

Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, Sep.13:	Christian Ed Kickoff
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, Sep.14:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
3-7 p.m.	Cello Lessons in Carmack Room
Tuesday, Sep. 15:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, Sep.16:	
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sep.17:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
2 p.m.	Retired Teachers in Social Hall
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
Saturday, Sep. 19:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
4 p.m.	Gospel Cabaret in the Sanctuary
Sunday, Sep.20:	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
12 noon	Hats Off Christmas Tree Sale Rally
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday Rally, Sept. 20, Noon



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 10, 10a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Jeremiah 18:1-11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: **2** “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.”

3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. **4** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: **6** Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. **7** At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, **8** but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. **9** And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, **10** but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- Please pray for **Lily Delk** who had surgery on Thursday in DeKalb Medical Center and is recovering there.
- **Jeanette Duncan** shares that, "**Tracy Labacek** has double pneumonia. She is a friend of **Jack's. Austin Swartz, Stephanie's** nephew, has been transferred to Northeast Regional until a bed is available at Shepherds Center."
- **Jasmine Baker** asks for prayer for the health of the **Baker family**.
- **Sandra Brundage** asks for continued prayer for her cousin Paulette Young.
- **Julie Fleming** has a joy. Her dad is stable and has improved cognitively! Traveling mercies for Julie as she will be going to Wyoming for a much needed R&R.
- A church member shares that s/he is very glad the preacher is back. S/he has missed his sermons and is looking forward to autumn.
- **Wiley** and **Danl** want to praise God, even when everything looks bad. We praise God in advance. Prayers for **Jeff Carroll** as he continues treatment, we miss him. Our friend **Randall** adds a auto accident to his woes. Hoping he finds a job and God's help as he transitions.
- **Kendall Hamilton** says he had a joy, his mother **Adrienne Hamilton** is visiting them from California.
- Please offer a prayer for **Liz Stillwell** to find a new career path as soon as God sees fit! She's on the job hunt again.
- **Tumara Jackson** says, "The **Gibbs** and **Jackson families** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls during our time of need. Please continue to lift up **Sylvia & Fred Gibbs. Tori Jackson** says, "My beloved uncle Bird (**Senecca**) recently passed away. Everyone is very sad. I would love to see my family a happy one."
- **Deb Almauhy** has flown to Iraq to adopt a daughter. She asks for travelling mercies and for all to be well and for God's holy protection.
- **Rich Spillane** gives prayers of thanks for **Jeff Carroll's** surgery results. He also asks for continued prayer for healing. **Rich** also asks for traveling mercies as he travels to Wichita, Kansas to move his 90 year old mother to Georgia.
- **Elaine Alsobrook** says, "**Hal Watkins** is in care of Hospice now and **Sally Sutton** has taken her last chemo treatment."
- **Sandra Brundage** says, "Thank you for keeping her cousin **Paulette Young** in prayer. Please continue your prayers."
- **Janice** and **Helen Huyler** rejoice to have our Senior Pastor worshipping with us this morning!
- **Todd Williams**, a 22 year old with cancer, is being lifted up prayers for a full recovery.
- **Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert** asks for prayers for congregations in our Region seeking pastors and for the 2015 Disciples Women's Retreat planners as they prepare for the September event.
- **Amy Yandell's** mother's partner had surgery. Please pray for her partner and the family for a favorable outcome.
- **Rose Bianco** says, "My cousin **Wanda** has breast cancer; her 20 year old daughter **Aymara** had a malignant tumor removed from her lung. Pray for them."

- We continue to lift up **Furat** and **Deb Almauhy, Johnnie Barber, 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, Alan Merritt, Don Middour, Rev.Carolynn Miller, Lynn Nabers, the Norton Family, William Pabst, Mary Beth Powell, Lillie Sapp, Matthew Smith Farrell family, Kim Stanley, Lee Stanley, Carlene Trapp, Mildred Trott, Carol Wheeler, Nancy Williamson, and Ellen Young.**

Dear Friends:

On behalf of First Christian Church of Decatur, I write to thank you for your participation and prayers while worshipping Jesus Christ here amongst the whole people of God. Shalom, Pastor James Brewer-Calvert

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born in the early 1800s as a dynamic movement for God that spread across the American frontier. Seeking to move beyond denominational division and toward being a New Testament Church, our founders envisioned a united community of faith grounded in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Today we are over 3,700 congregations strong across the United States, Canada, and around the world. The red Chalice with St. Andrew's cross symbolizes our focus on the weekly celebration of Holy Communion and the openness of the Lord's Table, where all are made welcome and invited to partake.

First Christian Church of Decatur was founded on Christmas Day 1921, and has served faithfully ever since with a significant urban ministry, an inclusive theology, and a Kingdom-building vision. We are open and accepting of all of God's people, and encourage women, men, and young people to follow their call from God to serve, just as Christ first served us.

Here is a brief theology and history lesson about this Body of Christ. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Decatur, Georgia has a covenantal relationship with sister churches across the city and around the world. While each congregation is independent – no one has the ecclesial authority to direct us what to do, say, believe, or call to serve as pastor– we are connected by a covenant of love. Beginning in the early 1800's, Christian Churches and Disciples of Christ congregations flourished across the USA and around the world. In 1968, the separate bodies yoked to become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with three manifestations: local congregations, regional churches, and a general church to facilitate national and international missions. Ever since we have covenanted to support and encourage fellow Disciples and to practice Christian ministry locally, regionally and globally.

Having said that, there are some theological practices we share in common. We are non-creedal; everyone is invited to love and serve God through Jesus Christ, but how and why you move in that direction is between each soul and God. We practice baptism by immersion at an age of understanding, yet we recognize all forms of baptism and therefore do not require anyone to be re-baptized. The Lord's Table is open because Christ is the host and the purpose. We celebrate the birth, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the context of worship we offer Holy Communion every Sunday. Everyone has a vocation, and we affirm Christ's call to children, youth, women and men to serve. We turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and direction in our daily living, yet also recognize that the Holy Spirit, in God's infinite wisdom, continues to lovingly communicate through additional voices and acts of grace. At the intersection of faith and reason we meet the Risen Christ and one another. The call of the Gospel for social justice and the building of community is intricately woven into the very fabric of the worship, study, and prayer life of the church.

How to Join: You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please fill out a Friends and Visitors Card (found in your worship program) and bring it forward with you during the Hymn of Invitation, where our Pastor will be delighted to welcome you. Disciples of Christ congregations are delighted to recognize all baptisms. We baptize by immersion at an age of understanding. If you have not been baptized we will schedule one with you at a later date.