

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- **Glen and Brandy Alsobrook** requests prayers for **Brandy** to "find the perfect job!"
- **Wiley Harris** and **Danl Giles** share, "We are so thankful that God blesses us through all of the trials and tribulations; God brings help and healing to many of us in hard times and that so many of us keep returning to the fold amongst all the blessings."
- **Mark Ranney** requests prayers for his friend **Destiny** who is recovering from meningitis. She had brain surgery on Tuesday (February 8th) and may leave the hospital today (Sunday).
- **Daphne Reiley** offers prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the loving support and nurture she has received through her family and friends of First Christian Church of Decatur as she has prepared for licensing over the last three years.
- **Lillie Sapp** requests prayers for her son-in-law **Nicholas Jordan**, whose job is ending. Prayers that the entire family "will hold fast to our faith that it will get better."
- **Rosa Kent** shares that her daughter's family, the **Mirandas**, are doing better. Thank you for all the prayers!
- Prayers of thanksgiving for miracles from **Barbara Powell**: "Abby Smith is going home today! (Friday) The family thanks everyone for their prayers and concern." Also, for **Thomas Sowell's** excellent and hopeful, continued recovery.
- **Jackie Jenkins** requests that we pray for **Julie Arms**, a friend, who has breast cancer and has just begun a 16-week chemotherapy treatment.
- Prayers for comfort and solace are requested for **Fred Franklin** and **Cheryl Delk** on the death of **Fred's** mother yesterday (Monday).
- Prayers for comfort and healing for **Leigh Britt**, **Barbara Powell's** daughter, as she recovers from surgery yesterday (Monday). Good news – biopsy test came back with no cancer! We are very grateful.
- **Julie Bryant. Mary Ellen Fountain. Gwen Sapp. Gus Head. Hank Ferry. Millie Linville. Marvin Lee.**
- Prayers that every Christian throughout the world would pray for peace.
- Joy and thanksgiving at the installation of **Rev. Chris McCreight** as pastor at Bogart Christian Church!
- **Laura Thigpen**, friend of **Rev. Adei Grenpastures**, is doing well and is in hospice. **Alicia Maxwell**, another friend of **Rev. Grenpastures**, is doing well with her recent radiation treatments.
- **Rev. Adei Grenpastures** offers up joy and thanksgiving on the anniversary of **Bear** coming into her life on Valentine's Day!
- Prayers for safekeeping, cooperation, and good will in Egypt and Tunisia, as well as neighboring Iran.
- The **Brock family** is doing well.
- **Kathy Westbrook** offers thanksgiving for her grandchildren **Perry** and **Mary Kate**, who worshipped with us Sunday.
- Prayers for comfort and solace for the family of **Ludlow Porch** who passed away this past week.
- Continued prayers for comfort and solace for the family of **James Eunice**.
- Continued prayers for **Christy Tempo** who is on bed rest for the remaining 2 months of her pregnancy.

- Continued prayers for **Rev. Adei Grenpastures'** neighbor **Jackie Hudson** and her daughter **Alexis**. Healing and strength for **Judy** and **George Barrett**. Prayers for **Alicia Maxwell's** friend **Andy Farmer**.
- Continued prayers for **Rev. Jessica Torres'** friend **Judy** in Colorado (cancer); **Art** and **Derrick** (health).
- 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**.
- **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.
- Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the life and health of **Susan Reimer!**
- **Clara Holley** continues to recover at home and would welcome cards, calls, and visits.
- Prayers for the **Magdaleno** and **Bunting families**, friends of the **Reileys**.
- **The Revs. Wendy Miles** (healing) and **Ray Miles** (strength).
- **Julie Fleming** and **J.D. Fleming** request continued prayers for **Vicky Likens**, who is in treatment for leukemia.
- Continued prayers for recuperation and rest for **Glen** and **Elaine Alsobrook**. Comfort and solace for **Ruby Rathel**, **Elaine's** mother.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 20:	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. Board Meeting
	3 p.m. Atlanta Concert Ringers
	8 p.m. NA
Monday, February 21:	10 a.m. Staff Meeting
	11 a.m. Prayer Group
	7:30 p.m. Mary Magdalene Circle at Yolanda's
Tuesday, February 22:	Rev. Brewer-Calvert preaching at Briarcliff Oaks
	3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish
	4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher
	7 p.m. Emory Chase in Chapel
	8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON
Wednesday, February 23:	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 24:	10:30-11:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish
	4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher
Saturday, February 26:	1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures

Sunday, February 27: **Christian Youth Fellowship at Decatur**
 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. Eldership Lunch & Workshop
 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.