

Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta presents
**Islamic Shari'ah
 Myths & Realities**

August 1, 2012 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 @ **Druid Hills United Methodist Church**
1200 Ponce de Leon Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30306
(404) 377-6481

Speakers: **Michael J. Broyde**
 Professor of Law
 Emory University School of Law
Saadia Memon
 Attorney at Law
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 Director Education and Outreach Programs
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Many state legislatures are considering a ban on **Islamic Shari'ah**. This issue has become contentious and polarizing. However, there is a tremendous lack of understanding of Islamic Shari'ah and its role in the lives of Muslims and their civil liberties as well as its impact of society at large. Additionally, there are many legal challenges associated with this legislation. This discussion will address the above issues in an understandable manner with the hope that there will emerge a greater understanding and sensitivity to the issues involved.

Decatur Cooperative Ministry In Kind Needs for August



Pasta, Rice, Canned Fruit, Vegetables (not corn or green beans), Soups, Canned Meats, Napkins, Umbrellas & Ponchos, Pots & Pans (good condition), Dinner Plates & Silverware, Mops & Buckets, Brooms & Dust Pans, Vacuum, 30 Pillows, Comforters (good condition), Bleach, Pine Sol Cleaner, 55 Gallon Trash bags, Clorox Cleanup, 409 Cleaner, Toilet bowl Cleaner, Allergy Medicine, Pepto Bismol, full or queen size bed in good condition. Loveseat or couch in good condition. Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Sandwich Bags, Tums, Goodnites (for bedwetting), Sanitary Napkins, Diapers (size 4 & 5), Hand Sanitizer, Bleach, Laundry Detergent, Couch, Love Seat, Twin Beds, New or Gently-Used Bed Sheets for Twin and Queen size Beds, "Thank You" Cards, Legal-size Note Pads.

Please bring to First Christian Church of Decatur all items to be delivered!

For more info contact Sue E. Holec, M.Div. Volunteer and Donations Manager 404.377.5365, ext. 7

Decatur Education Foundation relocates office and volunteer workspace to First Christian Church of Decatur

Gail Rothman, Executive Director of the Decatur Education Foundation, writes:

This year has been an exciting one for DEF in many ways including the hiring of Nia Schooler as our part-time Volunteer and Administrative Coordinator back in February. In just a few months we have brought to the Foundation many talented volunteers to help out in the office and, as a result, we have outgrown our current office space. We looked at several spaces that would allow expansion without putting stress on our budget and thanks to their Ministry of Hospitality, we will be sharing space at the First Christian Church of Decatur on the corner of W. Ponce and Nelson Ferry Road. Our office suite will front the Nelson Ferry side of the building across the street from the church's Decatur Toy Park.

Our new home will allow us to continue to grow and expand the work of the Foundation by extending our capacity through the engagement of more community volunteers.

Our phone and email will remain the same. Please note our new address as of August 1, 2012:

200 Nelson Ferry Road, Suite B, Decatur, GA 30030

We look forward to hosting some open house events in the coming months. If you are interested in joining our volunteer crew, email nia@decatureducationfoundation.org. Believe in what our youth can achieve!



**Fitting the
 Pieces Together
 Camp Christian Quilt
 Project**

A regional church patchwork quilt is being pieced with members and friends of Georgia Disciples congregations contributing \$20 to place each 2" x 2" block in the quilt. You are encourage to contribute as many blocks as you are able. Each person writes his or her name on a block and then writes friends' and loved ones' names on other quilt blocks they contribute. The goal is to pay a year's mortgage for the camp, which has nurtured generations of youth and adults. We'd love for every individual or family in our congregation to be represented! Please see Elizabeth Hamm or Betty Brewer-Calvert.

Property Ministry now recruiting

We have a wonderful need for a few folks to serve Christ by helping our Property Ministry in both ongoing maintenance, special projects, and in key decision-making on matters related to our buildings and grounds. Please contact Dave Andrew or Glen Alsobrook, Jr. for more info on how you can participate in this invaluable ministry.



