

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
- Creation Care
- LIT Initiative providing opportunities
- Career Opportunities

Walk In The Light

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7).

This advent season we remember the coming of Jesus Christ into the world to bear the sins of the world through his redemptive act at Calvary. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have ev-*

erlasting life" (John 3:16). Jesus was born into the world to take on the form of man to become a living sacrifice for us. We all required this redemptive act because we "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The price for sin is death. (Romans 6:23). When we continue in sin, we walk in darkness. We must make a decision to walk in the light. From the beginning, God spoke over darkness and there was light. Jesus taught that to follow him is to be the light of the world and his followers should let our light shine before men.

We show our light by loving God and our neighbor as ourselves. We show our light by

doing unto the least of these what we would do for Jesus. We show our light by keeping God's commandments.

Jesus was more than just a sacrifice for us. *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6). Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father but by him. Let us walk in the light in this day and all days yet to come. When we walk in the light, Jesus has promised to be with us even unto the end of the world.

From the Centers of Disease Control

People who should not attend in-person holiday celebrations

People with or exposed to COVID-19

Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities if you or anyone in your household

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has [not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others](#)
- Has [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- Is waiting for COVID-19 [viral test](#) results
- May have been [exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days](#)
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

People at increased risk for severe illness

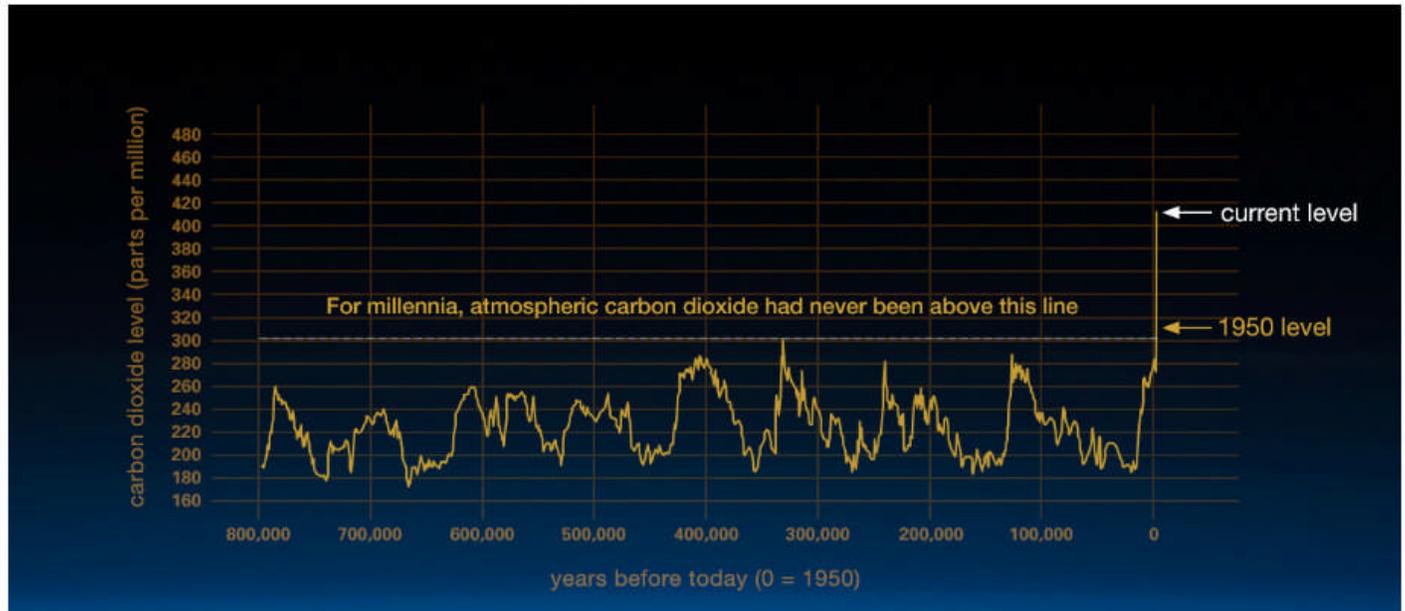
If you are at [increased risk of severe illness](#) from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should

- Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
- Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risk (as described throughout this page) if you decide to attend an in-person gathering with people who do not live in your household.



