

***Decatur Disciples E-Newsletter for
First Christian Church of Decatur, GA
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Worship

Chancel Choir leads Worship

Holy Scriptures: Psalm 95: 1-6; Colossians 3: 12-17

Elders: Ruth Lutz and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Deacons: Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe

Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Jacob Tate

Welcome New Member!



On Sunday, August 16th, Rich Spillane joined the church by transfer of membership. Rich lives in Conyers, GA. He is a native of Wichita, Kansas. He worked at Boeing and FEMA. He now is retired and started Mama Bear Charities, a 501C3 charity that raises

funding for LGBTQ. He also owns Falcon Pro, LLC which does Event Management and Entertainment bookings.

Welcome home Rich.

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Joshua Alexander, Rose Bianco-Szymanski, Kayla Harriott, Karen Joseph, Maryellen Merrill, Rev. Michael and Amy Yandell.

The Music Ministry offers "The Power and Healing of Music":
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Here are the Ministers scheduled to preach in August:

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

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)

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

1. Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade.
2. **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3rd through 5th grade.
3. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old.
4. Adult Classes: Seeking Understanding in Scripture Bible Study in Carmack Room. Pathfinders Class is reading "**I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old**" and gathers in the Pathfinders Room.

Mission and Ministry

Christian Education Ministry Kick Off Event - "The Potter and the Clay"

September 13th at 9:15 - 10 a.m. in the Decatur First Christian Church fellowship hall you are invited to the potter's house (*see Jeremiah 18: 1-6*) to share in food, clay and conversation. This intergenerational event will give adults and children a real experience with "being shaped by God's word." This is a worshipful and spiritually uplifting opportunity for the people of God. Come and see!!!

Hats off to the Tree Sale

Our 8th annual Tree and Wreath Sale is gearing up for another big success! The Tree sale kicks off on Sunday, Sept 20 with a Pancake Brunch after church. This will be a great time to sign up for providing a meal, working the money table, making wreaths.....and most importantly, working the tree lot. Hats off to volunteers!!! We hope to see all of you on Sept 20th at the Pancake Brunch.

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!

Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

New this year:

**Location is on-site at the church*

**Hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*

**There will be a Chili Cook-Off and a prize for the Chili King or Queen*

**Proceeds benefit Christian Education*

It's time to get ready to FALL in love again with our Fall Festival---complete with a **Chili- Cook Off**, pumpkin games, haystack searches, a giant slide, face painting, arts and crafts and a **Cake Walk**. Once again there will be exciting raffles to participating Decatur establishments.

Chili, Hot Dogs, popcorn, and other treats will be available. Be prepared to kick-start Fall at our Fall Festival! Entrance to the Festival is just \$5 per person with a \$20 family max, and includes a coupon for adults for a free popcorn or chips!

It's time to once again connect with the Decatur community! It's time to get out your chili recipe, bake some cakes for the Cake Walk, and help with some great child-friendly activities.

Please see Nancy Oliver to see how you can help.

404-276-7229 or nancyoliver1@bellsouth.net.

Planning Team on Board

for 2015 Christmas Tree

and Wreath Sale

For the past six years First Christian Church of Decatur has offered to the wider community a vibrant and thriving Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. With each successive year our congregation sold more Grade A Fraser Fir trees and handmade wreaths than the year before. In the past couple seasons we sold out within 11 days! The church's winter 'Friend and Fund Raiser' has generated energy, relationships, and financial support for local congregational ministries and our beloved Decatur Toy Park. The net benefit of \$32,500 in 2014 has gone a long way this year toward making possible vital church and community ministries. More importantly, the Good Will generated by the offerings of genuine smiles and warmth from church members and friends to our hundreds of guests still burns bright long after the last wreath was carried off to a happy home.

The 2015 Christmas Tree/Wreath Sale Organizational Chart of Leadership Team

Chair -- **Nancy Shealy**

Inside Table – **Yolanda Llewellyn**

Meals – **Elaine Alsobrook**

Wreaths – **Brandy Alsobrook**

Foremen -- **Glen Alsobrook and Dave Andrew**

Volunteer Recruitment -- **James Brewer-Calvert and Sub-Committee**

Marketing -- **Nancy Oliver**

Technology - **Ruth Lutz**

If you would like to serve by helping to recruit tree lot volunteers from the church and across our fair city, then please contact James Brewer-Calvert at citykid4evr@gmail.com. One of the blessed gifts of the experience that we have gleaned and cherish is that everyone in the church and city can find a way to participate. The sale calls on the talents of those who can provide a meal, sit at a table and welcome customers, cut branches into “trim” for wreath making, load a tree onto a car roof, make tree deliveries, help customers pick out trees on the church lawn, and more! We have some folks who cannot be present physically yet support the sale by donating a few dollars to support the hiring of additional helping hands. Pray for your church and our leadership team as we prepare together for a mission that will benefit so many and bring so much joy.

Key Prep and Sale Dates:

Set Up Tree Lot on Lawn – Saturday, Nov. 14

Set Up Wreath Tables – Saturday, Nov. 21

Christmas Tree Delivery – Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 12:00 noon after worship

Tree/Wreath Sale Begins Friday, Nov. 27 and concludes Dec.12.

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, 8-23-15 Worship

Participation	37
Church Offerings	\$ 891.50

Continental Breakfast

We need some people to step up and sign up to bring Continental Breakfast. Please look at the dates below to see which date would be convenient for you. Thank you,
Sherry Davis

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: _____

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

Gospel Cabaret



SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
4:00 PM

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601 W. PONCE DE LEON AVE
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FEATURING
RICH SPILLANE WITH
RICHARD PETERSON
IN CONCERT



Benefit concert for Jeff Carroll
to help with Medical expenses incurred
during his battle against Colorectal Canc

\$10.00 at the door per person. All proceeds
are tax deductible.

Welcome Home!

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Resolve to Love -- Agree to Differ -- Unite to Serve -- Break Bread Together

Ministers: All the People

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Ron Smith, Church Custodian

"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