

Focus "108 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale Helpers and Counting"

Thanks go out to all our church friends and members who have helped make the 2011 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale another amazing annual experience. If we left anyone off, please let us know. Merry Christmas!

Linda Chesnut
Sally Ann Darby-Jobson
Sherry Davis
Mike Dodd
Bob Donahue
Jack Duncan
Jeanette Duncan
Mary Ellen Fountain
Brian Garland

Hopkins Kidd
Judy Kidd
Will Kidd
Talia King
Jesse Krovicka
Khwanza LeBlanc
Dottie Laycock
Emmie Lee
Johnny Lee

Amelia Reiley
Daphne Reiley
Ralph Reiley
Thomas Reiley
Anita Renfro
Tommy Renfro
Tom "Ropenberger" Rosenberger



Brandy Alsobrook
Elaine Alsobrook
Glen Alsobrook, Jr.
Glen Alsobrook, Sr.
Dave Andrew
Laura Andrew
Alison Anyx
Paul Appleby
Vivianne Aponte
Talia Azure
Johnnie Barber
Kasey Bezio
David Blake
Diana Blake
Betty Brewer-Calvert
Henry Brewer-Calvert
James Brewer-Calvert
Katie Brewer-Calvert
Paul Brown
Robbin Brown
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Dan'l Giles
Debbie Hamilton
Kendall Hamilton
Robert Hamilton
Elizabeth Hamm
Wiley Harris
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Jim Ivey
Todd Jackson
Tumara Jackson
Diane Jett
Wayne Jobson
Tracy Johnson
Mason Jones
Cathy Keeler
Rosa Kent
Becky Kidd
Bryan Kidd

Caroline Leslie
Jay Leslie
Nancy Leslie
Yolanda Lewellyn
Millie Linville
Tim Lohr
Ruth Lutz
Herschel Maxey
Sarah McClelland
Melissa
Nicolas
Jay Paul Norton
Jay Norton
Peggy Norton
Billy Pabst
Ian Parvin
Lynn Parvin
A.J. Perrillioux
Suzette Perrillioux
Barbara Powell
Katie Preston
Mark Ranney

Lillie Sapp
Lonnie Sapp
Doug Schuette
Cristian Sepulveda
Diana Simeonova
Emily Smith
Millie Suttles
Nancy Suttles
Greg Thomas
Gennifer Turner
Paul Turner
Two Boy Scouts
Kathy Westbrook
Keith Williams
Rick Works
Wendy Wyche

As always, First Christian Church of Decatur, I am delighted to be your pastor. Shalom, James Brewer-Calvert

News and notes for God's folks

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

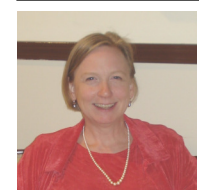
We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who visit to worship God here, including Larry Todd, Wanda Carrigan, Khwanza LeBlanc, Nancy Suttles and Dan George, Jennifer, Stella, Gianna Esposito, Melissa, Enrique Works, Gregory Thomas, Victoria Miller, Diana Simeonova, Tracy Johnson, Rebecca Ramsey, Anita, Lucrecia Vizcino with Abbey and Gabriel, Bailey, Russell Broomfield, Elizabeth and Madeline Stilwell, Linda Stilwell, Mary Ware Parrish, Pat Parr, Eren & Patrick Thibadeau, Mark Mitchell, Dotty Ivey, Marlene Reddick, Stefani Dunn, J.D. Fleming, Brenda Hole.Ph.D, Liz and Madeline, Collete Hopkins, Trevor Turner, and Dorothy Hopkins, Victoria Miller, Rev. Jerrie Bason, Anita & Tommy Renfro, Larry & Ruth Crabb, Shelby Adamson and a number of faithful folks who participate regularly. Hope to see you again soon!

Decatur Cooperative Ministry In-Kind Donations for December

Hagar's House Family Transitional Housing 30 New Bed Pillows, Liquid Laundry Detergent, 5 New Shower Liners, Mop & Bucket & Broom, 5 Washable Shower Curtains, New Bath Towels, Cold/Flu Medications, Body Wash, Paper Towels Men's Deodorant, Laundry Detergent Powder Dish Detergent, Liquid Bleach Stackable Washer/Dryer (electric), All Purpose Cleaner, Powder dish detergent.

Project Take Charge Antibacterial Hand Soap, 2' x 3' Cork Board, Lysol Sprays, 2' x 1.5' Cork Board, 6 Large space heaters, 55 & 13 Gallon Trash bags,

General Needs for DCM New batteries, all sizes but especially AA, 2012 Desk Calendars. THANK YOU!



