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Cost of a Cross

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

“³⁴ And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. ³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” Mark 8:34-37

There is nothing in this world free. Some say salvation is free, but that is untrue. Someone had to pay the cost. John 3:16 says “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.” Jesus was the ransom for the debt of man's sin.

In a world where so many people feel entitled to things, Jesus reminds us that those who follow Him will have to pay a cost, they will have to take up their cross and follow him.

The hymn writer says “must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free. No there's a cross for everyone and there's a

cross for me.

What is the cross? The cross is heavy, it hurts, it doesn't kill right away. In following Jesus, Jesus let's know that the cross that we bear is not to be left behind, but we are to “take up our cross” and follow Jesus Christ.

We all live in this world, but we can not lose the discipline of God through Jesus Christ no matter where we go or where we rise. John 14:21 says “*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*”

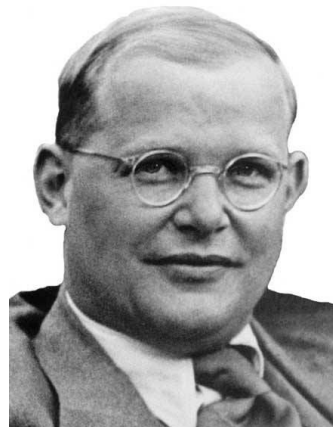
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Theologians Speak: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This theologian which was quoted by Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr, (Born 4 February 1906 – died 9 April 1945) was a German pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book The Cost

of Discipleship has been described as a modern classic.



Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession.

Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Creation Care



WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Climate change is a moral issue and a responsibility for each of us. We can choose to harm nature, pollute ourselves, and jeopardize the future for our children, or we can take simple steps to head toward a healthier, more just, more compassionate society.

Children, the elderly, and other disadvantaged communities, including lower-income families and communities of color here in America and around the world, are harmed more by climate change. They have more difficulty responding to climate change's health and financial consequences, are often the most directly impacted, yet are also the least responsible for its causes.

You provide leadership on moral issues. It's time to include climate change as a personal and congregational priority. Many faiths are already leading the way.

When we address climate change, we benefit. Lower temperatures, fewer dangerous storms, and shorter allergy, asthma, and tick seasons all lead to healthier lives. We are a part of God's magnificent creation. When nature thrives, we flourish.

We must be sure that our solutions acknowledge the challenge for people and communities that rely on jobs and tax revenue from fossil fuel production. They deserve our support as we transition to a clean fuel economy. Clean energy investments can provide part of the path forward.

Our changing climate is a universal moral issue. Politics sometimes divide us. We may not share the same values on all issues, but climate change should and does unite us.

Reducing pollution in our congregations and homes requires some investment. The first steps to reducing energy use are often no- or low-cost, creating savings that can be reinvested into additional improvements that yield substantial long-term savings. Places of worship can also call on the time and God-given talents of their committed members to alleviate many of the costs.

We can make a difference. People of faith are already preparing for climate impacts, bearing witness for common-sense solutions, and moving to clean energy. Your call to act may go beyond your place of worship to the broader community, both near and far.



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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



RISE UP: Men’s Conference

Date: June 15, 2019

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Damascus Road Christian Church

Griffin, GA

Regional Assembly

First Christian Church Macon

April 24-25, 2020

General Assembly

Des Moines, Iowa

July 20-24, 2019

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PRESENTS

RISE UP

MEN'S PRAYER CONFERENCE 2019

Bishop Jeremy Williams
Responsibility

Pastor John Coar
Integrity

Pastor Charles Marshall
Service and Stewardship

Pastor Grady Caldwell
Evolving

FAITH -- FELLOWSHIP -- FOOD
AUTHORS SHOWCASE

15 | JUNE
11 AM | 2019

BISHOP-DISIGNATE
JOHN KENNDY
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

HOST CHURCH
DAMASCUS ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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3rd Pastor Anniversary at Richards Chapel United Methodist Church and 43rd Ministry Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Robert L. Melson Sr

THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
"Historically Canaan Hill Missionary Baptist Church"

celebrates the **31st** PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY
honoring Pastor & Dr. Ossie T. Brown, Jr.
Theme: "Thirty-One Years of Sowing for an Expected Harvest!"

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 • 11AM
THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Ray Thorington Road • Montgomery, AL 36117

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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.



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.



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