



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

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### **Welcome New Members!**

On Sunday, Oct. 18, **Amy and Rev. Michael Yandell** joined First Christian Church by transfer of membership. Welcome home, Amy and Michael! May we grow together in Christ, in service and in spirituality.

**A little about Michael:** "I've really enjoyed the fellowship and worship at First Christian. I graduated from Brite Divinity School earlier this year and was ordained in the Christian Church through the Tennessee region. I served in the Army prior to college work, and am currently a PhD student in Theological Studies at Emory."

**A little about Amy:** "I am happy to have found a church home in First Christian Church. I feel welcome every time I'm greeted on Sunday mornings. I am new to being a Disciple and cherish

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**Susan G. Komen  
Greater Atlanta  
invites you to be a  
part of  
theWorship in  
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taking place on  
October 23-25,  
2015.**

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the opportunity for community here in Decatur. I was just hired at Emory as the Associate Director of Employment Services for the American Academy of Religion (AAR). Previous life: professional musician and teacher. We look forward to Sunday and becoming a part of your wonderful community!"

**This Sunday, Oct. 25 at 12 Noon:  
Christian Children's Fellowship Plan to Get Lost  
in a Corn Maze**

After Sunday's worship service our youth and children (*who had a blast bowling and then Laser Tag last Sunday!*) will head off in the Church Van to a nearby Corn Maze for a day of fall festivities, fun and fellowship. Bring your own lunch, please. For more information and to sign up please contact Pastor James Brewer-Calvert.

**All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Did you have a friend or family member pass away between Nov. 1, 2014-Oct. 31, 2015? Let Barbara Powell, 770-979-9892 know your loved one's name and a brief bio along with a picture, if possible, and we will include him or her in our All Saints Day bulletin insert. Thank you for your participation. Please know that you are in our prayers.

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**Blue Christmas: Dealing with Sadness During the  
Holidays**

On successive Thursdays, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19, going from 6:30 to 8 p.m. we will offer a three session seminar addressing feelings of sadness and

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**Twenty-  
second  
Sunday after  
Pentecost,  
October 25,  
2015**

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

**Holy Scriptures:**  
Matthew 28: 16-

loneliness plus providing coping techniques that will be held here at First Christian Church of Decatur. As you know, the winter holiday season is joyous for many people yet some find the loss of loved ones and friends, or feelings of abandonment, most acutely during such times. Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, a licensed professional counselor, will facilitate the seminar. Our hope is to bring together people from the community for support and comfort. No registration is required. All are welcome.

**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.

***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*

20;Mark 10: 46-52

**Sermon Title:**

"Act Locally Think Globally"

**Preaching:**

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Wendy Wyche and  
Rev. Lynn Trapp

**Deacons:**

Larry Todd, William  
Garner, Pat Oliffe

**Greeters:** Laura

Andrew, Wiley Harris,  
Danl Giles

**Acolytes:** Jacob Tate



**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

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.

**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 Betty Brewer-Calvert  
Julie Fleming Sylvia Gibbs  
Yolanda Lewellyn Helen Huyler  
Ruth Lutz 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 25

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

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.

## **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

## **Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Georgia To Be Held at Atlanta First Christian Church (in Tucker)**

**Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 - 14**

This Sunday, October 25, we will have a Registration Table for members and friends to sign up to participate. Or you may register online at [GADisciples.org](http://GADisciples.org). The assembly theme is "Becoming the Beloved Community."

## **Worship in Pink**



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.

## **First Christian Church Book Club**

First Christian's Church of Decatur's Book Club is reading Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Next gathering is November 19 at 7 p.m.



### **Daylight Savings Time, November 1st**



When you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st set your clock back one hour so you will be ready for church on time the next day.

### **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.



**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.

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

-- **Church Board Meeting on Sunday,  
November 15**  
-- **Congregational Meeting on Sunday,  
December 13**

### **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, Don and Nancy Brewer, Rose Bianco-Szymanski, Tom Calvert-Rosenberger, Shane and Jessica Donaldson, Enrique, Sherlene Faulk and son Marcus Faulk, Randy Finley, Kayla Harriott, Marcus Hill, Joey, Christine Jetta, Rhonda Lederer, MaryEllen Merrill, Don Sapp, Thomas Smith.



### **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. 25: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 1: Dotti Laycock  
Nov. 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 15: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 22: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 29: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dec. 6: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dec. 13: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dec. 20: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Watching Our Figures**

Sunday, 10-18-15 Worship	
Participation	<b>70</b>
Church Offerings	\$1,256.00
Church Offsets	\$ 405.00
Reconciliation Offering	\$ 25.00