

Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community

- **Anita Renahan-White** as she prepares to preach the Good News in both services this Sunday, and our **William Garner** and the Hand Bell Choir as they lead us in worship.
- **Johnnie Barber** was in DeKalb Medical Center last week.
- **Wendy Wyche** requests prayers for the **Matthews family**.
- **Linda Chesnut** lifts up **Sue Kaugmen, Susan Reimer, and Jay Love**.
- A patient that has an all-over-body skin rash for 12 years.
- **Lonnie Sapp** and his family are in our prayers.
- **Deenie Kirkman** is with her daughter as she recovers from a broken bone in her shoulder.
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert** asks for prayers for Spring Conferences sponsored by the Georgia Disciples Women's Commission. Remember them as they prepare for "Spring Spa Days" around the GA Region.
- *"May miracles abound as we meet on Monday evening, Feb. 28 to explore creative ways to fund our capital campaign."* (They did!)
- **Daphne Reiley** lifts up for us **Lori Keaton** in TX who had successful surgery last week and the **Magdaleno** and **Bunting** families. She is also joyful about her approaching service of licensure, which is set for Sunday, March 27 at 3pm.
- **Rosa Kent** is remembering **Patricia Wade's** need for healing.
- **Sage Appleby** asks for prayers for **Ian Livingston's** safe return from overseas deployment.
- **Betty and James Brewer-Calvert** invite you to join them in praying for their son **Henry** as he heads into mid-semester papers and tests, and returns this weekend for Spring Break.
- **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.
- **Hank Ferry** is not having surgery on his rotator cuff.
- **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.
- **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**.
- **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.
- 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 Alsobrook's** mother.
- **Emily Snelling's** father was diagnosed earlier this week with blocked arteries and is going in Friday morning for a angioplasty.

Church Calendar

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
12:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting
8 p.m.	NA
Monday, March 7:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, March 8:	William Garner in Chicago March 8-13
1:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (at the church)
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3:30-6:30 p.m.	Music Theory Group
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
6-7 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Outreach Meeting
8:00 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, March 9:	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3-5 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
3:30-6:30 p.m.	Music Theory Group
7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, March 10:	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Spring Into Spanish
2 p.m.	Retired Teachers Executive Meeting
4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Suzuki Violin in Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Lydia Circle
Friday, March 11:	
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Atlanta Stereographic Association
Saturday, March 12:	
1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, March 13:	
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in the Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
4 p.m.	Daphne Reiley preaching at Northlake Gardens
5 p.m.	James Brewer-Calvert preaching at Campbellstone
8 p.m.	NA

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.

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 Perrillieux	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.