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Resurrection, Repentance, and Sin Forgiveness

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

"⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" Luke 24:45-47

People like to make up things to replace the seriousness of reality. Christmas is often connected with Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Easter is no different with Peter Cotton Tail, Easter Bunnies, and Easter egg hunts. Neither Christmas or Easter would be possible without Jesus, the Christ

or messiah, the prophetic Hebrew king who would come to set the world free from sin. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Jesus meets the disciples after he served in ministry for 33 years on the earth, died on the cross, and resurrected from the dead. Jesus opens their minds to understanding the scriptures and speaks to them about the key things that must happen. The Messiah or "Christos" (Greek) came to the world to die and rise from the dead to free the world from sin which involves repentance and for-

giveness of sins.

The wages of sin is death and all have sinned and come short of the glory of the God. (Romans 3:23 and 6:23) While sin separates humans from the love of God, repentance and forgiveness joins the body of Christ together.

For sin, Jesus came, died, and rose but to take advantage of this gift from God, humans must repent.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)

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Theologians Speak: Augustine

Augustine drew a distinction between operative and co-operative grace. God operates to initiate humanity's justification, in that humans are given a will capable of desiring good, and subsequently co-operate with that good will to perform good works, to bring that justification to perfection. The justification of humanity is there-

fore an act of divine mercy, in that they neither desire it nor deserve it. On account of the Fall, the free will of humans is weakened and incapacitated, though not destroyed. Humans need to pray to God continually for their growth in holiness and the spiritual life, thereby acknowledging that God is the author of both.



Augustine of Hippo

So while he made you without you, he doesn't justify you without you.

~ Saint Augustine



Creation Care



Caring for God's Creation
Living Our Faith
Stopping Climate Change



Orientation & Guidance

The Commitment

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called to create a more just world for all. Part of this is caring for God's creation. **Toward this end, we commit to working together to stop contributing to climate change pollution by 2030, and begin cleaning up the pollution of the past by 2035.** This is a big challenge, but it's really a personal and local challenge for each of us and our own churches. Healthy food, wise energy use, protecting nature, reducing waste, and stopping pollution all help create healthier families, care for the least among us and around the world, and leave a thriving world for future generations. Christians are called to not only support these efforts but to lead in our communities. **Everything we do makes a difference.**

The Church

While this guide is focused on the work of care for our neighbor and the planet, it is intended to accompany the robust historical work of the church in the world addressing the spiritual maladies of isolation, greed, poverty, oppression, overconsumption, violence, and fear.

The Guide

The Disciples Green Chalice Program, in partnership with Blessed Tomorrow, offer you this guide to help you live into your commitment and make a difference in your church, community, and the world. It's easier than you might think. The benefits of cleaner air and water, thriving nature, and saving money begin the moment you begin reducing pollution and waste.

Gratitude

The technologies of the Industrial Revolution, including the use of fossil fuels, have improved the lives of many. Generations benefited from this technological creativity. This kind of creativity is called for now as we see that a fossil fuel-burning planet is not sustainable. While we are grateful to the past, it is time to lead, with God's help, into a future that uses newer technology.

Overcoming Limitations

In making our commitment to eliminate carbon pollution and go climate positive in the coming years, we recognize that we will not be able to eliminate all our uses of fossil fuels, and that some of our congregations and parishioners are more dependent than others on fossil fuels or income from fossil fuels. This does not mean we cannot achieve our goals. Over the years, as we and the world shift toward a positive energy future, we will need to offset what we cannot conserve or switch to renewable, and support our sisters and brothers as they do the same.

We will also seek just consideration for those whose lives and income are dependent on oil field and coal mining income and careers, and support job retraining programs and the rebuilding of communities to make the transition from fossil fuels as seamless as possible. We will address these challenges in the process of fulfilling our commitment.



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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/>

General Assembly

Des Moines, Iowa

July 20-24, 2019

Regional Assembly

First Christian Church Macon

April 24-25, 2020

Anti Racism Training for Clergy

Montgomery, Alabama

April 6, 2019

NEW STUDY IDENTIFIES POTENTIAL TREATMENT FOR HIGHER RATE OF PRETERM BIRTH AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

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It may be possible to lower the high risk of preterm birth among African American women with certain immune and bacterial factors in the microbiome of the cervix and vagina that appear to modulate this risk, according to new research published in Nature Communications. March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit for the health of moms and babies, sponsored research at their Prematurity Research Center at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine that helped lay the foundation for these recently reported findings.

