

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Melvin** and **Sahirah Bussey** are traveling to his brother's wedding in Virginia.
- **Maggie** and **Tamir Wade** have moved into a new home in Stone Mountain.
- **Johnnie Barber** is recovering at home from an auto accident.
- **Sarah McClelland** is remembering her classmates at Columbia Theological Seminary who are taking mid-terms and mid-course assessments.
- **Julie Fleming** is seeking peace as she ends a marriage and begins fresh, creative journeys with Christ into a new day. We offer a prayer for peace for **William Brown**.
- **Cathy Keeler** is recovering at home.
- Healing and wholeness for **Craig** and **Wanda Williams**, neighbors of **Daphne Reiley's** friend **Eve Borkenhagen**, as **Craig** recovers from recent intestinal cancer surgery. Thanksgiving for a good prognosis following surgery.
- **Yanhui Wang** asks for prayers for his family. We are thankful that **George Haigang Gu** is bringing his friend to worship.
- **Rosa Kent's** family members **Nita** (Lupus) and her younger daughter **Shelly** (Lupus).
- **Wiley Harris** and **Danl Giles** are grateful for the vine of God and Christ's branches.
- **Adei Grenpasture's** dear friends **Dick** and **Dorothy Gaglione** are in need of our prayers for healing and excellent medical attention.
- **Debi Revis** requests prayers for **Brian Ducote**, Major in the US Army, and his family because he has been deployed to Afghanistan. **David** and **Laura Andrews'** son-in-law **Silas Bowman** has also been deployed to Afghanistan.
- **Nathan Brown**, as he recovers at home from recent surgery. He is back at work.
- Healing and strength for **Judy** and **George Barrett**, ongoing health concerns. Continued prayers as well for **Alicia Maxwell** and **Laura Thigpen**, friends of **Adei Grenpastures** who are going through chemo treatments; looking to feel God's support and our prayers.
- Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, **Elaine Alsobrook's** mother.
- Support, healing, and strength for **Kimberly** and **Katya Kolberg**, **Pauline Edwards**, and **Lori Keaton**, friends of **Daphne Reiley**.
- **Christine Middour** requests prayers for her friend **Olivia**, who is recovering from a liver transplant. **Christine** writes that **Olivia** is 14, has great faith, and simply wants to be a child.
- God's abiding presence with **Sandra Sexson**, her aunt in Mississippi and her aunt's family. **Sandra** is recovering from a medical procedure last week in Augusta.

Church Calendar

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
Monday, October 25:	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Evaluation and Planning Meeting
Tuesday, October 26:	3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
Wednesday, October 27:	9:15-11:15 a.m. Music Together 9:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 11 a.m. Wisdom Weaver's 3 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 6:30-8 p.m. Artisan Condo Annual Meeting in Social Hall 6-9:30 p.m. History and Polity Class in Pathfinders 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 28:	9:15-11:15 a.m. Music Together 10:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 3:30-6 p.m. Music Teacher
Saturday, October 30:	7:45 a.m-3p.m. More Hands for God at City of Refuge 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, October 31:	8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service in the Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service 12:30 p.m. Disciples Women Executive Board Meeting 8 p.m. NA

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.