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# Fountain of Hope

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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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## Do Right By The Laborer

### 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

“<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.” *Leviticus 19:13*

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

The world as we know it has

been built on the backs of paid and unpaid laborers. Laborers built the wonders of the world such as the great pyramids in Egypt as well as the Taj Mahal in India.

Now we live in a time where even though there national holidays to celebrate the laborer. There are laborers who are being robbed every day. On average, women earn 20% less than men. According to the National Partnership for women and families, Black women are typically paid just 61 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men.

Paying and treating the laborer fair and right is a moral, theological, and civil issue.

Providing safe, fair, working

environments in the United States and many places around the world should never be compromised.

Some occupations are paid sub-standard wages. When working people can't afford to live and work, there is definitely a problem. While there are preacher millionaires, most ministers work a lifetime without a pension or healthcare. If the minister dies before his wife, rarely is there adequate retirement. All people deserve a living wage. God did not call it a living wage.

Leviticus reminds us to give the labor what is due to him or her. *Bless your laborer with fair and equitable wages and working conditions..*

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## Theologians Speak: Robert Banks

Robert Banks from his book *Faith Goes to Work*. Banks describes the different kinds of work that God does and how our human vocations can fit into this model:

Redemptive work: God's saving and reconciling actions

Creative work: God's fashioning of the physical and human world

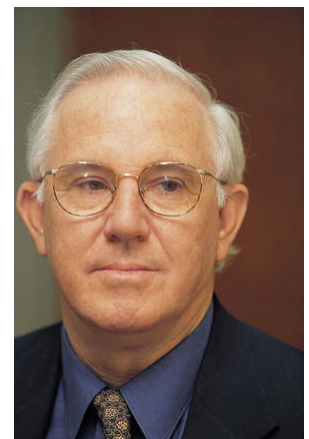
Providential work: God's provi-

sion for and sustaining of humans and the creation

Justice work: God's maintenance of justice

Compassionate work: God's involvement in comforting, healing, guiding, and shepherding

Revelatory work: God's work to enlighten with truth





# Creation Care



## First Christian Church, Black Mountain

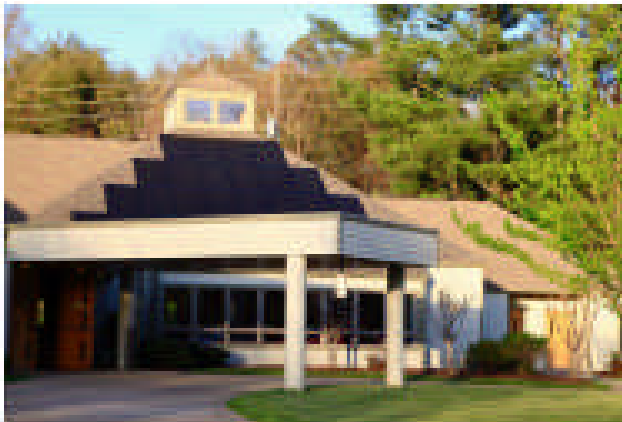
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor Joe Friddle

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Written By Katie Breckheimer

One of the first things you see on Black Mountain's First Christian Church website is: "We see ourselves as a community of companions on the journey of faith." That journey has recently taken them to a place of stewardship, and a realization that interdependence is a part of their Christian narrative.

About two years ago, one special inter-generational event hosted by the church, sparked a lot of action. It was a Creation Stewardship event, where mothers, fathers, grandparents, and kids of all ages participated. By walking around and observing, they became intimately familiar with the four acres and bordering stream that their church was built on. They identified species as well as cleaned up the stream.



The conversations were ongoing about sharing the property with the community as a "sacred space." Their meditation garden was already in place, but now they wanted to create a meditation walk along the stream as well.

The event triggered talks about energy efficiency in their main church building, built in 1997, and their meeting room, added in 2008. The Church's Board had an open discussion with the congregation about going solar. They generated email documents, solicited responses, and turned to the Appalachian Institute for Renewable Energy for information and legal support. An LLC model for financing was used. In the first 4 months of 2015, the solar photovoltaic panels generated more power the church used (115%).

A new lighting system has also cut the church's energy consumption, but it was the 7-day programmable thermostats that significantly contributed to the savings, a 35% drop in their gas and electric bill.

When Pastor Joe Friddle was asked what he would say to another congregation considering solar? "It's worth it! But you'll need perseverance because it took us over a year from start to finish." Then he reflected, "There's satisfaction in taking those concrete steps, and not just thinking and talking about it. The solar project became a touchstone for us in our ongoing conversations about being better stewards."



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 Bro. George Lollar  
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 Elder Donevan Reese  
 Rev. Diane White and Family  
 Bro. Karl Underwood

*“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

Clergy Meeting  
 September 12, 2019  
 Conference Call

Cluster Meeting  
 September 15, 2019  
 First Christian Church of Decatur

Disciples Women Fall Retreat  
 Georgia Baptist Conference Center  
 Toccoa, GA  
 September 27-29, 2019

Disciples Men’s Fall Rally  
 Liberty Christian Church  
 October 5, 2019 at 10:00 am





# 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

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AND MUCH MORE!

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## Date And Time

Thu, October 3, 2019  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/atlanta-job-fair-october-3-2019-hiring-events-career-fairs-in-atlanta-ga-tickets-50110558028>

## FREE FOR ALL JOB SEEKERS!

*Be prepared to interview with hiring managers and recruiters from the top hiring companies in Atlanta. Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes.*

## Location

The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta  
210 Peachtree Street Northwest  
Atlanta, GA 30303



## 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



## Celebrating Growth and Education

Fountain of Hope celebrates all persons who study to improve themselves. Today, we celebrate Jamaul Moore who once worshipped with us and pre-teen. Now as an adult, he is attending North Carolina A&T.

He has grown in many ways and we are very proud of his many accomplishments to date. We continue to pray for him as he seeks all that God has to offer him.



## Stewardship Matters: Athens Workshop

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

The Georgia Region sponsored a Stewardship Workshop in Athens, Georgia on August 24, 2019. This workshop focused on more than financial stewardship but spiritual stewardship.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer was called as the first “Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 2010, after 25 years of parish

ministry. Since that time, he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and offered transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship.

**Bruce Barkhauer**  
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1. Malachi 3:6-12  
Would a man rob God?
2. Acts 5:1-11  
Ananias and Sapphira
3. Mark 10:23-27  
Eye of a needle
4. Luke 16:19-31  
Rich man and Lazarus
5. Matthew 25:31-46  
Sheep and the Goats





**FULTON COUNTY**

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT**

**OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. Use only blue or black pen or pencil. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section.  
Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.  
If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

\*I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law, (OCGA 21-2-285)(c) and 21-2-383(a)

**CITY OF ATLANTA**

**For Board of Education Member  
District 2  
(To Fill the Unexpired Term of Byron Amos, Resigned)  
(Vote for One)**

ARETTA BALDON

CHRISTOPHER BROWN

KEISHA CAREY

WILL CHANDLER

NATHANIEL BORRELL DYER

DAVIDA HUNTLEY

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CHADD JONESMITH

PAULA KUPERSMITH

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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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