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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.

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Special points of interest:

- Hope-Casts to listen to encourage you
- Your spiritual life
- Georgia Black Leadership Project to connect the church, public, and nonprofit to help the people
- LIT Initiative providing opportunities
- Climate Change is real. The Church's response

Good Fruit or the Ax

“Even now the axing at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire” -

Matthew 3:10

As John the Baptist was baptizing in the wilderness, he noticed many Pharisees and Sadducees (temple leaders) coming to the baptism. First John called them vipers or snakes. John then says that since they were not raising up the people, “God is abtiones to raise up children to Abraham.” Finally, John speaks about good fruit or the ax.

We are all created for God's glory. I Samuel 12:22 says “... it has pleased the Lord to make you

a people for himself..” The question is whether or not we want to walk in the steps of the creation that God has made us or do we want to make our own decision to be something that is not good.

If our choice is the latter where we don't produce good fruit, we will be cut down by the ax. It may not happen today or even tomorrow, but it will happen. Let us choose to produce GOOD FRUIT.

“...Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” Galatians 5:22-23



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Theologians Speak: John Calvin

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

(November 13, 354—August 28, 430) St. Augustine, also called Saint Augustine of Hippo, original Latin name Aurelius Augustinus, Tagaste, Numidia [now Souk Ahras, Algeria—Africa]—one of the Latin Fathers of the

Church and perhaps the most significant Christian thinker after St. Paul. Augustine's adaptation of classical thought to Christian teaching created a theological system of great power and lasting influence.



Augustine of Hippo



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;

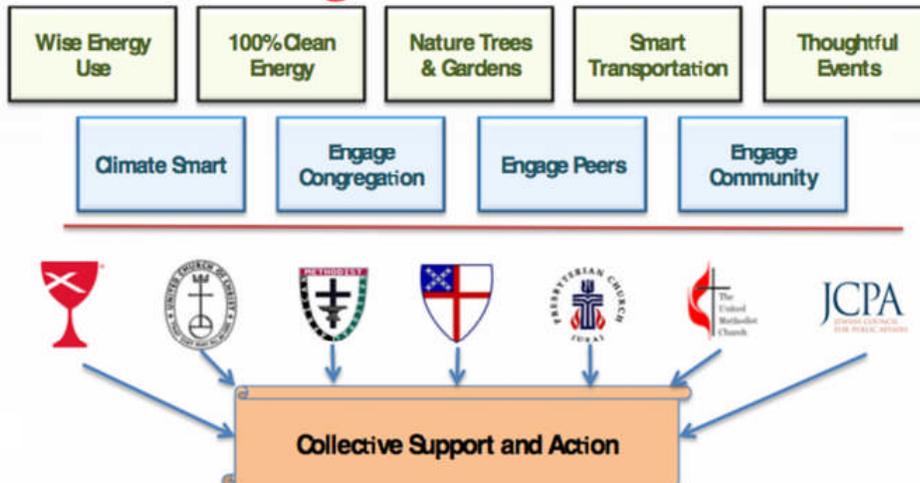
And it is evident that:

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.

Putting Justice Into Action





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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 wherever you reside.

Let us know if you have questions.

News from the Disciples of Christ



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

PREVENTION

1. Avoid close contact
2. Stay home when you are sick
3. Cover your mouth and nose
4. Clean your hands
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
6. Practice other good health habits.

Your Health: Cold & Flu Season

What is Influenza (Flu)?

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

How Flu Spreads

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth,

nose or possibly their eyes.

Period of Contagiousness

You may be able to pass on flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

People with flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins.

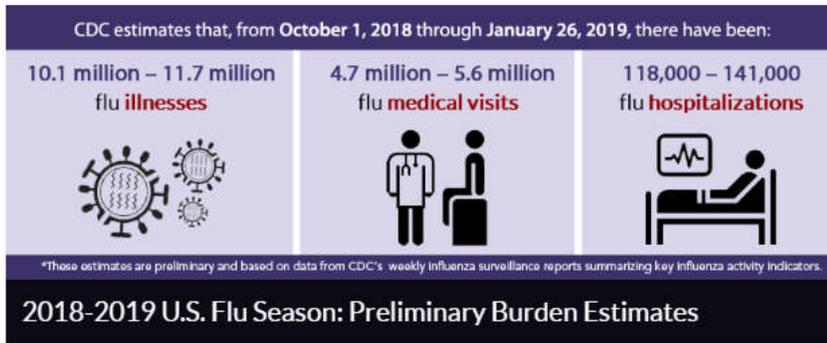
Some otherwise healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.

Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others with flu viruses for an even longer time.

