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Special points of interest:

- Hope-Casts to listen to encourage you
- Stewardship
- Georgia Black Leadership Project to connect the church, public, and nonprofit to help the people
- LIT Initiative providing opportunities

The Tree and The Fruit

“¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” Matthew 7:15-17

August marks the end of the summer where students return to school but also the time when apples are season and many other fruits. Beginning in May, there are some fruit trees such as plums that begin bearing fruit. Regardless of a person's ability to look at a leaf or a stem or even the roots, everyone will agree that the final

determination of which fruit tree has fruit is determined by the fruit it bears. Pear trees bear pears, Plum trees bear plums, peach trees bear peaches, olive trees bear olives, and apple trees bear apples. All of them LOOK like trees with stems, leaves, a trunk, and roots.

Today, we live in a period of nicety and niceness. There are people who say “I'm not racist” but would never invite a person of another race into their home, their inner circle, their community, or even their church. Some even say “I don't see race.” which means they are either blind or don't acknowledge God's creation which is as diverse as the colors in a rainbow.

If you must put a name on something, call it by the fruit it bears. If a person loves their neighbor as themselves and loves God with all their heart, soul, and mind then we may be able to name that tree a Christian. If the person feeds the hungry, clothe the naked, or help the “least of these”, then maybe they just might be a Christian. If a person can look at a Mexican and a Haitian the same way they look at a Canadian or a European, then they might just be a Christian. We will know the tree by the fruit it bears more so than the name that it gives itself.

May you live each day producing good Christian fruit.

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Theologians Speak: John Wesley

John Wesley, a member of the Church of England, is an English minister, theologian and evangelist who was a leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent Methodist movement that continues to present. on.

In late 1735, a ship made its way to the New World from England.

On board was a young Anglican minister, John Wesley, who had been invited to serve as a pastor to British colonists in Savannah, Georgia. He returned to England to serve out his call in ministry.

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”

John Wesley





Creation Care



Facts and Stats

Waste and Pollution

Recovering Recyclables

According to the Georgia Statewide Waste Composition Study (2005), nearly 2.6 million tons (approximately 40 percent) of the municipal solid waste (MSW) Georgians throw away per year are recyclable materials. The market value of those commodities was estimated to be approximately \$250 million worth of reusable materials.

(Source: Georgia Waste Composition Study - Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs, 2005)

Lots of Litter

Negligent and deliberate litter poses a problem across our nation. A total of 6,520 pieces of litter were found in various areas of Georgia in 2006. This number does not reflect cigarette butts, which comprised an additional 42,912 pieces.

(Source: Georgia 2006 Visible Litter Survey - Keep Georgia Beautiful, Department of Community Affairs)

Georgians' Garbage

In fiscal year 2006, Georgians disposed of 17.4 million tons of garbage - an average of 6.42 pounds per day per person — more than twice the national average of 2.46 pounds. This amount includes waste disposed in landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, and waste imported from other states.

Recycling Christmas Trees

Since 1991, more than 4.8 million Christmas trees have been recycled in Georgia.

(Source: Keep Georgia Beautiful)

Recycling Computers and Electronics

Did you know you can recycle old computers? There are several options for putting your old computer to good use and keeping it out of landfills in Georgia, either by donating it to a charity or sending it to a company that will safely dismantle the system. This page contains link of resources that help you recycle your old electronics.

Recycling Businesses in Georgia

There are more than 400 recycling businesses in Georgia, employing over 13,000 Georgians. For a closer look at some of them, check out the Markets Directory.

(Source: Department of Community Affairs)

Plastics Recycling in Georgia

Georgia is home to the nation's largest single market for PET (#1) plastic, which is the carpet industry. Five 2-liter PET plastic soda bottles yield enough fibers to be sewn into one square foot of carpet, or an extra large T-shirt.

(Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs)



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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

Regional Assembly

First Christian Church Macon
 April 24-25, 2020

Pastor Marshall Speaking

First Baptist Church
 Andalusia, Alabama
 July 21, 2019

Pastor Marshall Speaking

Family and Friends Day
 Amanda Flipper AME Church
 Decatur, Georgia
 August 18, 2019





MEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT 2019

Saturday, September 7, 10am-3pm

Clark Atlanta University, Epps Gym
650 Student Movement Blvd., Atl, GA 30314

FREE Health Screenings!

Prostate & Colorectal Screenings
Cholesterol & Blood Pressure Screenings

HIV/AIDS Testing

Dental Screenings

Eye & Ear Exams

Mental Health Experts

Health Exhibits

Physician Presentations

Disease Counseling

Free Barbering and Clothing

AND MUCH MORE!

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If you are interested in or committed to the financial vibrancy of your congregation please join the Christian Church in Georgia for our Stewardship Workshop!



DEVOTED TO GENEROSITY:

FAITHFUL ACTIONS TO SHAPE GENEROUS CONGREGATIONS

FEATURING REV. DR BRUCE A BARKHAUER:
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR FAITH & GIVING

Saturday, August 24, 2019

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

at

First Christian Church

268 W Dougherty Street

Athens, GA 30601



Center for
**faith &
giving**

Register online today on the events page at www.gadisciples.org. or see your church office for a paper registration form.



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.

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

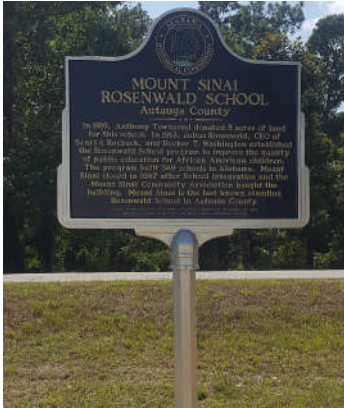
Bible Study

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



100th Anniversary Historic marker for the Mt. Sinai Rosenwald School, the only such school left in Autauga County Alabama

Marking History in Prattville, Alabama

Jesus taught in the temple and even the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to study to show yourself approved. The value of education is often overlooked or ignored by those who readily need it and avoided as much as possible by those who fear it.

For many years, African Americans were denied the right and the ability educated their children, but Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald of

the Sears and Roebuck Company worked together to help communities build schools throughout the south. There is one such school in the Prattville, Alabama which just turned 100 years old and received a historic marker denoting its value.

This school allowed former slaves and sharecroppers to educate their children which provided access to new career opportunities such as doctors, lawyers,

ministers, engineers, teachers and so many more.

Pastor Marshall traveled to Prattville, Alabama on July 6, 2019 to preside over this historic moment in this community.

“Make a difference one corner of one street at a time. Watch neighborhoods transform. Watch the world transform.”

African American babies have the highest mortality among all demographics especially in the south. Based on ratings provided by the March of Dimes (which found the cure for Polio), most of the southern states get a grade of D and F for the amount of babies that are dying.

Through the support of the

March of Dimes, ground breaking research is being done to increase the health of moms and babies. Pastor Marshall works as a national liaison with the March of Dimes and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to promote healthy moms and babies; respect and responsibility; fatherhood; preventing STI's, and Domestic Violence. This program is called PROJECT ALPHA.

You are invited to contribute to your local March of Dimes office to support healthy moms and babies in your community.

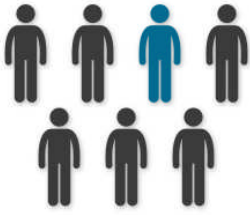


L to R: Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall (Project Alpha Chair), Dr. Chris Rey (MOD Liaison), Gwen Carmon (Former MOD Liaison), and Dr. Wilbert Brown (MOD Fundraising Chair)



New Initiative To Address HIV/AIDS

1 in 7 living with HIV



are **unaware** of their infection.

