

Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, May 31:	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
12 p.m.	All Church Luncheon Fundraiser sponsored by the Choir
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, June 1:	
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Summer Camp
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday, June 2:	
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Summer Camp
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, June 3:	
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Summer Camp
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, June 4:	
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Summer Camp
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Friday, June 5:	
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Summer Camp
Saturday, June 6:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Sunday, June 7:	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
12 p.m.	Personnel Meeting after church service
4 p.m.	Recital and Reception afterwards in the Social Hall
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous



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Genesis 1: 26-27

26 Then God said, “Let us make humankind^e in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^d and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” **27** So God created humankind^e in his image, in the image of God he created them;^f male and female he created them.

John 1: 1-14

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4**in him was life,^{*} and the life was the light of all people. **5**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7**He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8**He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9**The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.^{*} **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11**He came to what was his own,^{*} and his own people did not accept him. **12**But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13**who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son,^{*} full of grace and truth.

Philippians 2: 1-11

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was^a in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,**8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**9** Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,**10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Wiley** and **Danl** are praising God through the good and tough times. They are looking forward to a great yard sale next Saturday.
- **Jeanette Duncan** for prayers for her sister-in-law who has vertigo.
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert** asks for prayers for **Rev. Linda Jones**-Associate Regional Minister of KY. Region, who has pancreatitis and will have her gall bladder removed on Tuesday. **Barbara Thompson**, former member of Lawrenceville First, now living in Florida. She has brain cancer and is undergoing treatment.
- **Deb Almauhy** says, "Thank you so much for your love and prayers. Please Continue to keep my husband and daughter in Iran safe and that all paperwork will be completed to bring them home safely."
- **Cheryl Delk** is going to have another ablation on June 19th.
- **Sandra Brundage** thanks you for your prayers for cousin **Paulette Young**. She is getting better.
- **Larry Todd** asks for prayer for brother-in-law **Terry Tolbert** who will have kidney surgery on Tuesday.
- Prayers for the **Brewer-Calvert** family, church, medical team on **Rev. Brewer-Calvert's** surgery on Tuesday.
- Please keep the **Alsobrook Family** in your prayers.
- Prayers are needed for **Daphne McMorris** who has several challenges in her life.
- **Rhonda Lederer** asks for prayer for **Ellen King, Dotti Laycock's** friend, our neighbor, who had a heart attack with some complications.
- **Lillie Sapp** says, "My sister-in-law **Elouise Sapp** is now on dialysis three times a week, but is at home and much improved."
- **Tori Jackson** wants everyone to know that her baby cousins **Jojo** (4) and **Cornell** (3) are coming here for the church summer day camp! She invites us to join her in praying for their safe travels and that they have fun and learn a lot (of course)!
- **Jackie Tate** requests "Prayers for **Joshua** as he gets things together and ready for college that it will all work out. Also, please pray for our needs and a great summer."
- **Rose Bianco Szymanski** requests prayer for her mother **Alida Gines**, Pray for her to find peace of mind.
- **Liz Stilwell** and **Brooke Babbitt** request prayers for **Nancy Williamson**, her aunt, who has cancer and is trying to be well enough for a beach trip this month. Please pray that she gets well enough for the trip to see her family.
- **Barbara Sims-King** requests prayer for the family of **Paul Ingram**, friend of her family, who passed away in Columbus, GA.
- Prayer for the **people in Nepal** and the recovery and emergency crews there. Over 7,700 people are known to have died as a result of the earthquakes.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jeffery Carroll** who has been diagnosed with colon rectal cancer. Jeffery is preparing for surgery soon and thanks God that he has the best surgeon in Cobb County.
- Please keep **Jay** and **Peggy Norton** in your prayers. Good news –he's home from the hospital and the tumors are shrinking.
- **Lynn Trapp** asks for prayers for his sister-in-law **Carlene Trapp** who has just finished chemo therapy for breast cancer. She still has surgery and radiation therapy to follow.
- Former church member **Betty Gates** is ill. Please keep her and the **Gates family** in your prayers.
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert** asks for continuing prayers for healing for **Ana Guardialo**, Georgia regional elder
- Remember in your prayers **Robert Hamilton** who was diagnosed with stage 1 liver cancer.

• We continue to lift up **Furat** and **Deb Almauhy, Elaine Alsobrook, Johnnie Barber, Polly Brock, Betty Carroll, Julia Glenn Carter, Elizabeth Cunningham, the Delk Family, Jeanette Duncan, Willie Mae Durr, Sylvia Ennis, Hank Ferry, Shannen Ferry, J.D. Fleming, Mary Ellen Fountain, Dottie Gill, Adei Grenpastures, Barbara Hennig, Clara Holley, Jackie Hudson** and daughter **Alexis, Nicolas Jordan, The Kidd Family, Patti King, Blair Lewellyn, Jay Love, Monte and Sarah Mathis, Judy McMahan, Carol Givens (Evans) McGinnis, Lynn Nabers, the Norton Family, Mary Beth Powell, Kim Stanley, Lee Stanley, Tate Family, Terry Tolbert, Mildred Trott, Carol Wheeler, Nancy Williamson, and Ellen Young.**

Dear Friends:

On behalf of First Christian Church of Decatur, I write to thank you for your participation and prayers while worshiping Jesus Christ here amongst the whole people of God. Shalom, Pastor James Brewer-Calvert

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.

Here is a brief theology and history lesson about this Body of Christ. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Decatur, Georgia has a covenantal relationship with sister churches across the city and around the world. While each congregation is independent – no one has the ecclesial authority to direct us what to do, say, believe, or call to serve as pastor– we are connected by a covenant of love. Beginning in the early 1800's, Christian Churches and Disciples of Christ congregations flourished across the USA and around the world. In 1968, the separate bodies yoked to become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with three manifestations: local congregations, regional churches, and a general church to facilitate national and international missions. Ever since we have covenanted to support and encourage fellow Disciples and to practice Christian ministry locally, regionally and globally.

Having said that, there are some theological practices we share in common. We are non-creedal; everyone is invited to love and serve God through Jesus Christ, but how and why you move in that direction is between each soul and God. We practice baptism by immersion at an age of understanding, yet we recognize all forms of baptism and therefore do not require anyone to be re-baptized. The Lord's Table is open because Christ is the host and the purpose. We celebrate the birth, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the context of worship we offer Holy Communion every Sunday. Everyone has a vocation, and we affirm Christ's call to children, youth, women and men to serve. We turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and direction in our daily living, yet also recognize that the Holy Spirit, in God's infinite wisdom, continues to lovingly communicate through additional voices and acts of grace. At the intersection of faith and reason we meet the Risen Christ and one another. The call of the Gospel for social justice and the building of community is intricately woven into the very fabric of the worship, study, and prayer life of the church.

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.