

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Gratitude for 2011 Church Board Officers, Eldership, Deaconate and all servant leaders at First Christian Church of Decatur.
- **Jack Eunice**, student at Valdosta HS, has been missing for two weeks. His friends are members at First Christian Church in Valdosta GA. Pray for him and his family and friends.
- **Millie Linville**.
- Travelling mercies for **Danl** and **Wiley**.
- **Jackie Tate** and her family.
- **Hank Ferry** as he recovers from bronchitis and pneumonia.
- **Nathan Brown** requests prayer for spiritual healing and discernment.
- **Mark Ranney** lifts up the Chancel Choir's need for more male voices!
- Local pastors **Kathy McDowell** and **Betty Brewer-Calvert**, who are in Indianapolis for a Church Women's Staff conference.
- Prayers from those suffering due to severe weather like the flooding in the Southern Hemisphere and the extremely cold temperatures in the north.
- Columbia Theological Seminary participants in the immersion experience weekend for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program.
- *"Please include **Susan Reimer** in our prayers. She is a long-time friend, wife of our horse trainer, **Brian**, and mother of **Shelby**, a UGA student. She has been **Nancy's** riding teacher since **Nancy** was 3. She is in ICU at Northside Hospital with an unknown virus which is attacking her heart. The doctors have no idea about the type of virus. It started out as flu-like symptoms. There is a site that has updates posted, etc.: caringbridge.org/visit/susanreimer. Thank you. **Linda Chesnut**"*
- **Clara Holley** was released from the hospital and is recovering at home. She feels so much better!
- **Marvin Lee** is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is in rehab in Gainesville.
- **Caroline Leslie** requests prayers for **Jim Patrick**, who is recovering from surgery.
- **Adei Grenpastures** requests prayers for neighbor **Jackie Hudson** and her daughter **Alexis**.
- **William Garner** and **Kohl Sudnikovich** and the **Garner** family.
- **Sarah McClelland's** friends **Thomas** and **Suzanne Chafin** and their newborn child **Rhys**, who was born at 29 weeks.
- **Wendy Miles** (healing) and **Ray Miles** (strength).
- **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**. Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, **Elaine Alsobrook's** mother.
- 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.

Church Calendar

- Sunday, January 30:
- 8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service in the Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 9:30 a.m. Let's Talk: Therapy, Religion, & Suicide Workshop for adults-with Sy Pryor
 - 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service
 - 12:30 p.m. Let's Talk: Therapy, Religion, & Suicide Workshop for youth-with Sy Pryor
 - 8 p.m. NA
- Monday, January 31:
- 10 a.m. Staff Meeting
 - 11 a.m. Prayer Group
- Tuesday, February 1:
- 3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish
 - 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher
 - 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
- Wednesday, February 2:
- 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, February 3:
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish
 - 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher
 - 7 p.m. Emory Chase Condo Association
- Friday, February 4:
- Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert at Voices Retreat February 4-5
- Saturday, February 5:
- 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
- Sunday, February 6:
- 8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service in the Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service
 - 12:15 p.m. Disciples Women Executive Board Meeting
 - 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.