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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.

Prepare for 2019



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III Senior Pastor

3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and

wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

- Luke 2:3-7

Isaiah had pronounced in Chapter 9 that a messiah would come that would have the government on His soldiers. Yet Jesus was born into the world with no place to lay his head under the rule of the government. As a matter of fact, his parents were going to get registered because all people were registered.

Over 2,000 years ago, our Savior was born during registration, but eligible people today still will not all register to vote and be counted. Today, if Mary, the mother of Jesus showed up in our towns, cities, hamlets, and homes, would our doors open to accept a foreign birth.

The answer will more than likely be "no."

While we must all submit to the authority of the government, we sometimes miss the greater things that matter to the world and ourselves. There was no place for a foreign mother, a foreign baby, an unfamiliar situation. We must keep our eyes open for blessings that God may send our way. No one knows the day or hour that the Son of Man will appear, so we must be open to receive what God may send.

God will do what God desires to do with or without our knowledge. I pray that you keep your eyes open for what God will bless your life in 2019. Is there room in your inn?

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Special points of interest:

- Join us for Bible Study every Wednesday at 7pm
Mission of Hope is seeking volunteers.
Worship Service is 2nd Sunday 11am at North Decatur Health & Rehabilitation Center
GA Black Leadership Project

THEOLOGIANS SPEAK:



Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is more people who have come alive

— Howard Thurman —

Creation Care



The Alverna Covenant

Whereas:

God has created the world with finite resources;

God has given to us the stewardship of the earth;

God has established order through many natural cycles;

And it is evident that:

We are consuming resources at a rate that cannot be maintained;

We are interrupting many natural cycles;

We are irresponsibly modifying the environment through consumption and pollution;

We are populating the earth at a rate that cannot be maintained;

As a member of the human family and a follower of Jesus Christ, I hereby covenant that:

I will change my lifestyle to reduce my contribution to pollution;

I will support recycling efforts

I will search for sustainable lifestyles;

I will work for public policies which lead to a just and sustainable society;

I will share these concerns with others and urge them to make this covenant.





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“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

News from the Disciples of Christ

Watch Night Service

Date: December 31, 2018
 Time: 6:00 PM
 Location: North Decatur Health & Rehabilitation Center, 2787 North Decatur Rd, Decatur, GA

Reconciliation 2.0: The Urgency of Now – Webinar

Date: May 19, 2019
 Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Website:
<http://www.lextheo.edu/>

[webinar-series/](#)

Regional Youth Assembly

Epworth-by-the-Sea
 February 22-24, 2019

Disciples Men's Retreat

Christmount - Black Mountain
 N.C.
 March 22-24, 2019



General Assembly

Des Moines, Iowa
 July 20-24, 2019

Regional Assembly

First Christian Church Macon
 April 24-25, 2020



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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



Hope-Cast

Audio and Video Inspiring Messages

Our ministry will attempt to reach you where you are. There will be drops of hope in messages to give you that encouragement of what you need when you need it.

Faith	Hope	Love	Finances	Relationships	
Work	Dreams	Government Home-life	Salvation		
Sin	Heaven	Hell	Jesus	God	
Holy Spirit	Joy	Children	Enemies	Friends	More.....

Bible Study

Join us in person or via conference call each Wednesday to journey with us through pages of the bible to hear God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the many people and animals who lived and walked on this earth and some who didn't. Go and grow with us we listen to what God speaks into our spirit as we move through the many stories in the bible. Just let us know if you are interested.



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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



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Address: 130 West Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Website: <http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/>



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Free Admission on January 21, 2019



May the peace and love of Jesus Christ rest and live in you!

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, (Luke 2: 1-14)



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A Godly place where you matter.

The International Facility Management Association awarded Pastor Marshall the **2018 Most Distinguished Member Award**. In honor, a brick with his name is being placed in the new Suntrust Atlanta Braves Stadium in Marietta, Georgia.



what do YOU expect? Loading 2019

And these three things remain
FAITH HOPE LOVE
and the greatest of these is
LOVE
1 Corinthians 13:13



For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*,
plans to prosper you,
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a *future*.
Jeremiah 29:11



**Do not worry about your life,
What u will eat or what u will drink;
nor about your body,
what you will put on**
**Is life not more than food
& the body more than clothing?**
Mathew 6:25

