

# 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 Voting
- LIT Initiative providing opportunities

## REAL TALK: Talk To Each Other

Matthew 18:15 <sup>15</sup> *Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.* <sup>16</sup> *But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."*

Watching the protests across the U.S. while the President tweets and makes one-way statements to the American people, feelings escalate, and words turn into action. On November 2, 2019, The New York Times reported that President Donald Trump shaped the president with over 11,000

tweets. At the same time, Time reported on September 10, 2018 that most teens say their favorite mode communication is texting (35%). At least 54% of the youth say they get distracted by social media rather than the people they're with. Almost 55% of the youth say that they have their phones out when they're spending time with friends. As you watch the news footage on television, you notice that most of the protesters have one of two things in their hands: one group has signs which carry a message for the world to see and the other have their cell phones out taping the event. Many of the protesters are yelling out of their frustrations. Then there

is another group of people who say they don't see or understand what the problem is. Several other groups have an opinion of what the problem is. Regardless of the problem, the result is a very ugly unjust action by people over and over and over. There are probably more groups not identified in this discussion, but the final analysis is that all of them are throwing out messages into the universe expecting others to hear and respond.

This scripture is basic conflict management theory shared with humankind thousands of years ago. If someone does something to

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**Census**  
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## 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/>



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you, go and tell him. If they don't hear you, take a witness. Failure of either side to listen and respond accordingly will miss an opportunity to resolve the source of the conflict. It is quite unfortunate that this country that we love called the United States was founded and has existed in conflict. The colonial settlers retaliated against Great Britain in seeking independence. Yes, there were protests like the burning of the ships in the Boston Tea Party which was basically mass destruction of someone else's property. Many events happened but the final outcome was "real talk" which led to the formation of the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence starts with an amazing unifying statement, "*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*"

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable*

*Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*" This document served as the philosophical basis in the founding and creation of the United States of America.

Fast forward, this country has been trying to live up to what it promised in the historical document, The Declaration of Independence. Native Americans were displaced from their homelands in spite of a declaration that all men are created equal. A brutal system of slavery lasting over 400 years which was totally opposite to this fundamental philosophy of all men being created equal. Nearly 100 years after the founding of the United States, conflict and struggle ensued because the America of justice and fairness did not line up with the institution of slavery which had become an ingrained fiber of its existence. President Abraham Lincoln attempted to remind the people of the promise in the Gettysburg Address, "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure." While this is great historical speech, the real talk never took place. Bringing the factions together to discuss the problems and find a means to solve them.

The fact remains that most amendments to give people rights that should have already

had based on the Declaration of Independence were forced once people began to protest and outcry injustice. The 13th amendment banished slavery, yet human trafficking still exists today. The 14th amendment gives the right of citizenship yet has an opt out through "due process of law". The 19th amendment gave women the right to vote even though they had been a part of this country from the very beginning. Even today, women are still fighting a glass ceiling and this country has yet to see a female president. In all of these changes to the U.S. Constitution, there was some perceived and agreed injustice that could only be corrected by changing the founding document. The nature of humankind comes into play by exposing the carnal and sinful nature of some humans.

This takes us back to the initial argument; we need real talk. The conversation would not be going on had it not been for the cell phones, but the next part of the conversation will require the cell phones to be put down. The people with hatred will need to sit at a table with the people they hate. The people who are hated will need to sit at the table with those who hate them and despitefully use them. It sounds like an impossible feat, but with God all things are possible. We are living in a time when these issues do need to be exposed for all to see and bear witness.

However, there is a message from the Prophet Isaiah in Chapter 11:1-11, "*1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch*

*shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatting together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the*

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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

June 27th

Food Drive for community at  
 Camp Christian

June 20

Mass Poor People’s Assembly  
 & Moral March on Washington  
 Saturday, June 20, 2020

Deadline October 1st

Program Advertisements for  
 Regional Assembly. Late date  
 to reserve exhibit space is Oc-  
 tober 1st.



## CDC Coronavirus [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## COVID-19 <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-materials-and-resources>

 [COVID-19 Funeral Guidance](#) (1.01 MB)

 [COVID-19 FAQ](#) (844.97 KB)

 [COVID-19 FAQ: Spanish](#) (438.19 KB)

 [COVID-19 General Information Factsheet](#) (1.2 MB)

 [COVID-19 Guidance for Public Swimming Pools](#) (123.99 KB)

 [Return to Work Guidance for Persons Not Working in Healthcare Settings](#) (1.08 MB)

 [Healthcare Worker Return to Work Guidance](#) (150.41 KB)

 [Georgia Correctional Facility FAQ](#) (146.27 KB)

 [COVID-19 Guidance: Childcare](#) (858.15 KB)

 [COVID-19 Guidance: Older Adults](#) (1.08 MB)

 [COVID-19 Handwashing Poster](#) (1.17 MB)

 [COVID-19 Handwashing Poster: Spanish](#) (812.34 KB)

 [Guidance for Georgia Clinicians](#) (168.52 KB)

 [Interim Guidance for Home Health care Workers](#) (155.52 KB)

Interim guidance for home health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

 [What to do if you are sick with the novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (1.04 MB)



# 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.*

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remnant of his people,  
which shall be left, from  
Assyria, and from Egypt,  
and from Pathros, and from  
Cush, and from Elam, and  
from Shinar, and from Ha-  
math, and from the islands  
of the sea."*

Now you may have read what Isaiah said and it didn't hit you but here is a simplified version:

1. Jesus is coming again.
2. The wicked shall be cut down.
3. The pseudo lines of separation of humans will be cut down. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb; the leopard

with the kid; the calf with the young lion.

4. There will be people of all hues included in this "remnant".

We have an opportunity to talk to one another to get an understanding and find a resolution to our differences to eliminate injustices and the effects of hatred. We must do it without texts, posts, tweets, and other electronic media forms. We must talk with and listen to each other. If we don't do this, God will send someone who will do it for us. The wicked shall be cut down and only those who God deems worthy will remain. All of us will not make the final cut because we

all won't listen to each other. While we have a chance, let's take time to talk and listen to each other and find a resolution.

Our prayer is that you talk with the people in your world. It can be verbal, sign language, or other communication but let's communicate. Don't give a speech but listen, process, and speak after you have heard what the others have said. This is a historical moment where we have the opportunity to make a real difference.



**May God bless  
you and keep you  
is our prayer.**



## 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 car 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.*



**THE ATLANTA CHAPTER**  
OF THE GMWA MASS CHOIR "LIVE RECORDING"

*Presents*  
"Our First Single Release From Our Upcoming CD"  
**"Never Forget"**

Featuring  
**Bishop Richard Mr. Clean White & Evangelist Sandra Cepeda**

Available on all Digital Outlets  
Monday, January 6, 2020  
Visit our website for more information and bookings

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The complex block features a dark blue header with the chapter name. Below are two circular portraits: Evelyn Ellis White, Chapter Representative, and Rev. James Cleveland, Founder. The central text promotes a live recording of the single "Never Forget" featuring Bishop Richard Mr. Clean White and Evangelist Sandra Cepeda. It includes digital availability information, the date Monday, January 6, 2020, and contact details for the Atlanta Chapter of the GMWA Mass Choir.

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