

# 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.**



## 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 ongoing opportunities

United States  
**Census**  
2020



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## Black in History and Love Month: It's Biblical

February is the month that is dedicated to Black History and Valentines Day in the United States. As we reflect on love for Valentines Day on February 14 and raise the significance of Africans in human history throughout the month, here are two (2) texts which speak to love and appreciation between two people.

Make no mistake about it that both are people of color, one is black and beautiful and the other is golden. Both have an endearing love and appreciation for one another. Both Solomon and the female that is the object of his affection express their endearing attraction and affection for one another. Regardless of your race and hue of skin, you will read this and see that

both show real love. Let us continue to find ways to show real love toward one another.

SONG OF SOLOMON 1:5, 9-11

**(Solomon Speaking—comely means beautiful)**

<sup>5</sup> I am black and beautiful, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon...<sup>9</sup> I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots. <sup>10</sup> Your cheeks are comely with ornaments, your neck with strings of jewels. <sup>11</sup> We will make you ornaments of gold, studded with silver.

SONG OF SOLOMON 5:9-16

**(The Woman Speaking)**

<sup>9</sup> What is your beloved more than another beloved, O fairest among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us? <sup>10</sup> My beloved

is all radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand. <sup>11</sup> His head is the finest gold; his locks are wavy, black as a raven. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like dove beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set. <sup>13</sup> His cheeks are like beds of spices, yielding fragrance. His lips are lilies, distilling liquid myrrh. <sup>14</sup> His arms are rounded gold, set with jewels. His body is ivory work encrusted with sapphires. <sup>15</sup> His legs are alabaster columns, set upon bases of gold. His appearance is like Lebanon, choice as the cedars. <sup>16</sup> His speech is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Love and appreciate each other. It is proper and it is biblical.

**May God bless you to sow good seeds that will reap good in 2020.**

## 2020 Census—Be Counted

The United States is mandated by law to count all the people in country every 10 years. The distribution of wealth is determined by the census, the distribution of the representation in the House of Representatives is determined by the census, and for a generation or more, the policies are set based on who the Census says in the country. Health clinics, schools, fire stations, police precincts, and so

much more are determined by the Census. Be counted.

### NEED A JOB:

<https://www.2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> In the Atlanta area, the pay can be as high as \$20 per hour. Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing field work.

<https://recruitment.2020census.gov/>

Here's the information you'll need to provide to get started:

- Social Security number
- Home address (physical location and mailing address)
- Email address and phone number
- Date and place of birth

Failure to provide this information will eliminate your application.

The Georgia law requiring moving registrants who have had “no contact” with election officials to “inactive” status if they fail to return the confirmation card was challenged in court in 2016, but the lawsuit was dismissed. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a similar Ohio law in 2018.

A bipartisan state law enacted in 2019 added an additional notification to people whose registrations are subject to cancellation in addition to the initial notice. That new notification will be mailed out next week.

Raffensperger is initiating an additional feature beyond the notice required by the 2019 law. As a convenience to those on the list, the notice they get in the mail will include a postage-paid postcard that they can simply sign and drop into any mailbox, no stamps required. He also decided to post the list online.

Anyone can search the list of registrations that are subject to cancellation. Only information that is public pursuant to state law is included. If your name is on the list and you are still an eligible Georgia voter, you can simply update your registration at <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov> or contact your county elections office. You may also respond to the confirmation card that will be included with the notice, but keep in mind that the notice is mailed to your last known address of your voter registration, which may not be accurate if you have moved and not updated your registration. Any registered voter can check their registration information to confirm it is accurate and up-to-date at <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>.

The list contains 313,243 records, or about 4 percent of Georgia’s total number of registered voters, which is in line with the number of records cancelled by other states according to the 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey conducted by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. The number is less than the census estimates of people moving out of Georgia during the two-year period since the state last conducted this routine list maintenance process.

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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

### Black Ministers Retreat

Nashville, TN

March 9, 2020 @ 8:00 am -

March 12, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

### Winter Youth Retreat

Lake Junaluska

December 29 2019-January 1, 2020



# Summer Camp 2020

It is now February and in a few months, Summer will return. Rather than waiting until May to consider summer camp options, begin now. Keep in mind that there are only a few slots in each summer camp. Here are a few options for you:



**CAMP CHRISTIAN**  
[www.gadisciples.org/camp](http://www.gadisciples.org/camp)  
Registration and forms for stu-

dents, sponsors, and advisors are being selected now. Here are some dates:

- June 8-13: CYF Conference
- June 15-19: Chi Rho Camp
- June 22-26 Mid High Conference
- June 28-July 2 OASIS
- June 13-17 Junior Camp
- June 13-15 Chrysalis Camp
- July 17-19: Genesis Camp