News from the Caregiver Spiritual Support Ministry for the Coming Year!

Rev. Daphne Reiley has accepted a position at Collier & St. Clair, LLP (a law firm focusing on elder law). Daphne will continue her service as Director of the ministry and will be in the office at FCCD on Wednesdays.

The Caregiver Spiritual Support Ministry is offering a Congregational Pastors Retreat, "Resting in Silence and Solitude," at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers on January 18th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes lunch. Rev. Reiley will be guiding the retreat.

Are you interested in specifically, prayerfully supporting the caregivers in our midst? The Caregiver Spiritual Support Ministry is in need of a few more Prayer Partners. There will be a workshop on spiritual listening held on March 10, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will end the workshop with lunch together. Those interested in becoming a Prayer Partner are encouraged to attend. The workshop is open to current Prayer Partners as well. Others are welcome who simply seek to have a better understanding of the heart-full benefits of spiritually listening to loved ones. A donation of \$20 is asked to offset the cost of the books provided each Prayer Partner. Space is limited; call Rev. Reiley (770-366-1206) to reserve your seat.

Watching our figures

Sunday, November 27, 2011

8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	8
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	64
Total	72

Offering	\$4,067.00
Offset (Crowe Memorial)	60.00
Camp & Youthpalooza	211.00
Thanksgiving Offering	100.00
Total	\$4,438.00

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	7
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	67
Chrismon Service	140
Total	214

Offering	\$4,304.00
Offset (GIPL)	400.00
Offset (Gentle Spirit)	300.00
Total	\$5,004.00

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	16
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	86
Northlake Vespers	11
Total	113

Offering	\$4,431.01
Offset (Jean Gay)	105.00
Offset (Gentle Spirit)	300.00
Offset (DeKalb Cty. Voting)	50.00
Offset (Walmart Meeting)	15.00
Total	\$4,661.01

Total Giving January 1 - Oct. 31

'11 YTD Total Income	\$196,611.30
'11 YTD Total Expenses	\$201,867.61
'11 YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 5,256.31)

December Birthdays

Kayla Bezio - Dec. 11
Jan Brzuskiwicz - Dec. 11
David Chesnut - Dec. 11
Diana Blake - Dec. 13
Ida Anne Clarke - Dec. 13
Jay Norton - Dec. 20
Keith Williams - Dec. 20
Quan Nguyen - Dec. 21
Julie Fleming - Dec. 22
Herschel Maxey - Dec. 24
Ellen Williams - Dec. 25
Doug Schuette - Dec. 26
Theo Jackson - Dec. 27
Glen Alsobrook - Dec. 28
Thetis Merritt - Dec. 28
Kasey Bezio - Dec. 29
Gus Head - Dec. 30
Jayelin Hill - Dec. 31

December Anniversaries

Tim & Theresa Lohr - Dec. 14
David & Laura Andrew - Dec. 19
James & Betty Brewer-Calvert - Dec. 28



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(Disciples of Christ)

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Ministers: All the People

Your Church Staff:

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert, *Senior Pastor*

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Brandy Alsobrook, *Director of Christian Education*

Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*

Elizabeth Hamm, *Bookkeeper*

Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Azeb Gidey, *Custodian*

Mark Ranney, *Facilities Manager*

Your Volunteer Ministry Coordinators:

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

Rev. Daphne Reiley, *Caregiver Spiritual Support*

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The Newsletter of First Christian Church of Decatur

Decatur Disciples



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

COME, CELEBRATE THE ADVENT
OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF DECATUR
HERE ARE SPIRITUAL SERVICES
THAT ARE OPEN TO ONE AND ALL

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent — LOVE
Christmas Pageant (one united service at 10:50)

Final cast dress rehearsal at 9 a.m.

Friday, December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight and
Communion Services at 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.**

Sunday, December 25 **Christmas Day Service** and the
90th Anniversary Church Celebration 10:50 a.m.

Community Dinner at 12 noon for one and all!



Christian Education Corner

The youth group has been hard at work rehearsing for our Christmas Pageant. The Pageant will be offered during the 10:50 worship service on December 18th. James and I have also been diligently inviting children from the community to join us as extra shepherds and angels. We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th and thank you for all of your support and loving kindness.

