



Fountain of Hope

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

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Commemoration: A Lasting Ordinance

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“...It is the Lord’s Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every first born of both people and animals, and I will bring judgement on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is the day you commemorate for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.” - Exodus 12:11b-14

February is known as the month of love with Valentines day on February 14th but also it is known on Black History Month.

Black History is a time to remember and reflect on the contributions of African Americans throughout United States of America History.

Just as God’s instruction about remembrance with the Children of Israel regarding the Passover is important to their survival, remembrance is important to the survival of all people. Lessons learned are passed from

generation to generation. Purpose is passed from generation to generation. Nuances about culture and other fundamental living principles are passed by sharing and remembrance.

Take time to share lessons learned but also remember which is fundamental to your existence and growth.



Pastor Charles Marshall

A New Bible Study Beginning

As we begin this new year, we thank God for the great things that happened in 2015. We also prepare to grow in our faith walk by begin-

ning a new bible study: “The Bible Speaks”. This is an intense overview of the bible incorporating context, language, and other factors that allow us to hear God speak through

the scriptures . We meet each Thursday at 6:00pm at Dodd-Sterling UMC, 3272 Browns Mill Rd, Atlanta, GA 30354. Feel free to bring your bible, notebook, and pen to grow.

Special points of interest:

- Worship will be announced later
- Bible Study is every Thursday at 6:00 pm
- African American Heritage Tour is in February. See Rev. Michael Axon for details.

Please Remember In Prayer...



A strong prayer life
Makes a
Strong Life

Sis. Vester Sims
Sis. Jarrell Grace
President Barak Obama
Bro. Damion Lonon
Sis. Doreen Vanrossum
Bro. Dwight Wimes
Bro. Sam Warfield
Rev. Robert L. Melson, Sr.
Sis. Emma R. Locke
Rev. William Harris
Rev. Larry McNeal
Sis. Daphne Davis
Bro. Richard Marshall
Sis. Sandra Marshall
Sis. Gladys Axon-Rice

Bro. Fred Kendrick
Bro. Lawrence Poole
Bro. Fabian Johnson
Sis. Carolyn Johnson
Bro. Evan Morris
Bro. Rodney Gilliam
Bro. Arthur L. Brown Jr.
Sis. Terlisa F. Sheppard
Logan Family
Brazzel Family
Morris Family
Sis. Rhonda Martin
Dr. Brenda Wiley
Bro Ricky Underwood
Sis Nadine Archield

Sis Segrid Archield
Bro John Archield
Bro D.J. Strozier
Bro Harold Underwood
Sis. Jinaye Johnson
Sis Jennifer Taylor
Sis. Dekoslyn Cook-Robinson
Min. Thomas Walters
Min. Kim Taylor
Bro Duron Ewing and Family
Family of Denisa Jester
Bro. Rickey Underwood
Sis. Janet Johnson

"What you do each day is how you live your life. What are you doing today that you can thank yourself tomorrow?"

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.

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 fellowship with Fountain of Hope.

Now it's up to you. Make the step. We have members who are affiliated with this fellowship throughout the United States. You may be the next member wherever you reside.

Let us know if you have questions.

News from the Disciples of Christ



Opportunities to building friends, family, and community.

Disciple Men's Retreat
Christmount Christian
Assembly
April 15-17, 2016

167th Regional Assembly
November 11-12, 2016
FCC Valdosta, GA

Camp Work Days:
April 30, 2016
May 7, 2016

Disciple Women's Retreat
Georgia Baptist Conference
Center
September 23-25, 2016

Black History Month In Atlanta, GA

Here are some events in February to help you commemorate Black History Month.

1. Black History Month Parade 2/27/16—The King Center
2. Emerging Voices Family Storytelling: Black History and Folktales—Callanwolde Fine Arts Center
3. The Apex Awards 2 / 2 7 / 1 6 — T h e APEX Museum
4. Onyx Ball 2016 2/20/16—B Loft
5. Harlem Renaissance at the Georgia International Convention Center (\$15)
6. UniverSoul Circus, Feb 4-28, 2016 Turner Field (\$11-\$22)
7. Images of African American Life in Georgia 2/1-22/16—The Cultural Arts Council, Douglasville, GA
8. Black History Month Cinema Festival, 2/10/16—Gresham Library, Atlanta, GA



Lent
Beginning Feb 10
Draw Closer To God

Transportation Assistance in DeKalb County

Dekalb County Office of Senior Affairs has a program for Seniors over 60 who need rides to various locations (MD, pharmacy, shopping, etc.) and can qualify for a \$300 quarterly voucher to pay a driver to take them to various locations. There is a \$30 quarterly admin fee and the driver and client set up their own arrangements for payment. For more information on this program contact Erica Wheeler at 770-322-2961 or email her at ewheeler@dekalbcountyga.gov.

You matter and make a difference.

"For God so loved the world that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"
John 3:16

Primaries and General Election: Your Vote Matters

Some feel church and state should remain separate and there is a huge debate around the topic. Regardless of the side that you choose, there is one fact that remains: the same people in the church are also governed by local, state, and the federal government.

What's most important is that you participate in the political system. Your vote matters for several reasons: 1. It determines who will serve in office. 2. It will ensure that you have a voice in the policies that will ultimately affect you. 3. Regardless of the side that you vote, politicians pay attention to people who vote versus people who don't vote. If you vote, then your concerns about trash, street lights, and crime matter. If you don't vote, you may not be taken as serious.

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The Place Where You Matter!



Mission of Hope

We are enhancing and creating partnerships to improve the delivery of youth ministry in the Metro Atlanta Area. In this new program, we would like to bring together the best and most hopeful young people across the Metro Atlanta region to provide meaningful opportunities to each of them. Does this mean that we are seeking students with the highest GPA's? Absolutely not! 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:

1. College Tours
2. African Heritage Tours
3. Leadership Development Experiences
4. Career Development and Exposure to Opportunities
5. Interface with Philanthropic Organizations that serve our community

OBJECTIVE: *Provide hope enriching opportunities for the development of youth as future citizens, leaders, and support the development of meaningful personal goals.*