“If this study is confirmed, it could mean that supplementing with combined immune and bacterial factors could help overcome the disturbing racial disparities in preterm birth, in which African American moms and babies bear a greater burden,” says Kelle H. Moley, MD, Chief Scientific Officer at March of Dimes. “We’re hopeful that this method of diagnosing and moderating the microbiome to create a protective effect may become a new treatment for African American women in the immediate future.” March of Dimes’ comments came in response to the new study from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland School of Medicine that found seven types of bacteria and certain immune factors in a woman’s vagina and cervix may be responsible for increasing the risk of spontaneous preterm birth or protect against it. The authors suggest this information could help physicians better predict preterm birth, especially for African-American women early in pregnancy.

Today’s publication follows on other mechanistic studies on the vaginal microbiome and preterm birth conducted at the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, where lead author Michal Elovitz, MD, a professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Penn Medicine, is also a co-investigator. “March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit for the health of moms and babies, is pleased to support the work of the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center at University of Pennsylvania, including sponsoring research that helped lay the groundwork for these latest findings,” Dr. Moley said.

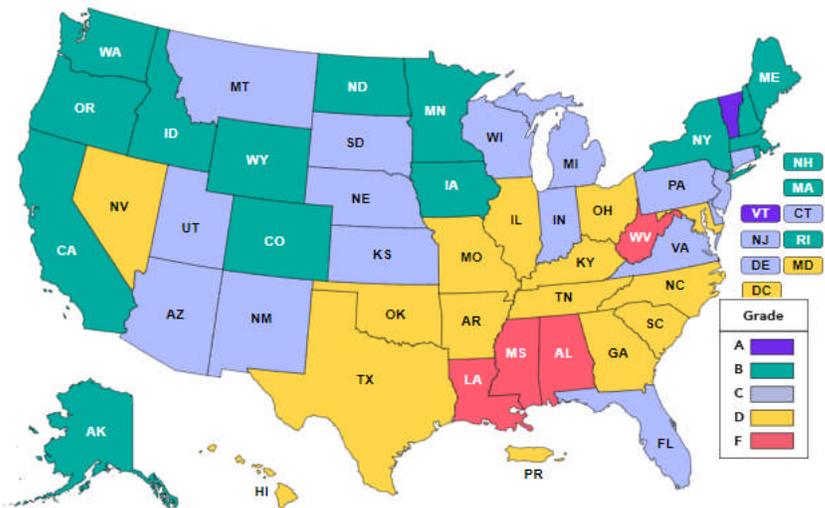
The presence or absence of certain bacteria in a woman’s cervix and vagina microbiome – the community of organisms such as bacteria and viruses that normally inhabit the body – are known to affect the risk of preterm birth. Some bacteria are associated with the significantly higher preterm birth rate among African American women in the United States.

“Cervicovaginal microbiota and local immune response modulate the risk of spontaneous preterm delivery” by Michal A. Elovitz, Jacques Ravel, et al. appeared in the March 21 issue of Nature Communications. The study was supported by the National Institute for Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health.

About March of Dimes

March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies. We support research, lead programs and provide education and advocacy so that every baby can have the best possible start. Building on a successful 80-year legacy of impact and innovation, we empower every mom and every family.

<https://www.marchofdimes.org/news/new-study-identifies-potential-treatment-for-higher-rate-of-preterm-birth-among-african-american-women.aspx>



Source: Preterm birth rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, 2017 final natality data. Grades assigned by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)



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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 Session:
◆ **June 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 car 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.



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A church anniversary poster. At the top, a photo of a man and a woman in front of a church building. Below the photo, text reads "THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH" and "Historically Canaan Hill Missionary Baptist Church". The main text says "celebrates the 31st PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY" in a large, stylized font, followed by "honoring Pastor & Dr. Ossie T. Brown, Jr." and "Theme: 'Thirty-One Years of Sowing for an Expected Harvest!'" in a dark blue box. The date and time are "SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 • 11AM". The church name and address are "THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH" and "300 Ray Thorington Road • Montgomery, AL 36117". At the bottom, it says "CELEBRATION GUEST SPEAKER" and "Pastor Dr. Charles Marshall" with "FOUNTAIN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH" and "Atlanta, Georgia" below. A photo of Pastor Dr. Charles Marshall is in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, it says "Visit us online at www.thesanctuarymbc.org or call us 334-396-8450".