



*Resolve to Love – Agree to Differ – Unite to Serve – Break Bread Together*

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**Sixth Sunday after  
Pentecost, July 5**

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

**Holy Scriptures:**

Mark 6: 1-13 and 2

Corinthians 12: 2-10

**Sermon Title:**

"Leaders to the Front"

**Preaching:**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

**Worship Leaders:**

Yolanda Lewellyn and Ruth  
Lutz

**Deacons:** Mark Ranney,

Wiley Harris, Steve Oliver

**Greeters:** Minnie Haynes

**Acolyte:** Theo Jackson



***Welcome New Member!***

On Sunday, June 28, Conventon Thomas joined First Christian Church by transfer of membership. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Thomas into our shared faith life and ministry. He is a friend of Jack Duncan, who is so good at bringing friends to worship. Thanks, Jack! Welcome home, Coventon, and may we grow together in service and spirituality in the weeks and years to come.

**Mental Health Workshops with Peg Griffin**

Our Eldership is meeting with Licensed Therapist Peg Griffith on Sunday, July 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

A workshop for our entire congregation on the same subject and therapist will be on Sunday, July 19 from 12 to 2 p.m.

## Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of Decatur  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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[DecaturDisciples.org](http://DecaturDisciples.org)  
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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 (Disciples of Christ) Statement of Identity.



## Plan now to watch the City of Decatur's July 4 Fireworks from the Church Lawn

Celebrate American Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup> by planning to picnic and then watch the City of Decatur fireworks from our church lawn. Grilled hot dogs will be sold and cookies and lemonade freely shared! Sign up now to help as a volunteer and/or to bring cookies to share.

## Sabbatical Update

Please be aware that our Senior Pastor James Brewer-Calvert is on Sabbatical from July 1 through August 31, 2015. Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King is faithfully serving Christ's church as Acting Pastor throughout the summer. Her contact info is 317-487-9554. Acting Pastor Barbara's church office days and hours are:

Sunday Hours: Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (includes lunch and/or consultations with members or visitors, meetings, etc.)

Church Office -- Monday, Thursday and Friday -- 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (visitation to homebound and hospitals)

## Here are the Ministers scheduled to preach in July and August:

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| July 5   | Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, Decatur First Christian Church |
| July 12  | Rev. Melissa Fain, Fig Tree Christian Church               |
| July 19  | Rev. Melissa Fain, Fig Tree Christian Church               |
| July 26  | Rev. Melissa Fain, Fig Tree Christian Church               |
| August 2 | Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, Decatur First                  |

Christian Church

August 9 Rev. Paul Turner, Gentle Spirit Christian Church

August 16 Rev. Wendy Wyche, Decatur First Christian Church

August 23 Rev. Lynn Trapp, Decatur First Christian Church

August 30 Music Director William Garner and Chancel Choir to lead Worship

## **Would you like to provide housing for a local seminary student?**

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at Candler School of Theology is looking for housing opportunities in the Atlanta area to extend to our incoming and current students. These opportunities could include:

Apartments, condos, houses, or rooms for rent  
Rooms available a few nights per week for out of town students

Housing available in exchange for assistance with childcare, caring for the elderly, or housekeeping

If you have such an opportunity available and would like to offer it to a Candler student, would like additional information, or have questions about this project, please email the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at [atcandleradmissions@emory.edu](mailto:atcandleradmissions@emory.edu), or call (404) 727-6326.

## **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: **“I Love Growing Older, But I’ll Never Grow Old”**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**2015 General Assembly**

July 18-22, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. Please go online at [www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org) to register.

**Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors**

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Randy Finley, Christine Jetta, Rhonda Lederer, Maryellen Merrill, Weldon Sailors.

**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:

- July 5: Robbin Brown
- July 12: Sylvia Gibbs
- July 19: \_\_\_\_\_
- July 26: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aug.2: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aug.9: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aug.16: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aug.23: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

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| Sunday, 5th Sunday after<br>Pentecost, June 28th Worship<br>Participation | <b>57</b>         |
| Church Offerings  | <b>\$2,231.00</b> |
| Church Offsets  | <b>\$ 590.00</b>  |