



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

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### **Our Story is One of Prayer**

Prayer Circle, Groups, and Chains of Grace Enveloping, Engaging, Expanding, & Enriching

"The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of righteous is powerful and effective." -- James 5: 15-16

New Prayer Groups and Circles are officially and spiritually under way! The following faithful Christian member and friends have committed to prayer groups through December 31st. Anyone interested in joining a Prayer Group or the Monday Morning Circle are invited to contact Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King at the church (404-378-3621) or at (317) 487-9554 for more information.

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**In Home Prayer Group 1**

Mary Frances Early

Minnie Haynes  
Helen Huyler  
Tom Rosenberger

**Prayer Chain**

Julie Fleming  
Becky Kidd  
Pat Oliffe

**In Home Prayer Group 2      On-Line Prayer Group**

James Brewer-Calvert  
Julie Fleming  
Yolanda Lewellyn  
Ruth Lutz

Betty Brewer-Calvert  
Sylvia Gibbs  
Helen Huyler  
Barbara Sims King  
Rich Spillane  
Wendy Wyche

Monday Morning Prayer Circle at 11 a.m.  
Elaine Alsobrook, James Brewer-Calvert, Sandra Brundage, Lily Delk, Elizabeth Hamm, Helen Huyler, Yolanda Lewellyn, Barbara Sims-King



**Worship Theme for October is *UNITY***

**Sunday, October 18**

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16 -- Sermon: "*Unifying the Cities of God*"

**Sunday, October 25**

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**Twenty-first Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
October 18, 2015**

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

**Holy**

**Scriptures:** Ephesian  
s 4: 1-6, 11-16

**Sermon Title:**

*"Unifying the Cities of  
God"*

**Preaching:**

Rev. Dr. James  
Brewer-Calvert

**Worship Leaders:**

Tom Rosenberger and  
Rev. Betty Brewer-  
Calvert

**Deacons:** Susan

Watts, Robbin Brown

**Greeters:** Lee Stanley

Matthew 28: 16-20 -- Sermon: *"Act Locally,  
Think Globally"*

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

See you Sunday morning for meaningful,  
informative, and uplifting spiritual formation!

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 Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15  
a.m.:

**Pathfinders Class** is listening to "Freedom: The  
View From A Roman Jail" by Dr. Fred Craddock.

**Transforming Series** -- Short Term course will be  
based on the book We Wait You: Waiting on God in  
Eastern Europe by Taryn R. Hutchison. The class  
meets in the Church Parlor with Rev. Lynn Trapp  
teaching. Books are available.

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Congratulations!**



## Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of  
Decatur  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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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 Identity.



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### **2016 Stewardship Campaign to Launch on Sunday, October 25**

First Christian Church of Decatur offers to the glory of the Lord a *Narrative Budget*, one in which our Story is told and supported by the whole people of God. We are called by God to give generously and faithfully out of gratitude for all that Jesus Christ has done and is doing in our daily lives. Starting in late October and concluding on Pledge Sunday, November 15, we will hear and respond to a variety of church members who are going to share their personal stories of faithful stewardship. Plan now to be present to hear their words of hope, and to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit in all of our lives.

**Disciples Women no longer collect postage stamps**

Disciples Women no longer have a source who buys stamps and then sells them to stamp collectors. Thank you for your past support. -- Barbara Powell



**Now 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**

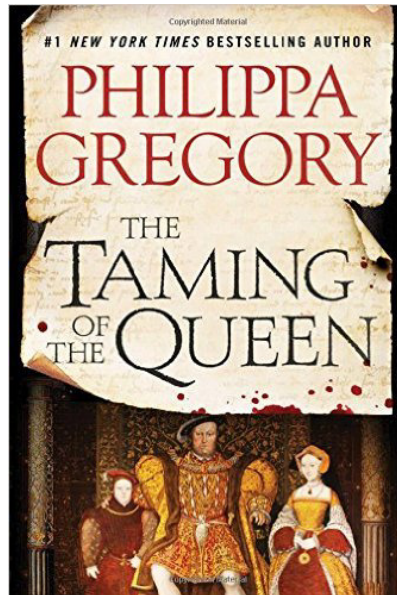
**Key Prep and Sale Dates:**

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.



**First Christian Church Book Club**

First Christian's Church of Decatur's Book Club is reading The Taming of the Queen by Phillipa Gregory. Next gathering is October 22 at 7 p.m.

**Church Hosts Susan G. Komen Walk for the  
Cure**

## **All Day on Friday, Oct. 16 in the Church Parking Lot**

Komen Atlanta's Worship in Pink program invites Atlanta's faith-based organizations to come together to spread the lifesaving message of breast cancer early detection. Worship in Pink is designed to open the lines of communication about breast health, promote breast cancer education and celebrate the lives of those who have fought against breast cancer. Participating in Worship in Pink is simple. Each congregation is encouraged to use Worship in Pink Weekend to celebrate breast cancer survivors and co-survivors in their community.

## **Plan Ahead! Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Participate**

**-- Church Board Meeting on Sunday,**

**November 15**

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

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Josh Alexander, Rose Bianco-Szymanski, Randy Finley, Rhonda Lederer, Don and Bev Melstrom, Mary Ellen Merrill, Delores and Darryl Trimien.

## **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:

Oct. 18: Yolanda Lewellyn  
Oct. 25: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 1: Dotti Laycock  
Nov. 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 15: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 22: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 29: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Worship

Participation

**43**

Church Offerings

\$5,618.00

Church Offsets

\$ 650.00

Reconciliation Offering

\$ 50.00