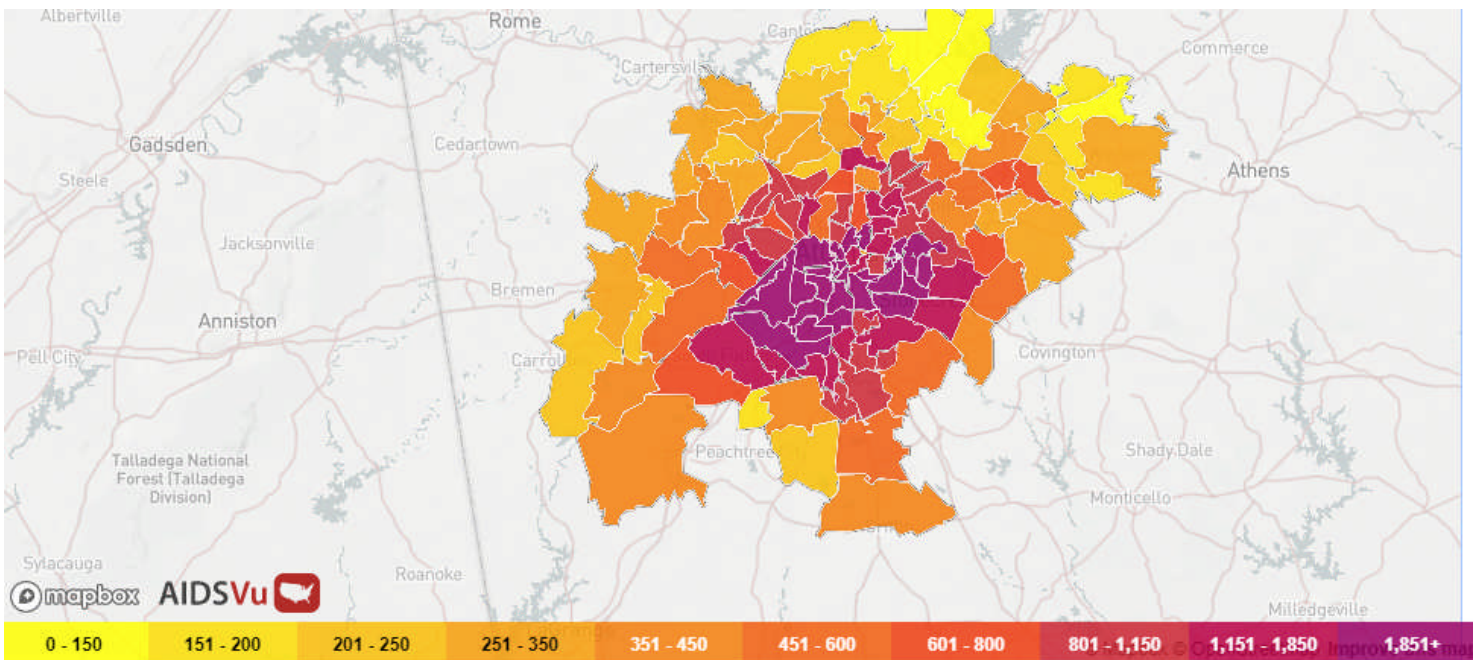
While there are new medicines to allow those living with HIV/AIDS to have productive lives. Approximately 1.1 million people in the U.S. are living with HIV today. About 15 percent of them (1 in 7) are unaware they are infected.

An estimated 38,700 Americans became newly infected with HIV

in 2016. There are approximately 37,155 people living with HIV in Atlanta.

To make a difference, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc entered into a partnership with AIDS Healthcare Foundation under the leadership of Pastor Marshall to make a difference in the 7 leading areas across the United

States: Metro Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington DC, Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, Cleveland (OH), Houston, and Dallas to develop a pilot program to address the issue in these communities through the fraternity's PROJECT ALPHA program.



President Everett B. Ward (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc) and Imara Canady (AHF) signing MOU



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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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