## **Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities**

**Rev. Lynn Trapp preaching** Sunday, Aug. 23: Continental Breakfast 9 a.m. Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service 10:30 a.m. Gloria Jacobson Parent Meeting in the Social Hall 2-5 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous** 8 p.m. Monday, Aug.24: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting **Prayer Group** 11 a.m. Cello Lessons 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Chalice Thrift Store AA/ALANON 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26: Decatur Education Foundation in Social Hall 6-8 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Chalice Thrift Store Bookclub in Pathfinders Room 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28: Interplay in the Jerusalem Room 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Chalice Thrift Store Sunday, Aug. 30: **Chancel Choir leads worship Continental Breakfast** 9 a.m. Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service 10:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous 8 p.m.

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## Jeremiah 1: 1-19

1The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." 9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

11 The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree. 12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching[b] over my word to perform it." 13 The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me: Out of the north disaster shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For now I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD; and they shall come and all of them shall set their thrones at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its surrounding walls and against all the cities of Judah. 16 And I will utter my judgments against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have made offerings to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands. 17 But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. 18 And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you.

## **Joys and Concerns of Church and Community**

- **Jeffery Carroll** asks for prayers for successful surgery 8/18 and 8/28.
- **Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert** asks for prayers for congregations in our Region seeking pastors/for the 2015 Disciples Women's Retreat planners as they prepare for the September event.
- **Robbin Brown** found out her blood pressure meds lowers her magnesium and that it will make her have seizures. Prayers she can keep the magnesium up!
- Larry Todd says, "please continue to keep my brother-in-law, Terry Tolbert in prayer."
- **Mary Frances Early** requests prayers for **Minnie Haynes** as she has surgery on Wednesday. She also celebrates for 82nd birthday on Tuesday.
- **Anna** and **Paxton Ingram** says, "My family needs a place to stay while my husband finds work and a job for my husband."
- **Sylvia Gibbs** asks for prayer for **Lillie Sapp** as she recovers from foot surgery. And **Sylvia** asks for traveling grace and mercies for a trip to Indiana to celebrate her mom's 92nd birthday.
- **Wiley** and **Danl** want to thank God for healing. We ask for prayer for a friend Fernando for guidance.
- **Rose Bianco** says, "My cousin **Wanda** learned this month that she has breast cancer, and a week later her 20 year old daughter **Aymara** had a malignant tumor removed from her lung. Pray for them."
- **Mark** and **Russell** are traveling to Asheville next weekend to see our families for our birthdays. Prayers for safety on the roads for us and my parents.
- Pastor Paul Turner's partner, William Pabst, is now home and is resting well.
- **Robert Lee Echols** asks for prayer for shelter, clothing, and transportation. He also wants a closer relationship with God.
- **Saundra Brundage** says "Please keep my cousin **Pauletta Young** in your prayers, she is still recovering. Thank you very much. Also, pray that **Minnie Haynes** surgery is successful."
- **Lillie Sapp** says, "Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. I have been renewed and energized during this healing process. God bless you mightily."
- **Bridgette Boker** asks for prayer that her cleaning business is successful.
- **Denise Kelly** says, "She is very grateful to have a 2nd church home at FCCD! Pray for all teachers beginning a new school year."
- The Alsobrook Family thanks our church for prayers surrounding the death of Glen's brother, Jim Alsobrook. Also, Hal Watkins (return of colon cancer), Sally Sutton, (chemo treatments for breast cancer).
- Mary Ellen Fountain asks for prayers for James Brewer-Calvert and family, Minnie Haynes, Lily Delk, Herschel and Imogene Maxey, Mary Frances Early, Elaine Alsobrook.
- **Hank Ferry** had all his teeth extracted and is experiencing vertigo. He had a fall and is suffering from pinched nerves in his arm. He cannot drive more than one mile. Hank asks for our prayers.
- Mary Beth Powell Barbara Powell's niece has continued medical problems and asks for prayer.
- **Charlotte** and **Jim Ivy** keep them in our prayers.

- **Minnie Haynes** says, "Her breast cancer surgery has been scheduled for August 19th at DeKalb Medical, the day after her 82nd birthday."
- We continue to lift up Furat and Deb Almauhy, Johnnie Barber, Betty Carroll, Jeffery Carroll, Elizabeth Cunningham, the Delk Family, Willie Mae Durr, Sylvia Ennis, Hank Ferry, Shannen Ferry, J.D. Fleming, Mary Ellen Fountain, Alida Gines, Julia Glenn Carter, Adei Grenpastures, Robert Hamilton, Clara Holley, Jackie Hudson and daughter Alexis, Nicolas Jordan, The Kidd Family, Jay Love, Judy McMahan, Marion Meador, Rev. Carolynn Miller, Lynn Nabers, the Norton Family, Matthew Smith Farrell family, Kim Stanley, Lee Stanley, Tate Family, Terry Tolbert, Carlene Trapp, Mildred Trott, Carol Wheeler, Nancy Williamson, and Ellen Young.

