



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

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### **Church Board Meeting/Outreach Town Hall Discussion (potluck lunch) August 16 at 12 p.m.**

Please join us after Church on Sunday, August 16th for a potluck lunch. We will provide ham and drinks. Please bring your favorite sides or desserts to share.

This month's board meeting on the 16th will be a Town Hall discussion surrounding our outreach vision. We started the conversation at the June board meeting and want to continue the conversation about how to strengthen our outreach mission.

It will be a great conversation, time of fellowship, and focus on mission.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Hamm, Moderator  
And Doug Schuette, Vice Moderator

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

**Annual Women's  
Retreat Sept. 25-  
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a.m.**

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**Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
August 9, 2015**

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

**Holy Scriptures:  
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51  
Sermon Title:**

### **Christian Education Ministry Kick Off**

First Christian Church of Decatur's Christian Education Ministry Kick Off Event is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 a.m.

### ***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**

*"Dealing with  
Cantankerous  
People"*

**Preaching:**

Pastor Paul Turner,  
Gentle Spirit  
Christian Church

**Worship**

**Leaders:**

Becky Kidd and Rev.  
Lynn Trapp

**Deacons:** TBA

**Greeters:** TBA

**Acolytes:** Will Kidd



**Welcome Home!**

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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

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](mailto: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.

Table as God  
has welcomed us." --  
Christian Church (Disciples  
of Christ) Statement of  
Identity.

## **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**

### **August:**

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

## **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](http://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!

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

1. Seeking Understanding in Scripture Bible Study in Carmack Room
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 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.

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

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Alan, Kayla Harriott, Rhonda Lederer, MaryEllen Merrill, Weldon Sailors, Rich Spillane, Deborah Sutherland, Lynda Twilley.

**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:

Aug. 9: Robbin Brown

Aug. 16: Yolanda Lewellyn

Aug. 23: \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 30: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

Sunday, 8-2-15 Worship

Participation

**41**

Church Offerings

\$5,694.54

Church Offsets

\$2,445.00