

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Prayers for comfort and God's solace for **Lily Delk** and her family as they mourn the loss of her sister "**Bob**" (**Barbara**) Sunday morning. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Gordon tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2:00pm.
- **Ruth Joyner**, 89, passed away Friday, January 7th. **Mrs. Joyner** was a long time member of Decatur First and served as President of the Resident's Council at Campbellstone Apartments.
- **Caroline Leslie** requests prayers for **Jim Patrick**, undergoing a kidney transplant on January 21st.
- **Millie Linville**
- **Marvin Lee** is currently in Piedmont Hospital, awaiting surgery in the morning for a broken hip. He is in Room 425 and can receive cards but no visits or phone calls at this time. His family is by his side. Prayers are requested for his comfort and healing.
- **Cathy Keeler** as she continues to recover from her fall last week which left her sore and bruised.
- **Wiley Harris and Danl Giles** share "We are thankful that so many of us were cared for and kept warm and safe during this unfamiliar blizzard. We are so especially thankful for our courageous leaders that held fast to our Lord and were examples of the reason and need to hold steadfast to God's example like **Mary Frances Early** whose example of faith reassures us and leads on.
- **Larry Todd** requests prayers for his niece **Megan Ford** who is experiencing a tubal pregnancy and has been extremely sick.
- The **Kidd family** rejoices with **Will** that he made the honor roll!
- **Sarah McClelland** requests prayers for friends from Valdosta, **Thomas & Suzanne Chafin**. Suzanne gave birth to **Rhys** at 29 weeks. Rhys is experiencing much pulmonary distress and Suzanne is having a hard time. Rhys and Suzanne are currently in Orlando at a neonatal specialty unit.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **Kate Buckley**, good friend of **Sarah McClelland**, who gave birth to her first child English Jane, on January 6th! Mother and baby are doing well.
- **Rosa Kent** requests prayers for **Patricia Wade**, her best friend's daughter, who broke her ankle and a bone in the other foot as well.
- The **Brewer-Calverts** offer thanksgiving for **Henry's** safe return to Lynchburg.
- **Wendy Miles**, wife of Regional Minister **Ray Miles**.
- Seminarians returning from travels.
- Teachers as they face a week of catch-up following last week's "snow days."
- **Daphne Reiley** request prayers for patience, compassion, and rest; and thanksgiving for a successful first day back at work for **Ralph**.
- Our country in the continuing aftermath of the shootings in Tucson, Arizona, as well as the families of those shoot and killed.
- Prayers for those suffering in the mudslides in Brazil as well as in the floods in Australia.
- **Jackie Tate** offers thanksgiving for her father's return home, as well as her step-mother's following a fall in which she broke her upper arm. step-mother's arm.
- **Lily Delk** requests prayers for the **wife** of **Lyman's nephew Tom**. Her father is experiencing kidney failure and they are awaiting a diagnosis.
- **Lynn Black** requests prayers for **her mother**, that she would be at peace and comfortable and pain-free in her last days; and for Lynn and **her siblings** that they would be given the strength to make it through this time.
- **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.
- **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**. **Hank Ferry** – recovering from bronchitis.

Church Calendar

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
12:30 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
5-7 p.m.	Pat Vas Dias Recital
8 p.m.	NA
Monday, January 24:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	Evaluation & Planning
7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, January 25:	
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
8:00 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, January 26:	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	GIPL
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 27:	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
Saturday, January 29:	
1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, January 30:	
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in the Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Sy Pryor Workshop-Recognize signs of depression & suicide
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.