News and notes for God's folks

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, Carson Barnett, Bridgette Boker, Helen Branch, Brooke and Nancy, Jan Brzuskiwicz, Ruth Bussey, Rex Hamve and Heather Allen, David Dyck, Lynne Ely, J.D. Fleming, Trent Frank, Olin & Carolyn Hatch, Vickie Hawkins, Marcus Hill, Shawn Huff, Joshua Johnson, Judy Kidd, Julia Kneeland, David Cromer with Gabby and Tammy, Khwanza LeBlanc, Thad Mayfield, Carolyn and Brad Miller, Dr. David F. Oliver, Kendall Payne and baby, Ella and Mark Pollard, Shannon Powell with Abby and Joel, Scott, Cristian Sepulveda, Olivia Smith, Renee Smith, Daniel Sowell, Dr. Lance Wyche, John and Linda Stilwell, Liz and Madelyn Stilwell, Jeff Tatum, David Tyler, Mary & Alan Warrick, including a wonderful assortment of faithful folks who participate regularly. Hope to see you again soon!

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

This church congregation has been a loving family demonstrating care and sincere concern for me and my family during this time of grief. Lonnie would have relished every minute! May God continue to bless this church family with growth, prosperity, and Christian unity and love.
 Lillie Sapp

The Rev. Anita Renahan-White to preach at Williamson Christian Church in Griffin, GA on Sunday, August 5th

We are delighted that Williamson Christian Church has decided to come back into the fold of the Disciples of Christ. Interim Co-Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Bob Frank-Plumlee is arranging for local pastors to preach there on Sundays. Welcome home!

You're invited to discuss on Sunday morning faith practices

Are you between the ages of 20 something to 40 something? Then you need to be here in the Carmack Room at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for the Young Adult Discussion Group. This great group of people are currently discussing the book **"Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People"** by Dorothy C. Bass. The book covers ways of practicing faith by honoring the body, our spirit of hospitality, the way we run our households, times of saying yes and no, keeping the Sabbath sacred and sharing our own testimonies. Plan on being here Sunday morning to join this awesome group! You can get a copy of the book from Amazon.com for around \$10.

• **Church Administration meeting set for Wednesday, August 1 at 7 p.m.** Our Long Range Plan created in 2007 will be evaluated and future options will be discussed.

• **Church Board to meet Sunday, August 26, at 12:30 p.m.** All Church officers, ministry leaders, Elders, Deacons, and the pastoral staff are expected to participate in the Church Board meeting. Reports are due 5 days in advance. Lunch will be provided by the Christian Youth Fellowship.

Watching our figures

<u>Sunday, June 17, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	8
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	60
Total	68
Offering	\$3,034.67
Offset (Video D Studios Inc.)	350.00
Total	\$3,384.67

<u>Sunday, June 24, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	6
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	60
Total	66
Offering	992.00
Offset (Candlelight NA)	60.00
Week of Compassion	100.00
Total	\$ 1,152.00

<u>Sunday, July 1, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	0
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	48
Total	48
Offering	\$3,908.00
GIPL	400.00
Christian Church in GA reimbursement for camp	312.59
Total	\$4,620.59

<u>Sunday, July 8, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	9
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	62
Total	71
Offering	\$2,598.00
AA	60.00
Membership	137.10
Total	\$2,795.10

<u>Sunday, July 15, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	7
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	70
Total	77
Offering	\$3,889.00
Offset (Gentle Spirit)	400.00
Offset (Video D Studio)	175.00
Total	\$4,464.00

<u>Sunday, July 22, 2012</u>	
8:30 a.m. Awakenings Service	4
10:50 a.m. Sanctuary Service	75
Total	79
Offering	\$2,056.00
Utility Offset-Pastor Boykins	112.50
Total	\$2,168.50

Total Annual Giving June 2012
 '12 YTD Total Income \$128,853.78
 '12 YTD Total Expenses \$143,885.14
 '12 YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 15,031.36)
"Big Bertha" Capital Fund Campaign Update: \$58,000.00 has been received to date towards our Sanctuary HVAC system. Thank you, one and all, for your support. Our goal is \$130,000 to cover anticipated costs for the necessary replacement HVAC.

