



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

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### **Words Carry Weight**

On Sunday, Sept. 6, the focus of worship will be on the power of God's Word and our word choices. The Holy Scriptures are James 2: 1-10, 14-17 ("So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.") and Mark 7: 24-37 ("He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."). The message is entitled "Plain Speaking". Holy Communion will be served and is openly shared with one and all. Consider yourself warmly invited to participate in a spirit-filled service of grace and empowerment. Mark your calendars! Here are some upcoming

**Hats Off to the  
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and Wreath Sale  
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**- Rally Features  
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gluten and  
gluten free*)**

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Sale**

**Blessing of the  
Pets**

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

Christ-centered church events we hope you will consider joining for the faith, fun, festivities, and fellowship.



**Christian Education Ministry Kick Off Event -  
"The Potter and the Clay" and  
Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday  
at 9:15 a.m.**

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

- 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" and gathers in the Pathfinders Room.

**Decatur First  
Christian  
Church Book  
Club**

Recent Visitors

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**Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
September 6,  
2015**

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

**Holy  
Scriptures:**

Mark 7: 24-37;  
James 2: 1-10,14-  
17

**Sermon Title:**  
*"Plain Speaking"*

**Preaching:**

Rev. Dr. James  
Brewer-Calvert

**Worship  
Leaders:**

**Benefit Gospel Cabaret on Saturday,  
Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.**

# 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.

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.

Julie Fleming and  
Yolanda Lewellyn  
**Deacons:** Wiley  
Harris, Steve  
Oliver, Mark  
Ranney, Jasmine  
Heath  
**Greeters:** TBD



**Welcome  
Home!**

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



**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 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!

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### **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).



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

You can sign up right now on the church bulletin board in the main hallway and reserve your favorite

time slot to serve on the Christmas Tree Lot! For more information about volunteering please contact Pastor James (404-229-2326).

These past eight years have been a blessing! 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!

**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.

**Blessing of the Pets**

On Saturday, October 3rd, from 10:30 a.m. -12 noon in the Community Park, we will hold a Blessing of the Pets. Bring fido, meow, or any other pets to get

blessed.

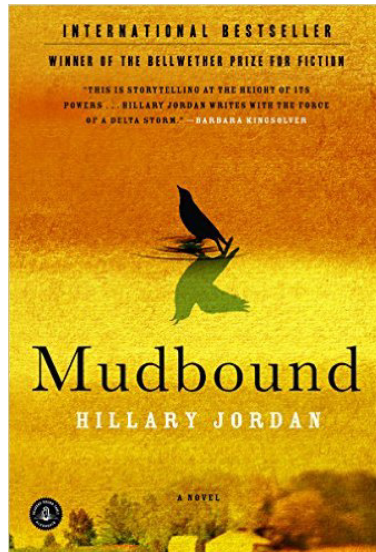


**World Communion Sunday, October 4th at 10:30a.m.**

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.

**Decatur First Christian Church Book Club**

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



### **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, Ashley Buchanan, Cheryl Delk and Fred Franklin, Kayla Harriott, Ann Faith Harris, Carolyn Hodges, Jennifer with three daughters, Jeane Kirkman, Rhonda Lederer, Jillian Loux, Maryellen Merrill, Ann Riza with Luke and Jake, Weldon Sailors, Miles Selles.

### **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.6: \_\_\_\_\_

Sep. 13: Christian Education  
Ministry



Sep. 20: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sep. 27: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oct. 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oct. 11: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oct. 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
Oct. 25: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 1: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

Sunday, 8-30-15 Worship	
Participation	<b>70</b>
Church Offerings	<b>\$2,305.00</b>
Church Offset	<b>\$ 990.00</b>