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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.

Blue Christmas: Dealing with Sadness During the Holidays

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**Thanks, Thanks,
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***Our Story is
One of Prayer
Prayer Circle,
Groups, and
Chains of Grace
Enveloping,
Engaging,
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Enriching***

**Worship Theme
for November is
Gratitude
and Offerings
for Spiritual
Formation on
Sunday at 9:15
a.m.**

**First Christian
Church Book
Club**

**2016
Stewardship
Campaign**

**Daylight Savings
Time,
November 1st**

**Now is Prime
Time to Sign Up
to Help with the**

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 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.



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Georgia To Be Held at Atlanta First Christian
Church (in Tucker)**

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Register online at GADisciples.org. The assembly theme is "Becoming the Beloved Community."

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

I cannot count the times, during our 55 years at First Christian Church of Decatur, that I have had occasions to say "thank you" to you, my First Christian Church family! There have been so many reasons for this and you have always responded by

**8th Annual 2015
Christmas Tree
and Wreath
Sale**

Recent Visitors

Continental Breakfast

Watching Our Figures



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

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

**Holy
Scriptures:**

Mark 12: 28-34; 2
Thessalonians 2: 1-
5, 13-17

Sermon Title:

*"In Dubio, Pro
Tradito (When in
Doubt, Hold Fast
to Tradition)"*

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James
Brewer-Calvert

Worship

Leaders:

Ruth Lutz and Rev.

sharing your loving concern with cards, calls, offers to help and, especially, your prayers. I am improving lowly so please continue to pray for healing and patience!

Again, thank you!

In Christian love,

Lily Delk

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.

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 Grp.

James Brewer-Calvert
Julie Fleming
Yolanda Lewellyn
Ruth Lutz

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

Wendy Wyche

Lynn Trapp

Deacons:

Mark Ranney,
Wiley Harris,
Jasmine Heath,
William Garner

Greeters: TBA

Acolyte:

Theo Jackson



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

Monday Morning Prayer Circle at 11 a.m.

Elaine Alsobrook, James Brewer-Calvert, Saundra
Brundage, Lily Delk, Elizabeth Hamm, Helen Huyler,
Yolanda Lewellyn, Barbara Sims-King

Worship Theme for November is Gratitude

Upcoming Messages and Messengers!

November 1 *When in Doubt, Hold Fast to
Tradition* Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

November 8 Guest Preacher Rev. Melissa Fain,
Pastor, Fig Tree Christian Church

**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 3rd through
5th 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.

Identity.

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.

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.

2016 Stewardship Campaign

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.

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.



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, Rose Bianco-Szymanski, Ashley Buchanan, Monique Carter, Karleeyha Columbus, Shane & Jessica Donaldson, Enrique, Randy Finley, Kayla Harriott, Christine Jetta.

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:

Nov. 1: Dotti Laycock
Nov. 8: _____
Nov. 15: _____
Nov. 22: _____
Nov. 29: _____
Dec. 6: _____
Dec. 13: _____
Dec. 20: _____
Dec. 27: _____

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, 10-25-15 Worship	
Participation	57
Church Offerings	\$1,961.00
Church Offsets	\$ 60.00
Christmas Tree T-Shirts	\$ 100.00
Total	\$2,021.00

