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As you can tell, this is a community-grounded church that is committed to serving and involving families from all walks of life and needs in our fair city. We do hope that you will participate in one or more of the following Christ-centered ministries of grace. In no particular order:

- › **Spring Workday in the Decatur Toy Park**, Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. until done. Come, help spread mulch, remove broken toys, and more!
- › **April Sermon Series: "Permission Giving"** Offered in three parts: Believing, Empowering, and Taking Risks.
- › **Preschool Summer Camp**, June 1-5, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for Children ages 3, 4, and 5 – Registration is now open! Go to www.DecaturDisciples.org. (404-378-3621)

Sundays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24

Rev. Lynn Trapp is Set to Teach a Sunday Morning Seminar on **Revelation - God's Images of Conquering Evil**. We will gather in the Church Parlor.

**Church Board to Gather Sunday, May 17,
immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship service.**

Everyone is invited and welcome at the Church Board Meeting for a presentation of our 2015 summer and fall plans & mission opportunities. Lunch will be provided; all Bd. Officers, Deacons, Elders and Pastoral Staff are expected to attend.

**Fourth Sunday of
Easter, April 26, 2015**

Worship the Living
Christ at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Scriptures:

Psalms 23 and John 10:
11-18

Sermon Title:

*Permission Giving:
Taking Risks*

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-
Calvert

Worship Leaders:

Julie Fleming and Lynn
Trapp

Deacons: Larry Todd,
William Garner, Pat
Oliffe

Greeters: Laura
Andrew, Danl Giles,
Wiley Harris

Acolyte: Jacob Tate



Welcome Home!

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Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Dear Dr. Brewer-Calvert,

On behalf of the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry Coordinating Council, Thank you for choosing DEAM as the recipient of contributions at the Lenten service at Decatur First Methodist.

Our 22 local churches continue to provide food, utility help and needed prescriptions for those who are struggling in our community. Last year we provided food for over 5,400 people, and hope to be as helpful this year.

*Again, we are grateful to you.
Carolyn Brooks, Coordinating Council for
DEAM (Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry)*

Saving Jesus From The Church

Three-Week Seminar on "Saving Jesus From The Church" based on the book by Robin Meyers and the Biblical teachings of Jesus. Sunday April 12, 19, and 26. Instructor: Pastor James Brewer-Calvert. Participants need not have read the book in advance. We will meet in the Church Parlor from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

**Please Help Us Send Church Youth to Serve as
Counselors at Camp Balaam**

Camp Balaam is a summer day camp for at-risk children held at Camp Christian in Gordon, Georgia. This special camp is sponsored by our Regional Ministry and staffed by youth and adults from Christian Churches across the Georgia Region. While our congregation has resources to supplement half or more of the costs to send our church youth to a week-long experience at summer camp, we did not budget resources to cover the costs of sending support staff to Camp Balaam. The joyful fact that we now have two young people who are eligible (16 – 18 years old) and want to serve and guide children in

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Camp Balaam is a double blessing. Please give what you can and earmark your gift to Camp Scholarship Fund. In case there is any overage the funds will be designated for 2016 camp scholarships. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

- . Seeking Understanding in Scripture Bible Study in Carmack Room **"Exploring the Bible"**
- . Pathfinders Class gathers in the Pathfinders Room. This Week: **"Formations Adult Bible Study"**
- . New Three-Week Seminar on **"Saving Jesus from the Church"** based on the book by Robin Meyers and the original teachings of Jesus. Sunday April 12, 19, and 26. Instructor: Pastor James Brewer-Calvert. Participants need not have the book in advance; handouts will be available at each class. Gather in the Church Parlor.
- . Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. on the main floor near the Fellowship Hall.
- . **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3rd through 5th grade uses the study of Easter drawing on *Easter from the Back Side* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Books are provided for class members. All are welcome.

First Christian Church of Decatur Book Club

The Book Club is reading *The Irresistible Blueberry Bakeshop & café* by Mary Simses. The Book Club meets every 4th Thursday at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church of Decatur.

**Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air
In Concert**

Indra Thomas, Soprano
Ann Marie McPhil, Soprano
Pamela Dillard, Mezzo Soprano
Marcus Hill, Baritone

June 7, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Refreshments and merriment to follow.

Tickets \$10

Childcare will be provided.

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Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Alex, Josh Alexander, Ashley Buchanan, Randy Finley, Kayla Harriott, Jasmine Heath, Christine Jetta, Rhonda Lederer, Gary & Ken McCracken, Elaine Wade, and Nancy Williams. Hope to see you again soon.

Continental Breakfast

Ever run late to church on Sunday morning and don't have time to eat? No problem; a continental breakfast is available! Feel free to sign up to bring breakfast once in a Blue Moon. First Christian Church offers Continental Breakfast year round, and everyone is invited to participate in both enjoying and providing delicious fare. Fill in your name on an open date, place in the offering plate or return to Church Office:

Apr. 26: Kathy Westbrook

May 3: Robbin Brown and James

Brewer-Calvert

May 10: _____

May 17: _____

May 24: _____
May 31: _____
Jun. 7: _____
Jun. 14: _____
Jun. 21: _____

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Sunday, April 19th Worship	
Participation	63
Church Offerings	\$1,147.00
Offsets Totals	\$1,225.00
Total	\$2,372.00

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