

# 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 opportunities

## Sow Seeds to Reap in 2020

*Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Psalms 126:6)*

As we go into a new year, it is easy to look back and see what was gained, accomplished, done, or achieved in 2019. Some of those things were good things and some are things that hopefully we learned from. Some of those things caused us much pain and even may cause us to cry. There are some things that brought us pure joy in 2019.

The weeping or crying is something not to run away from. Weeping or crying means that whatever happened was important

to us. When we look at things that happen, the most important things are things that make us feel emotional and even hurtful at times. The Psalmist reminds us that when we sow seeds of hope, there may be hurt, sweat, discomfortableness, and many other feelings. Sometimes the greatest accomplishment requires the greatest amount of work.

Whatever you seek in 2020, be assured that if God allows it to happen, it will happen. It may cost you something but in order to have a harvest, you must sow seed. So seeds of hope, seeds of love, seeds of empowerment, seeds of strength, seeds of spiritual growth, seeds of physical development, seeds of financial security, and

seeds of healthy of relationships. It may take work and even cost you something but at the end, you will “come home with shouts of joy, carrying your sheaves of harvest”.

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

## 2019 END OF YEAR GIVING

Please consider giving a donation in 2019. Tax Statements will be mailed in January 2020.

**Debit or Credit Card:**  
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## Petition over Toxic Air Circulates

<https://www.cbs46.com/news/petition-over-toxic-air-circulates-to-demand-action-from-governor/article/db22b874-28ed-11ea-b699-e709bc1fcb67.html>

ATLANTA, Ga. (CBS46) -- Frustration over toxic air has reached a boiling point.

Residents who live near one of three medical sterilization plants in Metro Atlanta that emit a known

carcinogen into the air are now banding together to demand action from Governor Brian Kemp.

The group, Stop Sterigenics Georgia, started the petition just four days ago, expressing frustration that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division is not doing its job to protect citizens from the harmful effects of ethylene oxide, and not holding the companies that release it into the air accountable

for clear violations of the law.

“I said this from day one, we knew we were in for a battle with the companies who are using these chemicals. We just had no idea we would have to battle the EPD, the county, the Governor, the FDA, the EPA...” said Tony Adams, who signed the petition.



Rev. Dr. Charles F. Marshall, III  
Senior Pastor

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.

## Community Leadership Project



From 2018-2019, Fountain of hope worked with several communities, congregations, nonprofits, and public officials to find ways communities can work together to meet common goals.

“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.”-Poor People’s Campaign.

From what we have learned, we work with congregations to accomplish three things:

1. Help congregations define who they are and hope to be in their respective communities.
2. Identify nonprofits who are in the community and those who desire to work in the community.
3. Create a dialogue between

the congregation, government, and nonprofit to develop a plan to achieve common goals and improve the respective community.

We have worked with the following communities:

- Griffin, Georgia
- Fayette, Georgia
- South Atlanta, Georgia

Contact us if you desire to enlist this program.



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Sis Segrid Archield  
 Bro John Archield  
 Sis. Jinaye Johnson  
 Sis Jennifer Taylor  
 Sis. Dekoslyn Cook-Robinson  
 Min. Thomas Walters  
 Min. Kim Taylor  
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 Bro. William Walker  
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 Bro. Joseph Robinson  
 Bro. George Lollar  
 Sis. Erica Denson-Klurkey  
 Bro. Adrian M. Deese  
 Sis Gwen Carmen  
 Min. Donevan Reese  
 Bro. Sam Underwood  
 Bro. George Lollar  
 Elder Donevan Reese  
 Rev. Melva Hill

*“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



## The Christian Year

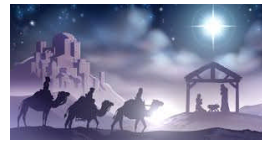
Many people look at the New Year as a time to reset to start new goals and review accomplishments. At this time, let's also learn or refresh your understanding of the Christian Calendar. The calendar that is in use today is the Gregorian Calendar which was

introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in October 1582. It is also called the liturgical calendar.

- Advent—November 29, 2020
- Christmas—December 25, 2020
- Epiphany—January 6, 2020
- Lent—February 26, 2020
- Ash Wednesday—February 26, 2020
- Palm Sunday—April 5, 2020
- Passion Week—April 6-10, 2020
- Maundy Thursday—April 9, 2020
- Good Friday—April 10, 2020
- Easter—April 12, 2020
- Ascension Day—May 21, 2020
- Pentecost—May 31, 2020

Each season in the Christian Year has distinct meaning and helps remind ourselves the relationship

of Jesus Christ to all humanity. Take time to reflect and grow. Jesus said when he spoke about the Holy Communion, “for oft as you do this you do it in remembrance of me.” Remembering is important to our daily walk and spiritual growth.



# 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.*



# Who's Running for President in 2020?

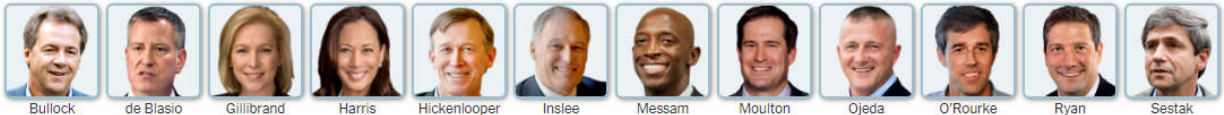
By Alexander Burns, Matt Flegenheimer, Jasmine C. Lee, Lisa Lerer and Jonathan Martin Updated Dec. 3, 2019

**Running**  
15 Democrats  
3 Republicans



Source: New York Times

**Dropped Out**  
13 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



**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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