

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Safety for those who must be out in the inclement weather: public safety workers, utility company workers, emergency medical personnel, and fire safety personnel.
- Warmth and inclusion for the homeless.
- All those required to travel.
- **George Wascovich**, member and minister at First Christian Atlanta, whose grandson died in Afghanistan just prior to leaving for home.
- **Hank Ferry**, who was at Kennestone Hospital for tests, but now home, diagnosed with bronchitis.
- **Mike Ryan**, Carolynn Miller's brother-in-law, who is suffering with blood clots.
- Thanksgiving for the safe return of our youth and youth advisors from Youth-a-Palooza this weekend.
- **Keith Williams** and his mother, as he transported her from Alabama to Virginia to live near **Keith's** siste.
- **Don Brewer, Betty Brewer-Calvert's** dad, who is recovering from surgery today to alleviate long-standing sciatic nerve pain.
- Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of **Henry Brewer-Calvert** in Lynchburg.
- **Kimberly Long**, cousin of **Chris Butler**, who is suffering from health issues.
- **Betty**, friend of **Tommy** and **Cathy Archibald**, who has just undergone a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery.
- "Please pray for **Tootie McElhannon** who is a wife and mom of 5 -- fighting cancer. **Tootie** is a nurse and amazing Christian. She is a lovely woman whose faith has enriched many."
- **Dave Albers**, his brother, and their mother.
- **Jackie Tate** and her dad **John Neuman**.
- **Mary Frances Early**.
- **Adei Grenpastures** and her neighbors and friends: **Jackie Hudson, Alexis Hudson, Judy & George Barrett, Alicia Maxwell, Andy Farmer, and Laura Thigpen**.
- **William Garner, Kohl Sudnikovich** and the **Garner** family.
- Thanksgiving for the successful adenoidectomy (and olive pit-ectomy) for **Tommy Schiavo**.
- Thanksgiving for manageable pain, relative good spirits, and healing for **Ralph Reiley** following knee surgery.
- **Yvonne Capshaw**, her mother and her husband, friends of **Michael Dodd**.
- **Ruby Rathel** and the entire **Alsobrook** family.
- **Kimberly** and **Katya Kolberg** and **Lori Keaton**, friends of **Daphne Reiley**.
- Comfort and strength to all those personally affected by the terrible tragedy in Arizona and us as a nation.

- **Cathy Keeler** fell while walking on ice and has a spinal cord contusion and neck muscle strain.
- **Rev. Wendy Miles**, wife of the Regional Minister. She is experiencing a very bad relapse of auto-immune disease.

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 16:	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
8 p.m.	NA
Monday, January 17:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Mary Magdalene Circle at Yolanda's
Tuesday, January 18:	
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
8:00 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, January 19:	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
7 p.m.	Swanton Hill in Social Hall
Thursday, January 20:	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
2 p.m.	Retired Teachers
Friday, January 21:	
7:30 p.m.	Atlanta Stereographic Association
Saturday, January 22:	
1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, January 23:	Paul Appleby preaching – Installation of Officers
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.