Christian Education Updates

- Sunday School Stories will begin January 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Storyroom next to the Carmack Room
 - Children's church will also resume on January 15 and will be available during the 10:50 worship service
 - Volunteers are needed for Nursery, Sunday School Stories and Children's Church *****Only requirements to volunteer: Darkness to Light training and willingness to have fun sharing your story with children*****
 - We have 10 people going to Youth-a-Palooza January 6-8; Katie Brewer-Calvert, Kasey Bezio, Nancy Leslie, Suzette Perrillieux, Jacob Tate, Joshua Tate, Thomas Reiley, James Brewer-Calvert, Brandy Alsobrook, and Glen Alsobrook.
- Disciples Youth in Metro Atlanta will be meeting at Campbell-Stone in Sandy Springs on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:30 p.m.; FCCD is co-leading the service with 6 other churches in the Atlanta area. Blessings for a wonderful Christmas and New Years! **Brandy Alsobrook**



**Hey Everyone! Yes, you!
Let's Go Christmas Caroling on Sunday after church on
December 18th! Bring your lunch and then we'll go out
and sing the Good News! No reservations necessary.**



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*We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness
in a fragmented world.*

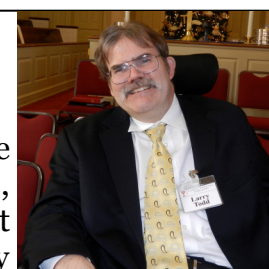
*As part of the one body
of Christ, we welcome all
to the Lord's Table
as God has welcomed us.*

--Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Statement of Identity



Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, December 4th, Wanda Carrigan joined First Christian Church of Decatur by transfer of membership. She has been an active participant in the 8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service and in the Beacon/Keystone Class. We also are delighted that on Sunday, December 11th, Larry Todd joined by transfer of membership and will hold dual membership with FCCD and Union City Christian Church. He has been active Pathfinders Class and Sunday worship participant for 10 amazing years. Welcome home, Wanda and Larry, into your church family! We look forward to growing in faith and mission together.



Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale a Winner

**High quality trees and wreaths
will be for sale on the church lawn
until last tree is sold!**

Proceeds Benefit the Church Park as well as
Church and Community Ministries
Serving Greater Decatur
Contact information: go to our website at
www.DecaturDisciples.org.
or call 404-378-3621.
**Free Home Delivery
Within 5 Miles of the Church!**



Herschel Maxey displays one of his
fabulous handmade wreaths for sale
to benefit church and local
ministries.

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December 2011

Sunday Worship Schedule
 8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service (chapel)
 9:15 a.m. Sharing in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale M - F 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sat & Sun until 9 p.m. </div>				1 9:30 a.m. SIS 3:30 p.m. Cello Lessons 6:30 p.m. Artisan Condo Association Meeting	2	3 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures 4:30-6 p.m. Tonya Rodriguez Recital
4 9:45 -10:30 a.m. Xmas Pageant Rehearsal 2 p.m. William Thomas Brooker Jr. Memorial Service in Chapel 5 p.m. Chrismon Service	5 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Ornament Exchange @ Helen Chilton house Mary Magdalene Circle	6 3:30-6:30 p.m. Music Theory Grp. 3:30 p.m. Cello Lessons 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	7 3:30-6:30 p.m. Music Theory Grp. 7 p.m. Emory Chase Condo Association	8 3:30 p.m. Cello Lessons 6:30 p.m. Suzuki Violin 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle Dinner in Social Hall	9 9 a.m.-1 p.m. GIPL 7-9:30 p.m. Atlanta Stereographic Association	10 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
11 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting 9:45 -10:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:50 a.m. Christmas Cantata 12 p.m. Congregational Meeting 4:30 p.m. Northlake Vespers	12 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	13 Ruth Circle at Deenie's house 3:30 p.m. Cello Lessons 7-9 p.m. Caregiver Support Ministry 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	14 12 p.m. Bank of America Christmas Luncheon 3:30 p.m. Violin Lessons in Carmack Room 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 12 noon Retired Teachers 1:30-3:30 p.m. CDC Party Parking from The Marley 3:30 p.m. Cello Lessons	16	17 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
18 One Service Only 10:50 a.m. Christmas Pageant 8 p.m. NA	19 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group Staff Christmas Luncheon	20 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	21	22	23	24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
25 One Service Only 10:50 a.m. 90th Anniversary Church Celebration 12 noon Church and Community Luncheon 8 p.m. NA	26 Church Office Closed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Pastor James Brewer-Calvert on vacation December 26-January 4 </div>	27 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	28	29	30 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	31 1 p.m. Brent Jones wedding