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# Fountain of Hope

Official Newsletter of the Fountain of Hope Christian Church

**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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## A Mother In Truth and Love

### 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

*"<sup>1</sup> The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, <sup>2</sup> because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever"*

2 John 1:1-2

The month of May is marked by a widely celebrated day of observance, Mother's Day. Many mothers receive great recognition not just because they carry their children for about 9 months and then care for those same children beyond the womb. The honor for being a mother is based in truth and love.

If no one else will love their children, a mother will love their child. A mother will care for their

child. A mother will understand in truth the being that they brought into the world in most cases.

This text uses the term elect lady for the church. Jesus said upon this rock I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 18:16) Even though church is imperfect, it has lasted for thousands of years because it is based on truth and love. Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. (John 8:32) For God so loved the world that He gave his begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Eternity is attached to the church. Love is the basis of the

church. Truth is a foundation of the church. Everyone is not righteous in the church, yet Jesus reminds us to let the wheat grow among the tare and He will do the separating when he returns.

The real church is based in truth and love. A good mother or "elect lady" is based in truth, love without end. If you find yourself in a church that you don't feel love or sense the truth, it may not be a true church. Likewise, for mothers who are founded in truth and love, let's celebrate. Since ten commandments tell us to honor our parents, honor mothers even if you don't always agree with them. Let's honor and celebrate mothers.

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## Theologians Speak: Julian of Norwich

Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416) is known to us almost only through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life. She is thought to have been the first woman to write a book in English which has survived.

Julian is also known for her iden-

tification of the mothering nature of God: "*So Jesus Christ who sets good against evil is our real Mother. We owe our being to him—and this is the essence of motherhood!—and all the delightful, loving protection which ever follows. God is as really our Mother as he is our Father.*" (Chapter 59)



TRUTH SEES GOD,  
and wisdom contemplates GOD,  
and from these two comes a third,  
a holy and wonderful delight in GOD,  
WHO IS LOVE.  
... Julian of Norwich



# Creation Care



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**EARTH DAY LECTURE**  
SPONSORED BY THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY  
APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> @ THE THOMAS COLE AUDITORIUM

BY **VANESSA KEITH**  
4PM - 6PM  
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VANESSA KEITH AND HER FIRM **STUDIOTEKA DESIGN**.  
IMAGINES CITIES SURVIVING CATAclysmic CLIMATE CHANGE



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 Bro. Adrian M. Deese  
 Sis Gwen Carmen  
 Min. Donevan Reese  
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 Bro. George Lollar  
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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 Assembly

First Christian Church Macon

April 24-25, 2020

### General Assembly

Des Moines, Iowa

July 20-24, 2019





## ATLANTA

Raised to date: **\$412,385**

Our goal: **\$1,000,000**

**Date:** Saturday, May 04, 2019 📅

**Registration:** 7:30AM | **Start:** 9:00 AM

Walk distance: 3.1 miles

Historic 4th Ward Park 📍

680 Dallas St NE  
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<https://www.marchforbabies.org/Fundraising/Personal?personId=6365005&participantId=8761806>



### REV. DR. CHARLES MARSHALL

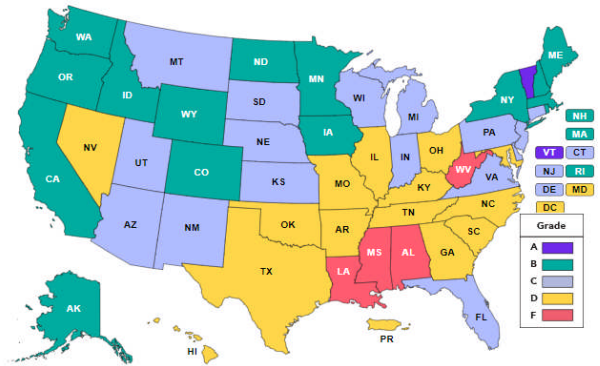
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#### WHY I WALK

Right now, babies need all the help they can get. Premature birth affects about 450,000 babies here in the United States. I'm walking in March for Babies to get the message out about this terrible problem and you can help. Please make a secure donation to help me reach my goal. Together we can help the March of Dimes fight prematurity so more babies can get the strongest start possible. We need your help to support the ground breaking research that is being conducted to give every baby a fighting chance for life, love, and pursuit of happiness

#### YOUR GIFT MATTERS

By raising funds for March for Babies, you're building a brighter future for moms and babies everywhere. You're helping March of Dimes advocate for policies to protect them, support radical improvements to the health care they receive and empower families with programs, knowledge and tools. Every dollar you give today makes a real difference in your community and across the country.



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.

#### DONATE TO

Rev. Dr. Charles Marshall

Your gift helps fight for moms and babies.

Select an amount

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Pastor Tracey Fletcher, Senior Pastor of Amanda Flipper AME Church, Decatur, GA delivers a powerful message during the 10th Church Anniversary Celebration of the Fountain of Hope Christian Church. To God be the glory for the great things He has done! We thank everyone who came from near and far to help us celebrate. We especially thank Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church for opening up their doors to allow us celebrate in their sanctuary.







## 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.



# 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 &amp; Dr. Ossie T. Brown, Jr." and "Theme: 'Thirty-One Years of Sowing for an Expected Harvest!'". The date and time are "SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 • 11AM" and the address is "THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 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 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".