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Repentance Matters

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"17. And David spake unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray, be against me, and against my father's house.

25. And David built an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, So the Lord was intreated for the land and the plague was stayed from Israel. 2 Samuel 24:17,25 (KJV)"

Evil may seem like it goes unnoticed but be not de-

ceived. Whatsoever a man (or woman) sows that they shall also reap. (Galatians 6:7). There are mass shootings and bombings but God is still on the thrown. There are corrupt people in high and low places, but God is still on the thrown

David found out that even though he had risen to the status of King of Israel, he was still held accountable to God's will. As the Apostle Paul noted many years later, the wages of sin is death. Sin is sin and there is a price for sin. Regardless of David's status among humans, he was smart enough to ask God for forgiveness. The bible also notes that God heard his repentance and forgave him.

If you have done something against your brothers and sis-

ters, ask for forgiveness. If you have done something against God's will, confess it and ask for forgiveness.

If you confess with your mouth and believe in heart that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, you shall be saved. (Romans 10:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Repentance matters.



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III
Pastor

Bible Study moving through Bible

Bible study continues as we look at real people, real situations, and see how God moved then and look at how God continues to move

today. 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:

- Senior Ministry is every 2nd Sunday
- Bible Study is every Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Worship is Thursday at 7:00 pm
- Mission of Hope- a special youth initiative

Please Remember In Prayer...



A strong prayer life
 Makes a
 Strong Life

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 Sis. Jarrell Grace
 President Barak Obama
 Bro. Damion Lonon
 Sis. Doreen Vanrossum
 Bro. Dwight Wimes
 Bro. Sam Warfield
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 Rev. Larry McNeal
 Sis. Daphne Davis
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 Sis. Jinaye Johnson
 Sis Jennifer Taylor
 Sis. Dekoslyn Cook-Robinson
 Min. Thomas Walters
 Min. Kim Taylor
 Bro Duron Ewing and Family
 Bro. Rickey Underwood
 Sis. Janet Johnson
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 Dr. Willie J. Swain

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.

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



Opportunities to building friends, family, and community.

News from the Disciples of Christ

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

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

Healthy Boundaries Training
 Saturday, August 20, 2016

Disciple Men's Fall Rally
 Southern Georgia
 October 8, 2016

Cluster Gathering
 August 7, 2016, 3-6:00 pm
 Community CC
 349 Kenwood Rd
 Fayetteville, GA 30214

The Church and Environmental Justice and Stewardship

According to the U.S. EPA, **Environmental Justice** is *the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.* (www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice).

There is something very fundamental about the earth that we all inhabit and how we take care of it. The very first verse of the bible in the book of Genesis says "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." From a theological point of view, God exists before there is a world and before humans, creatures, plants, and other things are created. God prepares the world. The creator of the world has distinct instructions for humans who are a part of creation.

From a review of several scriptural texts, it is clearly evident that God speaks explicitly about humankind's responsibility to caring for "Creation". Genesis 2:15 says that "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. " In other texts like the Noahic pericope in Genesis 9:8-10, God makes a covenant between God, Noah, humankind, and all creation: "8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark." There is also a

response from God when there is abuse of creation as in the Balaam and the donkey story in Numbers 22:22-34. 2 Peter 2:14-16 even equates this abuse of creation to sin which makes environmental stewardship and justice more than good public policy but it becomes a salvation issue.



Early in my ministry, I presented a sermon during my seminary years on the importance the church being concerned about the environment. There was a waste landfill co-located central to the church's community which happened to contain mostly middle to lower income and African American people. There were generations of people of color who succumbed to asthma and other illnesses as a result of the proximity to the landfill. Even though the community and community leaders rose up to protest for closing the landfill, there were very few church leaders involved in this movement. Why were so many of the black church leaders silent on issues that affected the same constituency that they preached to each Sunday morning?

Many members of my church which hosted the meeting to address this issue did not attend the meetings. It was during this time that I prepared a sermon that called to action the church, particularly the African American or Black Church.

The sermon which earned me a grade of "A" or "100%" in seminary did not set well with one of the church mothers. At the end of the service where I delivered this sermon, one of the church mothers came up to me and told me that she knew I would do better next time. She really didn't want to hear about environmental responsibility. Fast forward many years, that church mother is no longer alive but those of us who are alive must still contend with the condition of the world in which we live. In addition, we are called to leave this world better than we found it for future generations.

There are few predominantly African American churches which see a need to speak or act on environmental issues. In a metropolitan area such as Atlanta, Georgia, there are only a handful of African American clergy who find environmental justice and stewardship important enough to speak on it in a sermon, important enough to create a ministry to focus on the issue, or important enough to involve the larger church.

The entire church has a responsibility for the care of the world. The church who is still

concerned with soul salvation and life with God, is also held accountable for care of creation.

There are local organizations that have committed toward creation care. One such organization is Georgia Interfaith Power and Light which *engages communities of faith in stewardship of Creation as a direct expression our faithfulness and as a religious response to global climate change, resource depletion, environmental injustice, pollution, and other disruptions in Creation.*

You don't have to wait for your church to get involved for you to become a change agent of one in making a difference. Sustainability, which often is expressed in terms of the triple bottom line or the people, the planet, and profit, matters.

1. Recycling, reusing, and reducing your use will make a difference. 
2. Good energy management practices will save you money and help in the environment.
3. Riding your bicycle and walking instead of driving will help the environment and help your health.
4. Growing vegetables in pots and your garden will help the environment and give you fresh food for your enjoyment and health.
5. Seek other resources to be more environmentally friendly.

- Rev. Dr. C.F. Marshall

2016 Environmental Leader Conference



2016 Top Project of Year:
Energy Management Program for Hartsfield-Jackson
Atlanta International Airport



July 21-23, 2016
Denver, Colorado



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2017 General Assembly

July 8-12, 2017 • Indianapolis
Indianapolis Convention Center

Registration opens July, 2016

Independence Day Word Find

Independence Fireworks Barbecue Friends Faith
 Freedom Family Apple Pie Liberty Trust
 Service Picnics Baseball Patriot Hope

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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.*