

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- Prayers of joy and gratitude go out for all the **birthday** and **anniversary celebrations** this month!
- **Dave Andrew** had successful knee surgery this past Monday.
- Former choir member **Kevin Johnson** returned for a visit last Sunday, and next weekend he is auditioning for the Broadway production of “Porgy and Bess”.
- **Deenie Kirkman** is with her daughter as she recovers from a fracture in the bone between her shoulder and elbow.
- **Daphne Reiley** writes: “My neighbor **Pauline Edwards** has been diagnosed with soft-tissue sarcoma on her arm. She is having a CT scan w/dye contrast of her lungs to ascertain whether there is any cancer there. Apparently, this type of cancer is prone to spread to the lungs rather quickly. [Beginning next week] she is expecting 5 weeks of daily radiation to attempt to shrink the sarcoma prior to surgery.” Daphne also lifts up for us **Lori Keaton** in TX who had surgery this week, and the **Magdaleno** and **Bunting** families.
- **Rosa Kent** is remembering **Patricia Wade**’s need for healing.
- **Sage Appleby** asks for prayers for the family and friends of the late **Jess Wilder** and for **Ian Livingston**’s safe return from overseas deployment.
- **Tom Rosenberger** wonders if the **Monday Morning Prayer Group** knows how much they are appreciated, and **Paul Appleby** wonders if they know who put the “bop” in the “bop shoo bop shoo bop”.
- **Betty** and **James Brewer-Calvert** are praying for their son **Henry** as he heads into mid-semester papers and tests, and for **Katie** to get well soon (it worked!), and for **Betty** as she begins physical therapy for a “frozen shoulder”.
- **Brandy** and **Glen Alsobrook** as she begins her journey toward new, meaningful employment.
- **Destiny**, a good friend of **Mark Ranney**, has meningitis and is back home after brain surgery. His **grandmother** is home and recovering.
- **Nicholas Jordan**, **Lillie Sapp**’s son-in-law, whose job is ending.
- **Nathan Brown** requests prayers for: **George Williams**, **Dr. Nathaniel Holmes**, **Lisa Fowler**, **Dr. Vincent June**, and **Dr. Anthony Tricoli**.
- Please continue to pray for **Thomas Sowell** and for his family as he continues his amazing journey of healing and recovery.
- **Hank Ferry** is having his rotator cuff evaluated.
- **Fred Franklin**’s mother passed away last week. **Fred** and **Cheryl Delk** are beloved friends of the church.
- **Leigh Britt**, daughter of **Bob** and **Barbara Powell**, is recovering from surgery and is relieved that no cancer was present. The Powell’s **granddaughter**, **Barclay**, was in a bad car accident. She has been and continues to have a great deal of pain.

- **Sarah McClelland** requests prayers for camp directors and staff for Camp Christian in 2011, and is grateful that the Greater Atlanta Presbytery passed Amendment 10A, which supports ordination for all whom God calls.
- **Wiley** and **Danl** ask for prayers for **Andrea Berlin** (Crohn’s disease).
- **Mary Ellen Fountain** asks for prayers to “*keep on keeping on.*”
- **Christy Tempo** is on bed rest for the remaining months of her pregnancy.
- **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** requests prayers for her **former student**, age 23, whose mother just passed away.
- **Rev. Jessica Torres** lifts up her friend **Judy** in Colorado (cancer); **Art** and **Derrick** (health); the **Rev. Jose Morales**’ ordination (thanksgiving).
- The **Tate family**, including **Jacqueline**’s parents **Judith Turner**, **John Neumann** and **Linda Neumann**.
- Our neighbors in the **Middle East** and **New Zealand**.
- **Michael Dodd**’s friends the **Capshaws**.
- **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).
- Friend and colleague of **Michael Dodd**, **Yvonne Capshaw**, whose **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’s mother.

Prayer of Psalm 131

Song of Quiet Trust
A Song of Ascents. Of David.

*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen!*

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 27: **Christian Youth Fellowship lead worship**
 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. Called Stewardship Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Eldership Lunch & Workshop
 8 p.m. NA

Monday, February 28:
 10 a.m. Staff Meeting
 11 a.m. Prayer Group
 6:30 p.m. Evaluation and Planning Dinner for
 Planning of the Capital fund Campaign

Tuesday, March 1:
 3-5 p.m. Spring Into Spanish
 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher
 8:00 p.m. AA/ALANON

Wednesday, March 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, March 3:
 10:30-11:30 a.m. Spring Into Spanish
 4-6:30 p.m. Music Teacher

Friday, March 4:
 Elders & Deacon Retreat @ Christmont

Saturday, March 5:
 9 a.m. Elders & Deacon Retreat @ Christmont
 1-2 p.m. Disciples Women Breakfast
 Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures

Sunday, March 6: **Anita Renahan-White preaching**
 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

March Birthdays:

Mei Williams	March 5	Thomas Dawson	March 22
Louise Chesson	March 6	Ralph Reiley	March 28
Adei Grenpastures	March 7	Carolyn Middour	March 30
AJ Perrillioux	March 8	March Anniversaries:	
Carol Wheeler	March 12	Thomas & Ann Dawson	March 14
Bob Clarke	March 14	Don & Carolyn Middour	March 17
Dotti Laycock	March 15		
Elizabeth Hamm	March 18		

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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.