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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.

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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)

News from Rev. Dr. Brewer-Calvert

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your far-too-generous Love Offering. What an unexpected blessing! Our medical bills are also unexpected, and this gift is a boon in a time of need. Thanks to one and all. God is so good and we are so grateful. Personally, I am doing very well.

The surgery was successful and the chemotherapy

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**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost,
July 12, 2015**

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

Holy

Scriptures:

Daniel 6: 16-24

Sermon Title:

*"Lions: God in our
Darkest Hour"*

Preaching:

Rev. Melissa Fain

Worship

Leaders:

treatments are for "let's make sure" reasons. Two treatments down: 10 to go. My oncologist, who shared this week that my latest blood count is excellent, said, "Give credit to Him!" Please keep your prayers coming, and know that you and your family are in mine as well. Shalom, Pastor James

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

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

Rev. Betty Brewer-
Calvert and Lynn
Trapp

Deacons:

Doug Schuette,
Bridgette Boker,
Steve Oliver

Greeters:

TBD

Acolytes:

Will Kidd



**Welcome
Home!**

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Annual Women's Retreat Sept. 25-27

Registration is open for 2015 Disciples Women's Retreat to be held in Toccoa, GA, Sept. 25-27. The keynoter is the delightful and joy-filled Ms. Marilyn Williams, President of International Disciples Women's Ministries. The theme, "Beloved Daughters of God," will be explored through the dramatic portrayal of Biblical women, worship and music, interest groups, fellowship, and fun. You may register online at www.gadisciples.org. You may pay in full or make a deposit to reserve your room. Paper registration forms are downloadable from the website or will be received by recent attendees and DW Presidents in the mail later this week!

Upcoming Events at First Christian

July 13-17 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Forefront Art's
Children's Theatre

July 17 7 p.m. Recital with Forefront Art's
Children's Theatre in Sanctuary

August 12 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir resume
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir resume

Look for a upcoming sale at Chalice Thrift in future

"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.

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 candleradmissions@emory.edu, or call (404) 727-6326.

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

1. Seeking Understanding in Scripture Bible Study in Carmack Room **“Exploring the Bible”**
2. Pathfinders Class gathers in the Pathfinders Room. This Week: **“I Love Growing Older,**

But I'll Never Grow Old”

3. Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. on the main floor near the Fellowship Hall.
4. **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.

Sign-up for Sunday Continental Breakfast

We need some people to step up and volunteer to bring in breakfast for July and August. Please call the church office, email the date you want, or sign up at the church.

Thanks, Sherry L. Davis



2015 General Assembly

July 18-22, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. Please go online at 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: Rose Bianco- Szymanski, Joseph Cirou, Roland Haynes, Jr., Rhonda Lederer, Al and Stella McRay, Weldon Sailors, Irene Waturi.

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 12: Sylvia Gibbs

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, July 5th Worship Participation	37
Church Offerings	\$7, 535.00
Church Offsets	\$1,935.00

