

## Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Prayers are needed for **William Garner's** family on the sudden death of his mother on December 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Elaine Wade** requests prayers for her cousin's daughter in Jacksonville, Florida, and her baby who was born premature.
- All of those on the roads, in the air, or on the rails, may God keep them all safe and sound until they reach their destinations.
- **Sarah McClelland** requests prayers for her friend **Kate Buckley** who is expecting her first baby "any day" now.
- Prayers for God's healing hand to touch all of his creatures whether wild, domestic, furry or feathered.
- Prayers for **Nathan Brown** for improved health and for personal and spiritual discernment.
- Prayers of rest, comfort, and healing for the **Alexander** family.
- Prayers for **Paul** and **Sage Appleby's** friend **Mary Kenyon** and her grandson (**Jacob**, age 5).
- **Barbara Powell** requests prayers for her niece, **Mary Beth Powell**, who has congestive heart failure and COPD.
- **Lily Delk** requests prayers for her friend **Brenda Powell** who was recently diagnosed with cancer on her liver.
- **Jackie Jenkins** requests prayers for **Drew Hayes** and **Nicole White Hayes** and their newborn son, **David**.
- Prayers for peace and comfort for all of those living with dementia, and their caregivers.
- Prayers for strength and comfort and healing for all of those living with cancer, chemotherapy, and the difficult side-effects of such treatment regimens.
- Healing and strength for **Judy** and **George Barrett**. Prayers of thanksgiving for **Alicia Maxwell's** positive response to treatments. Prayers for **Alicia's** friend **Andy Farmer**. Continued prayers for **Laura Thigpen**, friend of **Adei Grenpastures** who continues to undergo chemo treatments.
- Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, **Elaine Alsobrook's** mother.
- Support, healing, and strength for **Kimberly** and **Katya Kolberg**, and **Lori Keaton**, friends of **Daphne Reiley**.
- Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Marion Meador**.
- The Georgia Region of the Christian Church is in our hearts and minds.
- **Jeanette Duncan** requests prayers for her daughter-in-law, **Stephanie Duncan**.
- **Cathy Keeler** requests prayers for continued healing for her mother and father; both are doing better!
- **Julie Fleming** and **J.D. Fleming** request prayers for **Vicky Likens**, who is in treatment for leukemia.
- **Yvonne Capshaw**, friend and colleague of **Michael Dodd**, her mother and husband, **Rodney**.
- Continued prayers for recuperation and rest for **Glen** and **Elaine Alsobrook**.

- **William Butler** says needs prayers to get new teeth and a job soon.
- **Carolynn Miller** says please pray for our brother-law **Michael Ryan** and my sister **Kathy** and our nieces and nephews **Laura**, **David**, **Ali** and **Pat. Mike** has multiple blood clots and he has been undergoing medical tests in a FL hospital since Christmas Eve.

### Church Calendar

Sunday, January 2:

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. Eldership Meeting  
 8 p.m. NA

Monday, January 3:

**Office Closed**

Tuesday, January 4:

3:30-6:30 p.m. Music Theory Group  
 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher  
 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON

Wednesday, January 5:

3:30-6:30 p.m. Music Theory Group  
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 6:

6:30 p.m. Suzuki Violin  
 7 p.m. Emory Chase

Friday, January 7:

**Youth-a-Palooza at St. Simmons Island January 7-9**

Saturday, January 8:

1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures

Sunday, January 9:

**Paul Appleby preaching**  
 8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service in the Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service  
 8 p.m. NA

**Assisted Living:** **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.

## **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.