



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

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**Gather on September 13, from 9:15 - 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall for 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**

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10, from 10 a.m.  
-- 1 p.m.**

**Decatur First**

**word." This is a worshipful and spiritually  
uplifting opportunity for the people of God.  
Come and see!**

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at 4 p.m.**

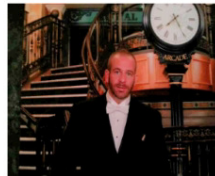
Gospel Cabaret features singers **Rich Spillane and  
Richard Peterson** in concert. Tickets are \$10.  
This benefit concert is to help with the medical bills  
for our beloved **Jeffery Carroll**. All are welcome  
and warmly invited.

## Gospel Cabaret



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015  
4:00 PM**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
601 W. PONCE DE LEON AVE  
DECATUR, GA 30030**



**FEATURING  
RICH SPILLANE WITH  
RICHARD PETERSON  
IN CONCERT**

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

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

**Christian  
Church Book  
Club**

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

Recent Visitors

Continental Breakfast

Watching Our Figures



**Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 13,  
2015**

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

**Holy  
Scriptures:**  
Jeremiah 18: 1-11  
**Sermon Title:**  
"Like New Clay in  
the Potter's  
Hands"  
**Preaching:**



**Hats Off to the Christmas Tree and Wreath  
Sale Rally on Sept. 20 - Rally Features Free  
Pancake Brunch (*serving gluten and gluten  
free*)**

**Our 8th Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath  
Sale is gearing up for another big year! The  
Rally on Sunday, Sept 20 features a Pancake  
Brunch immediately after church service.  
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 Disciples Women's Retreat Sept. 25-27**

[http://www.gadisciples.org/organizations/Women/Retreat/2015\\_Retreat.a  
sp](http://www.gadisciples.org/organizations/Women/Retreat/2015_Retreat.asp)

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

Rev. Dr. James  
Brewer-Calvert

**Worship**

**Leaders:**

Rev. Betty Brewer-  
Calvert and  
Yolanda Lewellyn

**Deacons:** Doug  
Schuette, Bridgette  
Boker, Steve

Oliver,

**Greeters:** TBD



**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 Table as

website or will be received by recent attendees and DW  
Presidents in the mail later this week!



**September is Prime Time to Sign Up to Help  
with The 8th Annual 2015 Christmas Tree  
and Wreath Sale**

**Our 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  
Marketing -- Nancy Oliver**

Technology - **Ruth Lutz**

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

**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.

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

**Blessing of the Pets -- Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m.**

On Saturday, October 4th, from 10:30 a.m. -12 noon in our Decatur Toy Park. We will hold a Blessing of the Pets. Please bring Fido, Puff, Fishy, or any other animal friends for a personal blessing.



**World Communion Sunday, October 4th at 10:30 a.m.**

World Communion Sunday offers congregations an opportunity to experience Holy Communion with the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church.



**Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off  
Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. -- 1 p.m.**

Location is on-site at the church

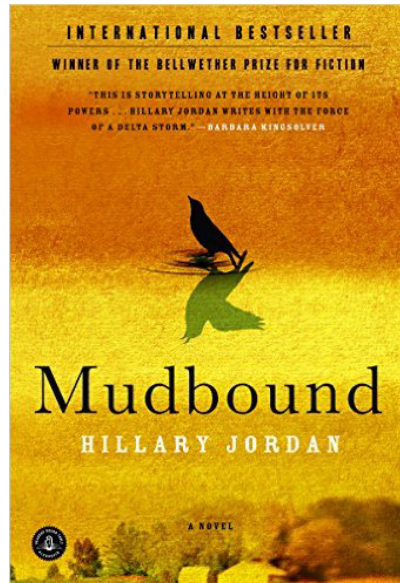
Hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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, raffles and a **Cake Walk**. Chili, Hot Dogs, popcorn, and other treats will be available. 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 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](mailto:nancyoliver1@bellsouth.net).

### First Christian's Church of Decatur's Book Club



First Christian's Church of Decatur's Book Club is reading Mudbound by Hillary Jordan.

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

- Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade.
- **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old.
- 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"**

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

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Jasmine Baker, Ashley Buchannan, Buffy Calvert, Jonathan Calvert, Lynne Ely, Emily and boyfriend, Jennifer Esposito, Randy Finley, Adrienne Hamilton, Elaine Ivey, Eloise Litz, Weldon Sailors, Randall Smith, and Enrique Victrum.

**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:

Sep. 13: Christian Ed Ministry

Sep. 20: Janice and Helen Huyler

Sep. 27: \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 4: The Brewer-Calvert Family

Oct. 11: \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 25: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

Sunday, 9-6-15 Worship

Participation 62

Church Offerings \$3,622.00

Church Offset \$ 2,395.00