



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

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Rev. Wendy Wyche will be our guest speaker Sunday, August 16th. Wendy brings a wealth of knowledge and theological reflection to us in her preaching. You won't want to miss this word from God. Global Mission Intern, Henry Brewer-Calvert will bring greetings Sunday morning. Henry has been a missionary intern in the Dominican Republic for the past year. He will share some of his experience with us during worship. Be prepared to hear how the missionary work has changed in Global Mission.

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Twelfth Sunday after

**Church Board Meeting/Outreach Town Hall
discussion (potluck lunch) August 16th 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

**Chalice Thrift - 50% off sale, Saturday, August
22nd**

Chalice Thrift will celebrate our 3rd anniversary on August 22nd. There will be a 50% off all items this day only. Chalice Thrift is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**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!!!

**Pentecost, August 16,
2015**

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

Holy

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 10:12,20-21, Proverbs 2:1-5; Ecclesiastes 12:9-14; 1 John 4:16-18

Sermon Title: "What does it mean to fear God?"

Preaching: Rev. Wendy Wyche

Worship

Leaders: Tom Rosenberger and Yolanda Lewellyn

Deacons: Doug Schuette, Bridgette Boker, Steve Oliver

Greeters: Russell Broomfield and Lee Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson



Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of
Decatur
(Disciples of Christ)
601 W. Ponce De Leon Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030

***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

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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.

Sabbatical Update/Ministers scheduled to preach in August

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 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

Continental Breakfast Sign up

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

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!

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

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Isaiah Bell, Helen Branch, Karen Joseph, Denise Kelly, Maryellen Merrill, Weldon Sailors, Rich Spillane, Amy and Michael Yandell, Jane, John and Rosemary Yandell.

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 ChurchOffice:

Aug. 16: Yolanda Lewellyn

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____
Sep. 6: _____
Sep. 13: _____
Sep. 20: _____
Sep. 27: _____
Oct. 4: _____

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, 8-9-15 Worship	
Participation	43
Church Offerings	\$3,135.00
Church Offset	\$1,450.00