- July Birthdays**
 July 27 - Jennifer Reynolds
 July 27 - Marie Lingongo
 July 28 - Michael Dodd
- August Birthdays**
 August 1 - Russell Broomfield
 August 1 - Megan Westbrook
 August 3 - Perry Westbrook
 August 10 - Lily Delk
 August 12 - Lynn Nabers
 August 12 - Ralph Smith
 August 13-ElizabethCunningham
 August 17 - Glen Alsobrook Jr.
 August 17 - David Andrew
 August 17 - Cristian Sepulveda



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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

Chalice Thrift, an exciting new outreach ministry, set to open on Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Chalice Thrift is ready to receive donations! Save your no-longer-needed treasures and bring them to the shop on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also Mondays, 5 to 8 p.m. All donations must be clean, in good repair; please do not donate stained or frayed items. Dry clean only items must be cleaned with tags attached. Need ideas? Following is a list:

Shoes: in good condition

Linens: bed, bath, kitchen, curtains

Storage containers, not too large

Wall art

Books, DVDs, CDs, videos

Games and puzzles, with all pieces

Toys, but no stuffed items

Luggage

Clothing: men, women, teens, children, babies

Furniture: small case goods, no upholstery or mattresses

Kitchenware: dishes, glassware, cutlery, flatware, serve ware, cookware, small kitchen appliances in good working condition

Sports equipment, not exercise machines

Outdoor: small garden tools, small furniture

Clothes hangers

Shopping bags

We are looking for volunteers to receive, sort, price, display, sell, socialize, be friendly. Also we need someone or ones to contact and schedule volunteers. This will be a fun outreach opportunity. Many hands means little work for all. It will be a great chance to spend time with other members in a no stress situation. If you have questions, please call Doug Schuette, Diana Blake, or Laura Andrew or the Church Office at 404-378-3621.

CHALICE THRIFT

Disciples missionaries to visit with Wisdom Weavers in August

Wisdom Weavers will meet for a potluck luncheon on **Thursday, August 23** at noon in the fellowship hall. Disciples Midge and Jack Barnes will present the program. The Barnes recently returned from short-term volunteering in Zimbabwe through Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. They will share stories, pictures, and information about life in Zimbabwe, the church, and their work. Anyone interested in the program is more than welcome. You do not have to be a regular Wisdom Weavers participant! Do sign up or call the church office so we can set a place for you!

Jack is a retired Disciples minister and religion professor. Midge is a retired teacher who has also served as Director of Volunteer Services with the Barton Stone Christian Home and an Alzheimer's Respite Program. She served the Florida Council of Churches in Refugee Resettlement and is the past president of Disciples Women in Florida.

We have the opportunity to show the Barnes a bit of Atlanta that afternoon and evening and are also looking for an overnight host for the couple. If you would be interested in being a Tour Guide, please contact Betty Brewer-Calvert or Yolanda Lewellyn.

Meet the Rocking Rockers: Nifty Knitters and Crafty Crocheters

The Rocking Rockers is a gathering of Nifty Knitters and Crafty Crocheters who will sit, rock, converse, and create. Whether you are a novice or an expert, you are welcome to join us in the fun. Bring your needles, your yarn and your smiles every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to the Carmack Room at FCCD beginning August 28th. If you are interested, call Sherry Davis at 404-378-3621 or Yolanda Lewellyn at 770-939-1338.

Join a new Book Club starting in August

Have you read an exciting, interesting book recently? If you are an avid reader or a sporadic one, come and join us as we begin this new adventure at FCCD beginning August 30th at 7 p.m. in the Carmack Room! Come and build friendships and relationships through reading and sharing! Contact: Sherry Davis, Church Administrator: 404-378-3621 or Yolanda Lewellyn: 770-939-1338.