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

Climate Change: How Do We Know?



NASA <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

Global Temperature Rise



The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 2.05 degrees Fahrenheit (1.14 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.⁴ Most of the warming occurred in the past 40 years, with the six warmest years on record taking place since 2014. Not only was 2016 the warmest year on record, but eight months out of that year — from January through September, with the exception of June — were the warmest on record for those respective months.⁵

Shrinking Ice Sheets



The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have decreased in mass. Data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment show Greenland lost an average of 279 billion tons of ice per year between 1993 and 2019, while Antarctica lost about 148 billion tons of ice per year.⁷

Image: Flowing meltwater from the Greenland ice sheet

Warming Ocean



The ocean has absorbed much of this increased heat, with the top 100 meters (about 328 feet) of ocean showing warming of more than 0.6 degrees Fahrenheit (0.33 degrees Celsius) since 1969.⁸ Earth stores 90% of the extra energy in the ocean.

Sea Level Rise



Global sea level rose about 8 inches (20 centimeters) in the last century. The rate in the last two decades, however, is nearly double that of the last century and accelerating slightly every year.¹⁰

Image: Republic of Maldives: Vulnerable to sea level rise



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 Those suffering from Covid-19
 The Dixon Family
 The Cook Family
 Jeanneta Grace-Butler

“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

Nov 13-14, 2020
 Regional Assembly

Watch out for the new Virtual Study and Services

Bible Study each week on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

12th Church Anniversary on December 31, 2020. Virtual Celebration Mark Your Calendar

General Assembly 2021 General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) voted to cancel the 2021 General Assembly.

Wednesday Bible Study: Called in The New Testament

(To Join Us Virtually– Send request to fountainofhopeatl@gmail.com)

Called to Be Heir
Called to Be Immanuel
Called to Worship
Called to Prepare
Called to Proclaim
Called to Follow
Called in Authority
Called for the World's Belief
Called to Prophecy
Called to Testify
Called to Support
Called to Explain
Called to Serve

Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17, Hebrews 1:1-5
Matthew 1:18-25
Matthew 2:1-2, 7-15
Matthew 3:1-12
Luke 4:14-22a
Luke 5:1-11
Mark 2:1-12
John 17:14-24
Luke 2:36-38; Acts 2:16-21; 21:8-9
John 4:25-42
Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40; John 20:10-18
Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-26; Romans 16:3-4
Acts 16:11-15, 40:1; Corinthians 1:26-30



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.*

Career Opportunity Page

Atlanta Housing Authority
<https://www.atlantahousing.org/careers/>

Atlanta Public Schools
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/hrs>

City of Atlanta
<https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/human-resources/employment-opportunities>

City of College Park
https://www.collegeparkga.com/about_us/employment

City of Decatur
<https://www.decaturga.com/hr/page/current-job-opportunities>

City of Marietta
<https://mariettaga.gov/1017/Current-Job-Openings>

Cobb County
<https://www.cobbcounty.org/human-resources>

Dekalb County
<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/human-resources/employment-opportunities>

Dekalb County Schools
<https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/hr/>

Fulton County
<https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/jobs>

Fulton County Schools
<https://www.fultonschools.org/talent>

Georgia
<http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>

Gwinnett County
<https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/employment>

Gwinnett County Jobs
<http://www.gcpsjobs.org/home>

Indeed
<https://www.indeed.com/>

Monster
<https://www.monster.com/jobs/l-atlanta-ga>

Rockdale County
https://www.rockdaleschools.org/careers_and_staff



For unto us
 a child
 is born,
 to us
 a son is given
 Isaiah 9:6



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

