

Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

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
Monday, June 8:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday, June 9:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Thursday, June 11:	
8:30 a.m.	Lifeline Screening
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
3-6 p.m.	Decatur Book Festival Meeting in Pathfinders Room
Friday, June 12:	
1-3 p.m.	Decatur Book Festival Meeting in Pathfinders Room
Saturday, June 13:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Sunday, June 14:	
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



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Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² He called a child, whom he put among them,³ and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

⁶“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Board Meeting on June 28th after the worship service

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Barbara Thompson** of Education Solutions, father, **Burnett Thompson**, was recently hospitalized. She asks for prayers for his recovery and traveling mercies for herself for next week.
- **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** request prayer as she has been diagnosed with chronic heart failure.
- **Brandt, Ashley** and daughter **Madison** are getting married soon and need the strength to do it God's way.
- **Robbin Brown** has a praise, her cataract surgery went great.
- **Wiley** and **Danl** praise God for a good day and all the business we had for the yard sale. Thank God for friends and family supporting us through this taxing sale.
- **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 **Rev. James Brewer-Calvert's** continued recovery from colon surgery and continued prayers for **Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert**.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.
- Prayers are requested for **Lillie Sapp**.
- 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, 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 worshipping 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.