Christian Education/Spiritual Formation



Wow! What a summer. I can hardly believe that August is upon us. Hopefully you've had time to rest, relax and rejuvenate your mind, body and soul. We have been planning, cleaning and organizing and getting ready for company! Please take a moment to come by the Children Worship & Wonder space to see how great it looks.

Children Worship & Wonder orientation, for children and parents, will be held August 5th, 12th and 19th. Information regarding the program, worshipping,

wondering, songs and our actions during worship will be discussed in the Social Hall starting at 9:30 a.m. The last Sunday in August the 26th we take our worship experience to the park. We will be sharing the story of "The Light". Some orientation details will include: Children Worship & Wonder is a very special place for children to be in the presence of God. We will demonstrate and repeat how we walk slowly and speak softly. How we talk to God, how we listen to God and how we listen to one of God's special stories. We will also go through a typical worship. Children Worship & Wonder is available for 3 years to 5th grade.

Christian Youth Fellowship for 6th-12th Graders: Our youth group has been extremely busy this summer with camps, vacations and road trips. Please welcome them home and pray for all of them, as they get ready for a new school year. Also, Suzette Perrillieux's and Kasey Bezio's last day will be August 5th. They will be moving to Young Harris College on August 10th and 11th. Suzette and Kasey, we will miss you.

In August 2011 youth leaders and pastors from metro Atlanta churches gathered to plan monthly gatherings with churches with smaller youth groups. This monthly gathering of Disciples Youth was such a success that we are planning our 2012 - 2013 year, hopefully with even more churches. Leaders will come together on August 2nd at Brookhaven Christian Church to discuss ideas, and schedule our events; one of which may include a youth rally lead by Julie Richardson-Brown on "Justice & God" in September. Please pray for guidance and grace for the youth and leaders as we grow, plan, and build a richer, life-changing community of God.

I will include Disciples Youth in Metro Atlanta and Christian Youth Fellowship schedule in the August issue of the Decatur Disciple, but here are some dates to add to your calendar:

August 3rd - 4th - CYF Lock-In (Friday 6 p.m. - Saturday 10 a.m.)

August 26th - CYF Host Board Meeting Lunch and Fundraiser

October 20th - More Hands for God community service projects

September 28-30 -- Teenage Girls invited to GA regional Christian Women's Retreat

November 9th & 10th - Regional Assembly and Youth Rally

February 8th - 10th, 2012 Youth-A-Palooza retreat at St. Simon's Island

Thank you for the opportunity to worship and work with you. ~Brandy Alsobrook



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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
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Statement of Identity



Important
Dates

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August 2012

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
			1 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 7 p.m. Administration Meeting	2 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 7 p.m. Atlanta Area Disciples Youth Planning Meeting	3 CYF Lock in at 6 p.m.	4 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift CYF Lock in till 10 a.m. 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
5 12:15 p.m. Disciples Women Executive Board Meeting 5 p.m. Regional Planning Team In Pathfinders 8 p.m. NA	6 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift	7 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	8 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 7:30 p.m. Lydia Circle	10	11 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
12 4-6 p.m. Resurrection Church in Chapel 8 p.m. NA	13 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	14 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	15 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift	17	18 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
19	20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 7:30 p.m. Mary Magdalene at Yolanda's house	21 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	22 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Engagement Director Mtg. for Sr. Living 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Engagement Director Mtg. for Sr. Living 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift	24	25 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 1-2 p.m. Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
26 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting 4-6 p.m. Resurrection Church in Chapel 8 p.m. NA	27 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 11 a.m. Prayer Group 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 6:30 p.m. Evaluation and Planning	28 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chalice Thrift 10 a.m. Crochet/Knitting Group contact Yolanda 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 8 p.m. AA/ALANON	29 3:30 p.m. Violin Lessons 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 3 p.m. Cello Lessons 5-8 p.m. Chalice Thrift 7 p.m. Book Club Meeting in Pathfinders	31	