

## Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Dave Albers** writes, “My 94 year old mother, who lives in Dayton, Ohio, fell and broke her nose over the Christmas holidays while I was visiting my brother and his family in Memphis. Both of us drove overnight to be with her. She will be discharged from the hospital tomorrow. Mom will be needing assistance living which is a blow to her sense of independence. We need prayers to sort out what is best for her and the family.”
- **Jackie Tate** writes, “My Dad – **John Neuman** -- is in ICU at Eastside Hospital with pneumonia and heart problems.”
- **Mary Frances Early** is travelling to Athens to be a keynote speaker and participant in UGA’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation there.
- **Adei Grenpastures** requests prayers for neighbor **Jackie Hudson** and her daughter **Alexis**.
- **William Garner** and **Kohl Sudnikovich** and the **Garner** family.
- **Dan’l Giles** and **Wiley Harris** lift up their family in Tennessee.
- **Tommy Schiavo** and his family.
- **Keith Williams’** mother is ill and being treated in a hospital.
- **Ralph Reiley** is recovering at home from leg surgery on Wednesday.
- The Georgia Region of the Christian Church is in our hearts and minds. Our Christmas Offering for the Region was over \$1,000! Thank you, one and all.
- **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**, have both been diagnosed with cancer.
- Continued prayers for recuperation and rest for **Glen** and **Elaine Alsobrook**.
- 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**.

## Church Calendar

Sunday, January 9:	<b>Rev. Carolynn Miller preaching</b> Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School Sanctuary Service 8 p.m. NA
Monday, January 10:	11 a.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, January 11:	1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle (at church) 3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
Wednesday, January 12:	9:30-10:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 13:	10:30-11:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish 2 p.m. Retired Teachers Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
Friday, January 14:	7:30 – 9 p.m. Atlanta Concert Ringers Concert 7:30-9:30 p.m. Atlanta Stereographic Association
Saturday, January 15:	1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, January 16:	<b>Christian Youth Fellowship at Atlanta First</b> Awakenings Service in the Chapel Sunday School 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 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.