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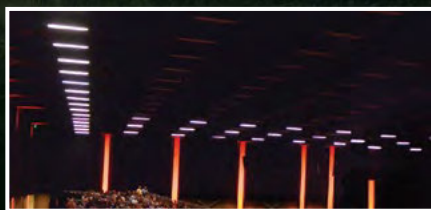
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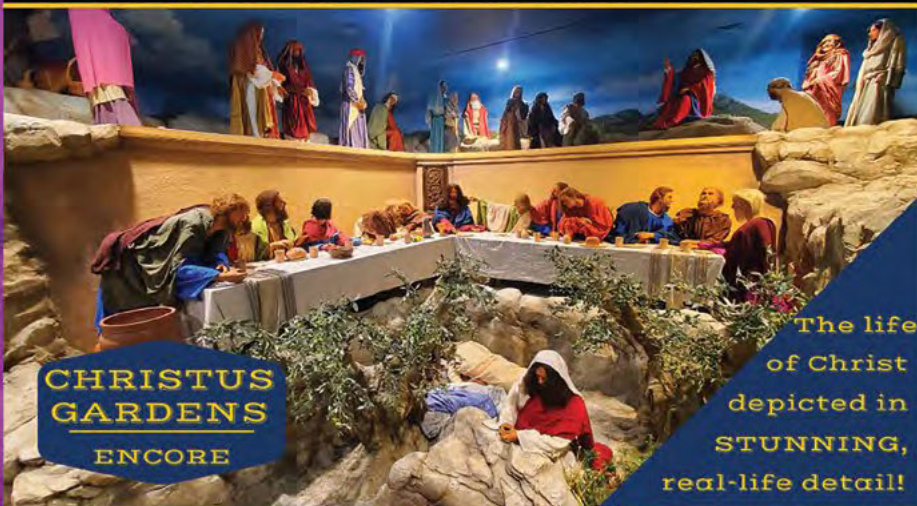
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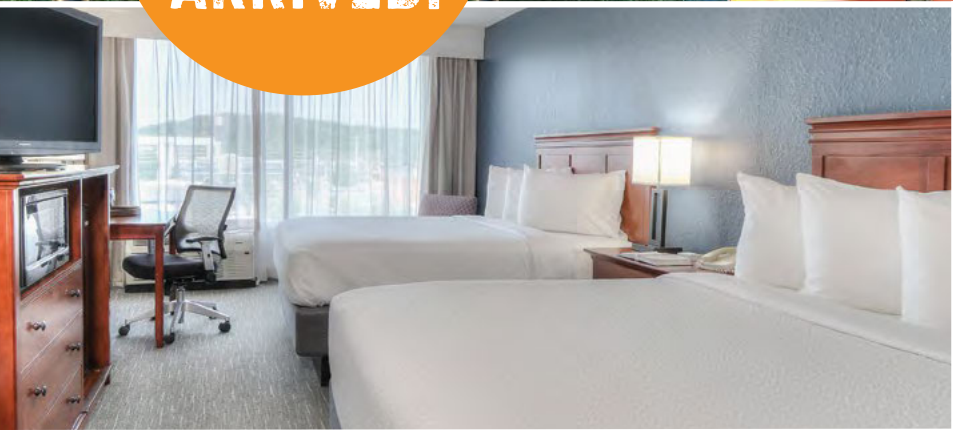


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To walk with the Lord in His Light, we must confess and forsake sin, pursue righteousness, and obey His commands. We can't claim to walk in the Light if our life is characterized by the darkness of a sinful lifestyle or we're hold-

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Second, the truth isn't always popular. Remember, Jesus was truth incarnate and they crucified Him. The truth can be offensive because it tells us what is wrong with us. Imagine going to the doctor and being told you have cancer. You may not like it—you can disagree and get angry—but it's the truth, and ignoring it can lead to death.

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What is Truth? Truth is Jesus, His death and resurrection. Truth is the Word of God, the Bible. Truth may not be popular, especially in our world today, but it will set you free ... and not just for today, but for eternity!



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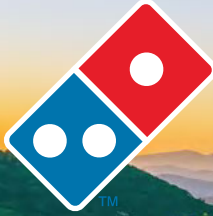
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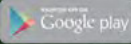
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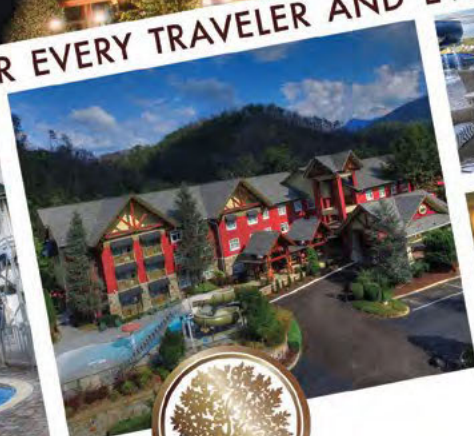
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