

## Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, June 21:	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, June 22:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
3-7 p.m.	Cello Lessons
Tuesday, June 23:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Thursday, June 25:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Friday, June 26:	
10 a.m. 12 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid with a Therapist: Staff Only
Saturday, June 27:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
10 a.m.	Disciples Women to Reorganize the Church Kitchen
Sunday, June 28:	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
12 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert preaching at Campbell Stone in Buckhead
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

### Church Board to Meet on Sunday, June 28th Immediately After 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Everyone is invited and welcome at the Church Board Meeting Lunch will be provided; all Board Officers, Deacons, Elders expected to attend.



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#### Mark 4: 35-41

**35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

**37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” **39** He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

#### 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

**1**As we work together with him,<sup>[a]</sup> we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! **3** We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, **7** truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; **9** as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**11** We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. **12** There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. **13** In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

## Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- Continued prayers are requested for **Lillie Sapp** who is having surgery on Friday, June 26 at Emory Midtown to straighten out ankle and repair tendon.
- **Liz Kellogg** said, "I am thankful to God for my friend **Katherine's** recovery."
- **James Brewer-Calvert** shares how delighted we are to welcome **Nancy** and **Don Brewer** and **Betty's** brother **Robert Brewer to worship on Sunday. The Brewer-Calvert family** is grateful for everyone's prayers, cards, hospital visits, food, and T.L.C.! Pastor James returned from medical leave and reported to work on Monday, June 15. James' uncle **Robert Calvert, 92**, passed away last week. He served God and country in WW II, the Peace Corps, as a educator and publisher, and was an advocate for the rights of women and minorities. May God's blessings be with his children and their children.
- **Jay Norton** is in Emory Hospital and hopes to go home on Tuesday. Keep **Peggy** in your prayers as well.
- **Mary Frances Early** writes, "Praise God for Flag Day today. We are blessed with Freedom in America."
- **Jeanette Duncan** asks for prayers for her son **Duane Wendell** who has pneumonia.
- Sunday was **Mary Frances Early's** birthday! Last Saturday was **Ruth Lutz's** birthday! Last Friday was **Yolanda Lewellyn's** birthday!
- **Lynn Trapp** asked for prayers for **Joonna Trapp** for her travel to Colorado.
- **Ruth Lutz** said, "**Bob Clarke** is celebrating the 65th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, June 14."
- **Wiley** and **Danl** are asking for guidance in our new business and all that one goes through starting something new. They are looking and listening for God's will.
- **Marion Meador** is in Cobblestone Health Center, Room 141, recuperating from a fall. She welcomes visits, calls, and cards.
- Pray for **Jasmine Heath** and her family in the passing of her **grandfather Heath** who was laid to rest on Thursday, June 4. Cards may be sent to **Jasmine** c/o Christmount Christian Assembly, 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711.
- **Julie Fleming** says, "Next week will be a year since my dad's fall kick off of a substantial decline in his health. Thank you for all the prayers and love. Please keep them coming and please pray for our wonderful caregivers **Mana, Norman, and Senab.**"
- **Rev.Carolynn Miller** fell on June 4 and broke her left leg. She had surgery and is in recovery. **Brad** and **Carolynn** request our prayers for healing.
- **Mary Ellen Fountain** requests prayer as she has been diagnosed with chronic heart failure.
- **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 an ablation on June 19th at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- **Larry Todd** asks for prayer for brother-in-law **Terry Tolbert**.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jeffery Carroll** who has been diagnosed with colon rectal cancer. **Jeffery** is preparing for surgery on August 12th.
- 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, Hank Ferry, Shannen Ferry, J.D. Fleming, Mary Ellen Fountain, Alida Gines, Adei Grenpastures, Robert Hamilton,**

**Clara Holley, Jackie Hudson** and daughter **Alexis, Nicolas Jordan, The Kidd Family, Jay Love, Monte** and **Sarah Mathis, Judy McMahan, Carol Givens (Evans) McGinnis, Lynn Nabers, the Norton Family, Kim Stanley, Lee Stanley, Tate Family, Terry Tolbert, Carlene Trapp, 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.