

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Please pray for **Thomas Sowell** and for his family, **Jim, Virginia**, and **Daniel**, former members of First Christian whom many in our church know and love. **Thomas**, a sophomore at Lakeside High School, was in a snowboarding accident on Sunday morning and sustained a severe head injury. He is in a coma and has been moved from North Carolina back to Atlanta and is now at Grady in the Trauma Center. There is a blogspot which can update you on his condition: <http://prayforthomas.blogspot.com/>. The family has kindly asked for NO calls, emails, texts, or visits. Cards to their home would be welcome or you may drop them off at Oak Grove United Methodist Church for delivery by one of their pastors. There is a prayer service sponsored by the youth at Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, February 2, at 7:00 p.m.
- **The Rev. Adei Grenpastures** requests prayers for neighbor **Jackie Hudson** and her daughter **Alexis**. 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** who is in hospice.
- **Kathy Westbrook** has a new great-nephew named **Henry Schobert**, b. 1-29-11, at 9 lbs!
- **Kathy Westbrook** requests prayers for her former student, age 23, whose mother just passed away.
- **Jack Eunice**, student at Valdosta HS, has been missing for over two weeks. His friends are members at First Christian Church in Valdosta GA. Pray for him and his family and friends.
- **Rev. Jessica Torres** lifts up her friend **Judy** in Colorado (cancer); **Art** and **Derrick** (health); the **Rev. Jose Morales'** ordination (thanksgiving).
- **Dee Cordell** invites us to remember her friend **Kate** in Ohio whose father recently passed away.
- **Millie Linville. Mary Ellen Fountain.**
- All the wonderful, energetic, and faithful young people in our **Christian Youth Fellowship!**
- The **Tate family**, including **Jacqueline's** parents **Judith Turner, John Neumann** and **Linda Neumann**.
- **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, who is doing much better!
- **Hank Ferry** as he recovers from bronchitis and pneumonia. It was wonderful to worship God alongside **Hank** this past Sunday!
- **Nathan Brown** requests prayer for spiritual healing and discernment for himself and for **Mr. George Williams**, who is in need of healing and spiritual awakening
- *"Abby Smith is [in] the hospital. She still has no fever, but has tested positive for strep throat. They also did a chest x-ray and there is a small new area that has shown up. Her platelets are up from the transfusion, but her WBC has dropped from 1.04 to .5 something which means her ANC/infectious count is practically non-existent. Unfortunately, this is not looking like a "during the day/quick fix" stay for which we had hoped."* **Emmie Lee**
- Local pastors **Kathy McDowell** and **Betty Brewer-Calvert** returned safely from Indianapolis after a Church Women's Staff conference there.

- *"My Aunt Lillian Brown passed away suddenly early Saturday morning. Even though she had been battling cancer for 2 years, it was an unexpected event because of a blood clot in her lung. She was my father's sister. I appreciate the prayers of the FCC family as we deal with this loss. Many thanks, Dianna Williams"*
- **Polly Brock's** husband passed away recently. Please keep her and her family lifted up.
- *"Good friends from dance camp, Al and Alice White--their daughter Emma (around Tom's age) is down with a hard to shake flu...prayers would be most appreciated. My brother David and his wife are traveling (or attempting to) from Nashville to Bismarck, ND and are encountering lots of flight delays, etc. Prayers for patience and safe travels would be much appreciated."* **Daphne Reiley**
- Prayers from those suffering due to severe weather like the flooding in the Southern Hemisphere and the extremely cold temperatures in the north.
- Our neighbors in the Middle East, and in particular, those in Tunisia and Egypt.
- **Michael Dodd's** friends the **Capshaws**.
- *"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** is recovering at home and 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.
- **The Revs. Wendy Miles** (healing) and **Ray Miles** (strength).
- **Julie Fleming** and **J.D. Fleming** request prayers for **Vicky Likens**, who is in treatment for leukemia.
- Friend and colleague of **Michael Dodd, Yvonne Capshaw**, whose mother and husband **Rodney** have both been diagnosed with cancer.
- Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, Elaine's mother.
- **VOICES Retreat** for clergy and seminarians is this Friday and Saturday. **Sarah McClelland** and **James Brewer-Calvert** will participate in this Sabbath time set aside to revisit and reflect on our Christian vocations.

Church Calendar

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
Monday, February 7:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting

Church Calendar cont'd

Tuesday, February 8:	
1:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (at the church)
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3:30 p.m.	Music Theory Group
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
8:00 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, February 9:	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3:30 p.m.	Music Theory Group
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 10:	
6 a.m.	Disney uses parking lot all day until 1 a.m. on Friday morning
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
6:30 p.m.	Suzuki Violin in Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Lydia Circle (at the church)
Friday, February 11:	
7:30 p.m.	Atlanta Stereographic Association
Saturday, February 12:	
1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, February 13:	
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 Soup and Salad
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.

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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.