Onset of Symptoms

The time from when a person is exposed and infected with flu to when symptoms begin is about 2 days, but can range from about 1 to 4 days.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>



TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THE FLU.

Flu vaccination has been shown to prevent flu illnesses, doctors' visits and hospitalizations and can be life-saving in children

Hidden Atlanta Treasures: Sweetwater Creek Park

Sweetwater Creek State Park is a peaceful tract of wilderness only minutes from downtown Atlanta. A wooded trail follows the stream to the ruins of the New Manchester Manufacturing Company, a textile mill burned during the Civil War. Beyond the mill, the trail climbs rocky bluffs to provide views of the beautiful rapids below. Additional trails wind through fields and forest, showcasing ferns, magnolias, wild azaleas and hardwoods. Park rangers lead informative hikes to these areas

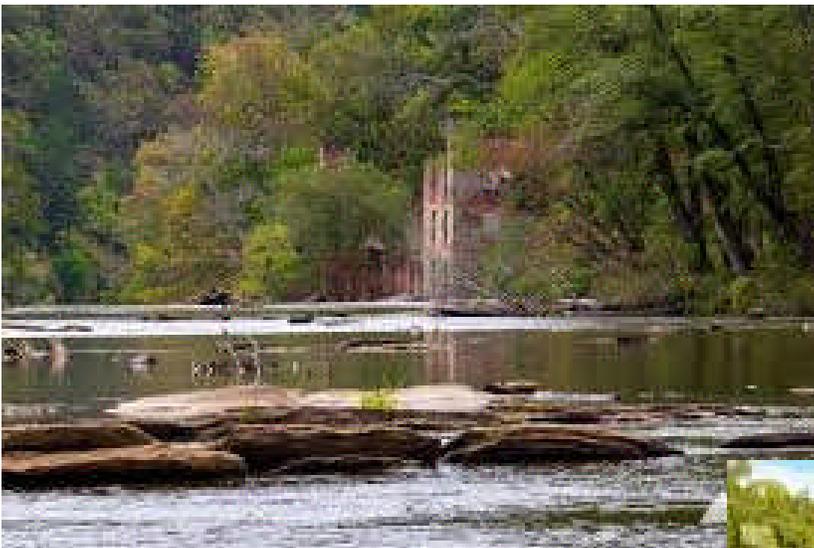
throughout the year.

The 215 acre George Sparks Reservoir is popular for fishing and provides a pretty setting for feeding ducks and picnicking. However, there is no beach and swimming in the Reservoir is not allowed. Fishing supplies are available in the adjacent bait shop. During warmer months, the park rents fishing boats, canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and pedal boats. Visitors can join the Park Paddlers Club, which challenges them to explore waterways in six state

parks. An award-winning Visitor Center—one of the most environmentally responsible buildings in the country—features exhibits on the area’s history, wildlife displays, trail maps, snacks and a renovated gift shop.

- Reservations, Accommodations & Facilities
- 2,549 Acres
- 215 Acre Lake
- 10 Yurts
- 5 Tent Campsites — site specific

- 1 Event Room (seats 40) — call park to reserve
- 7 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter (seats 150)
- 2 Fishing Docks
- 1 Boat Ramp
- Bait Shop — seasonal
- 2 Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Visitor Center
- Museum
- Gift Shop
- Wi-Fi — available in the Visitor Center & Bait Shop





Georgia Disciples of Christ Black Leadership

The 2018 Georgia Regional Assembly adopted a resolution to support the Poor People's Campaign. The Poor People's Campaign has a focus "uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. This project will address three objectives associated with this initiative:

1. Create a platform to give African American DOC churches historical context for African Americans in the Disciple of Christ movement and improve connection with identity within the Disciples of Christ (The Christian Church).
2. Raise awareness of systemic issues of racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and health disparities in Georgia
3. Provide opportunities to connect with grassroots organizations in the communities of the churches in the Georgia Region to improve conditions.

Next Sessions:

- ◆ February 2, 2019
- ◆ April 13, 2019



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.*

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.



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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A Godly place where you matter.

Founded in 2008 in the basement of a flower shop, Fountain of Hope Christian Church has actively done ministry around the world. Along with worship, bible study, our missions and ministry includes providing shoes for thousands of people around the world, clothing the homeless, nurture for battered women's shelters, pastoral care to nursing homes and incarcerated youth, environmental justice, advocacy, and much more. It is possible by the Grace of God who encourages people around the world to sow seeds into this ministry.

Salvation is free but ministry costs. Your gifts go directly toward supporting the ministry of Fountain of Hope Christian Church.



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