal of our mind (see Romans 12:1-2). So, we transformed our way of thinking to meet the goals we set for 2020. In doing so, God reminded us of the power of commitment and prayer. These tenets helped us stay focus on our mission statement: to reach, to teach, and to make disciples for Him. With these precepts at the forefront, we decided to use the Zoom platform, but first we had to learn how to use it. We enrolled in classes, watched tutorials, and practiced among one another and family members. What we discovered was a platform that provided the flexibility to reach, disciple, and teach in the safety of our own homes. Additionally, it allowed us to reach disciples from all over North Carolina, California, Georgia, and Illinois. To God be the glory.

Colossians 3:23-24
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“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

2020: To God be the Glory

We praise God for allowing us the opportunity to serve. This year, we offered five classes; four were virtual and one Certificate of Progress Program (“COPP”) workshop. We reached 141 students, enrolled three persons in COPP (Deacon Greg Humphrey, Sister Rhonda Willingham, and Sister Gloria Watson), and certified four additional instructors (Minister John C. Hopson, Brother Grover C. Lewis, III, Sister Deborah J. Harvey, and Sis. Felicia Churchwell). Sister Deborah J. Harvey completed all four phases of COPP this year and the requirements to become our next certified dean.

We praise God for all of you. You sacrificed your time. We cannot thank you enough for trusting us to bring you quality classes taught by certified instructors.



2021: Coming Soon

Next year we will be offering eight classes from three of the four phases. You can register by going to our website (www.sandyrunmbc.com). The classes will be posted soon!

We hope to see you there.

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