

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- **Rachel Norton** is anticipating hip replacement surgery in the foreseeable future.
- **Brandy Alsobrook's** stepmother **Susan Diane Minton** passed away on Sunday, November 7. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Nov. 13.
- **Lucy Steiner**, nurse and beloved friend of many, including the **Brewer-Calvert** family, passed away on November 10, after battling breast cancer for four years. **Lucy** is survived by her husband **Bob** and their children **Matthew, Ethan, and Hannah**.
- Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Georgia is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, in Macon. Please keep in your prayers our congregation's delegates and as well as all those gathering for regional business and worship.
- **Maggie Hunter** and **Chris Taylor** got married on Sunday, November 7 at Frost Chapel, Berry College. Maggie is the granddaughter of the late **Mary Elizabeth** and **John Hunter** and the grandniece of **Deenie Kirkman**.
- **Rosa Kent's** son in law **Robert Miranda** requires hand surgery, and her friend **John Bright** is in the hospital.
- Families of the fathers of **Joshua Schwartz** and **Michael East**. Both of their fathers passed away on Nov. 4.
- **Henry Brewer-Calvert**, 19, was scheduled to preach at First Christian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia this upcoming Sunday. Due to the unexpected visit of a Disciples of Christ missionary to the Lynchburg congregation this weekend, Henry will preach instead in January 2011.
- **Glen Alsobrook, Sr.**, had a series of small strokes and is recovering at home.
- **The Blake family** prays for the thankfulness, gratitude and patience that love allows.
- **Ralph Reiley** has returned to work. **Daphne Reiley** gives thanks for prayerful support, healing and rest.
- **Nathan Brown**, as he recovers at home from recent surgery. He is back at work.
- Prayers for **Sandra Sexson**, her aunt in Mississippi and her aunt's family.
- **Johnnie Barber** is recovering at home from an auto accident.
- **Carl and Ursula Sax** request prayers for their granddaughter **Kim Benjamin** (pneumonia).
- **Christine Middour** requests prayers for her friend **Olivia**, who is recovering from a liver transplant
- 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.
- **Debi Revis** requests prayers for **Furat Almaty** as he reunites with his family, and for **Brian Ducote**, Major in the US Army, and his family due to his deployment to Afghanistan. **David and Laura Andrews'** son-in-law **Silas Bowman** has also been deployed to Afghanistan.
- 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**.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 14:	Stewardship Sunday Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service NA
Monday, November 15:	10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group
Tuesday, November 16:	3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
Wednesday, November 17:	9:15-11:15 a.m. Music Together 9:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. GIPL 3 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 18:	9:15-11:15 a.m. Music Together 10:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 2 p.m. Retired Teachers 3:30-6 p.m. Music Teacher
Saturday, November 20:	9 a.m. Setup for Xmas Trees 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, November 21:	Christian Youth Fellowship goes to Atlanta 1st 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. Personnel Committee 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.

Correction!!!

Decorating for Advent has been changed to November 22 at 1 p.m.

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.