

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- Keep **Cathy Keeler** in your prayers. She has shingles. She is in a lot of pain and concerned that it could go into her eye.
- **Wiley Harris** and **Danl Giles** request prayers for God to open doors or show them a new way, a new path.
- **The Alexander family** requests prayers for family and friends.
- **Barbara Powell** shares a joy: This (past) weekend **Glen Alsobrook, Sr.** was able to swim with the dolphins in Florida -- a dream he has had for several years. What a wonderful loving wife in **Elaine** to make that possible!
- **Rosa Kent** requests prayers for her friend **Nita** who has Lupus. The disease seems to be progressing.
- **Elizabeth Cunningham** is continuing to recover and is up for visitors!
- **Caroline Carlton, Lily Delk's** sister, says, "Thank you for all the prayers!" She continues to recover and is almost back to her old self again.
- **Lillie Sapp** and **Lonnie Sapp** are in Florida with their brother who is in hospice. Prayers for comfort, mercy, and the solace of Christ. Prayers as well for **Lillie** as she assumes more responsibility within her family.
- **Tom Rosenberger** requests prayers for divine guidance in our choices in our national elections as well as the national elections in Brazil.
- Joy and gratitude for the starting-up again of Wisdom Weavers after a break this summer.
- Thanksgiving for the preparations for this coming Sunday's recognition of ministry celebrations -- in our Sunday School hour, 10:50 am worship service and afterwards at our fellowship luncheon.
- Prayers for God's guidance and wisdom with regard to the beginning of a capital campaign to fund the replacement of our Sanctuary A/C system.
- **Cathy Keeler** asks for prayers for her mother, **Janet Smith's** healing as she goes through radiation treatments for breast cancer.
- **Adei Grenpasture's** dear friends **Dick** and **Dorothy Ganglion** are in need of our prayers for healing and excellent medical attention as well as awareness by **Dorothy** of purpose and usefulness in her life.
- New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia and her members and friends in this time of pain and conflict.
- All of those in the military who are deployed in Afghanistan and continue on in Iraq for God's grace, mercy, and comfort in each hour of the day.
- Continued healing and recovery for **Hopkins Kidd, Stephanie Duncan, Sandra Sexson, and Nathan Brown.**
- God's presence and comfort for **Jackie Watson, Rosa Kent, and Kimberly and Katya Kolberg.**
- Continued prayers for **Alicia Maxwell** and **Laura Thigpen**, friends of **Adei Grenpastures**, who are going through chemo treatments.
- Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel, Elaine Alsobrook's** mother, and for **Sandra Sexson**, her aunt in Mississippi and her aunt's family.
- Continued prayers for **Christine Middour's** friend **Olivia** (14), who is recovering from a liver transplant.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 17:	Week of Ministry October 17-24 Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service Luncheon recognizing clergy NA
Monday, October 18:	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 8 p.m.
	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Mary Magdalene Circle at Yolanda's
Tuesday, October 19:	3-5 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
	Spring Into Spanish Music Teacher AA/ALANON
Wednesday, October 20:	9:15-11:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Music Together Spring Into Spanish Spring Into Spanish Bell Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 21:	9:15-11:15 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. 3:30-6 p.m. 7 p.m.
	Music Together Church and Community Meeting Spring Into Spanish Retired Teachers Music Teacher Church and Community Meeting
Saturday, October 23:	1-2 p.m.
	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures Christian Youth Fellowship Lock-In
Sunday, October 24:	Week of Ministry October 17-24 Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service Personnel Committee Meeting Pat Vas Dias Recital NA
	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5 -7 p.m. 8 p.m.

Assisted Living: **Betty Duncan** Green Acres Nursing Center 313 Allen Memorial Drive, Rm.403 Milledgeville, GA 31081-4405; **Gus Head** Northlake Gardens 1300 Montreal Road, Room 228 Tucker, GA 320084-8141; **Matelyn Heyward** Ivy Hall 5690 State Bridge, Room 130 Alpharetta, GA. 30022-8188; **Velma McKinney** Wesley Wood Towers 208 Towers Circle NE Atlanta, GA. 30329-4095; **Gwen Sapp** Traditions Health & Rehabilitation 2816 Evans Mill Road-Room D10 Lithonia, GA. 30058-7440; **Ellen Young** and **Eunice Kalb** 3675 Kensington Road Decatur, GA. 30032-1735. **At Home:** **Julie Bryant** 2100 Clairmont Lake Montclair Room 213 Decatur, GA. 30033-4052; **Jean Crowe** 165 Marion Place, NE, Apt. 705 Atlanta, GA 30307-2791; **Hank Ferry** 1209 Highland Drive, NE Marietta, GA 30062-2206; **Maurice** and **Edith Jones** 4640 Stonemeade Court Atlanta, GA 30331-7988; **Jane Liles** 127 King's Bridge, NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2548; **Thetis Merritt** 631 Kirk Road Decatur, GA 30030-4524; **Don** and **Carolyn Middour** 1476 Oakridge Circle Decatur, GA 30033-2133; **Robbie Re** 1701 The Oaks Clarkston, GA. 30021-1276; **Sara Ripy** Arbor Terrace 425 Winn Way Rm. 224 Decatur, GA 30030-1733; **Millie Simmons** 221 Mimosa Drive Decatur, GA 30030-3733; **Virginia Smith** 336 Madisons Way Waleska, GA 30183-3182.

Board Meeting on November 7, 2010

A Disciples Affirmation of Faith

As members and friends of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.

We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love
which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.

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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born in the early 1800s as a dynamic movement for God that spread across the American frontier. Seeking to move beyond denominational division and toward being a New Testament Church, our founders envisioned a united community of faith grounded in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Today we are over 3,700 congregations strong across the United States, Canada, and around the world. The red Chalice with St. Andrew's Cross symbolizes our focus on the weekly celebration of Holy Communion and the openness of the Lord's Table, where all are made welcome and invited to partake.

First Christian Church of Decatur was founded on Christmas Day 1921, and has served faithfully ever since with a significant urban ministry, an inclusive theology, and a Kingdom-building vision. We are open and accepting of all of God's people, and encourage women, men, and young people to follow their call from God to serve, just as Christ first served us.

How to Join:

You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism.

Please fill out a Friends and Visitors Card (found in your worship program) and bring it forward with you during the Hymn of Invitation, where our Pastor will be delighted to welcome you.

Disciples of Christ congregations are delighted to recognize all baptisms. We baptize by immersion at an age of understanding. If you have not been baptized we will schedule one with you at a later date. Pastor-led classes on "Baptism and Belonging" are offered on a regular basis.