

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- Pray for **Maurice Jones** and **family** because he is in the ICU at South Fulton Hospital.
- *“Amelia is going into Scottish Rite to have her tonsils removed (July 26). We would all appreciate prayers for her comfort, success of the surgery, relief of pain, and a quick recovery. Thanks everybody! **Daphne Reiley**”*
- **Minnie Haynes** prays for lifelong Christian guidance for **Jackson Luke Pfister**, b. 7-22-11. **Jackson** is **Minnie’s** 5th great-grandchild!
- Prayers for comfort and hope for the **people of Norway** in the wake of the terrible tragedy there, as well as for the **people of Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia** during a drought. Gifts to Week of Compassion may be made year-round, and go directly to address and alleviate suffering around the world.
- Thanksgiving for the cleaners and cleanliness of the church!
- **Sandra Sexson** asks for prayers for **Bill**, who is having hip replacement surgery in August, and for travelling mercies as they visit **Bill’s** mother for her 90th birthday.
- **Rosa Kent** asks for prayers for **Joyce Gunby** and **Nita Hardy**.
- **The Flemings** ask for prayers for **Donna** (stomach cancer) and **David** (fall from a ladder).
- **The Appleby family** lifts up **Sage’s** brother in law **Ed Samuelian**, who is beginning a 6 month deployment to Africa, thanksgiving for visiting family members, and travelling mercies for their trip to Ohio.
- **Furat** and **Debbie Revis** will have a Christian marriage ceremony here in August. Congratulations!
- **Mark Ranney** and **Paul Brown** ask for continued prayers for their job searches, and for **Paul** as he deals with a tooth infection and for a joyful visit with an old friend.
- **Nathan Brown; Millie Simmons; Beatrice** and **Hank Ferry; Mary Ellen Fountain.**
- **Larry Todd** asks for prayers for his grand-niece, **Brittany**. She is hospitalized with a Staph infection, and will turn 2 next month.
- **Laura** and **Dave Andrew** offer prayers of thanksgiving. Their son-in-law, **Silas**, is home safely from Afghanistan.
- **Johnnie Barber** asks for prayers for comfort.
- **Sarah McClelland** asks for prayers as she and fellow Greek School students are immersed in the language of the New Testament.
- **Lonnie Sapp** asks for prayers for **Harold Watson** and **Jesse Sapp**.
- **Ruth Lutz** shares that “Mother is improving each day and has been moved out of Hospice care. Please pray for her continued comfort and peace.” We also keep **Ruth** and **her sister Martha** in our prayers as they care for their mother.
- **Millie Suttles** shares, “My brother is home -- please pray that **Kay (his wife)** can be an encourager for him, especially to do his exercises.”
- **Kamon Sherriff**, the son of the **Chesnut’s reflexologist**, fell from a balcony and is paralyzed from the waist down. We pray for rehabilitation and strength.
- **William Garner** continues to be in our prayers for healing and hope.
- **Glen Alsobrook** is having surgery to fuse bones in his ankle to increase his mobility sometime in the Fall, either September or October.
- **Glen** and **Brandy Alsobrook** as they prepare to move in August.

- **Rev. Adei Grenpastures** requests prayers for neighbor **Jackie Hudson** and her daughter **Alexis**. Thanksgiving for **Alicia Maxwell’s** positive response to treatment.
- Prayers for **Alicia Maxwell’s** friend **Andy Farmer**.
- **The Brimacombe Family** in Arizona.
- **Abby Smith’s continued progress**-silence has been golden, as her mother would say!

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 31:	8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Caregiver Workshop
	10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
	3-6 p.m.	Fellowship Concert in Sanctuary with Pastor Sharon P. Boykin
	8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, August 1:	10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11 p.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday, August 2:	4-6:30 p.m.	Music Teacher
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous/ALANON
Friday, August 5:	6 p.m.	Revis/Almandy Wedding
Saturday, August 6:	1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, August 7:	8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
	12:30 p.m.	Disciples Women’s Board Meeting
	8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous



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.