**CAMP SPOLIWA**  
<https://spoliwa.org/>  
The SPOLIWA Bible Camp is a residential camp for boys and girls, ages 6-12 years old. Currently the camp is in operation 3 weeks in June.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta –  
**ALL GIRL RESIDENTS CAMP**

Cobb, Meriwether and Floyd Counties  
Phone: 770-702-9103  
GirlScoutSummer.com

**CAMP JULIETTE LOW**  
[www.cjl.org](http://www.cjl.org)  
321 Camp Juliette Low Road,  
Cloudland 30731  
Phone: 770-428-1062

**CAMP BLUE RIDGE**  
[www.blueridgecamp.com](http://www.blueridgecamp.com)  
Mountain City  
Phone: 954-665-8686

**CAMP CHEHAW**  
[www.chehaw.org](http://www.chehaw.org)  
105 Chehaw Park Road, Albany  
31701  
Phone: 229-430-5275



**CAMP DIXIE**  
[www.campdixie.org](http://www.campdixie.org)  
153 Camp Dixie Lane,  
Clayton 30525  
Phone: 678-701-3052

And Many more.

Start looking now.



# Mission of Hope

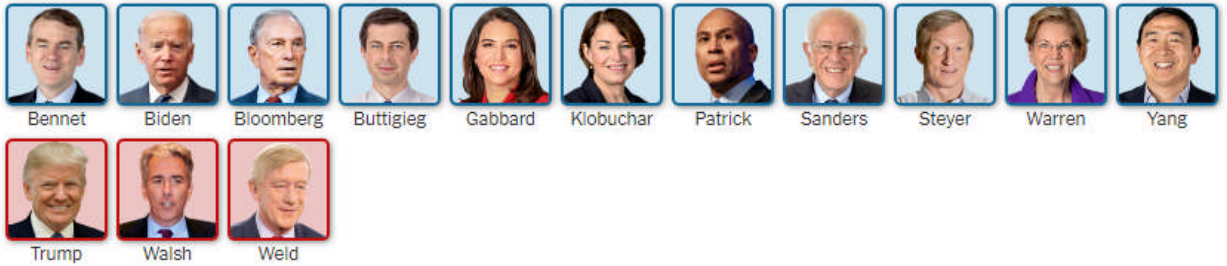
We are enhancing and creating partnerships to improve the delivery of youth ministry in the Metro Atlanta Area. In this new program, we would like to bring together the best and most hopeful young people across the Metro Atlanta region to provide meaningful opportunities to each of them. Does this mean 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:

- College Tours
- African Heritage Tours
- Leadership Development Experiences
- Career Development

**OBJECTIVE:** *Provide hope enriching opportunities for the development of youth as future citizens, leaders, and support the development of meaningful personal goals.*

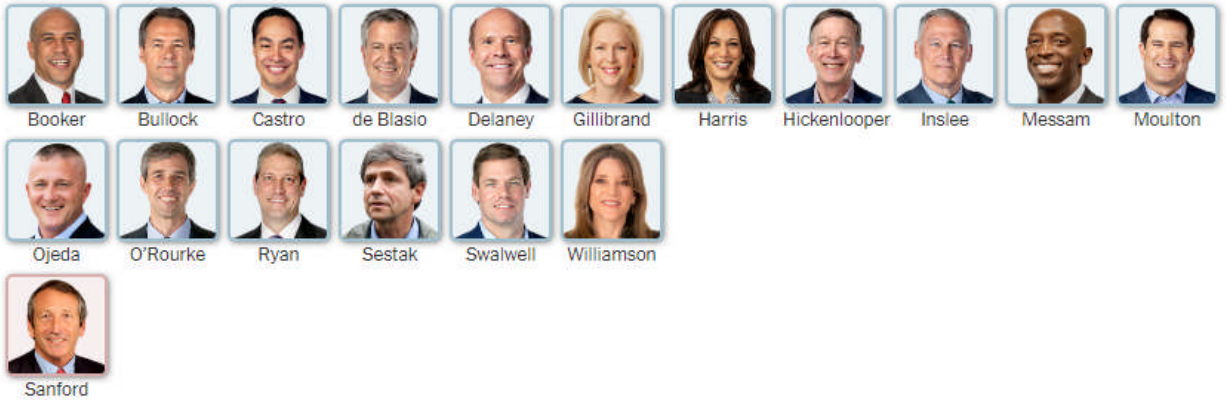
**Running**

11 Democrats  
3 Republicans



**Dropped Out**

17 Democrats  
1 Republican



## 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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