

## Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, Oct. 25:	<b>Stewardship Campaign Starts</b>
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
12 p.m.	Christian Children's Fellowship gets lost in a Corn Maze
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, Oct. 26:	Pastor Brewer-Calvert in Macon for Commission on Ministry
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
3-7 p.m.	Cello Lessons in Carmack Room
Tuesday, Oct. 27:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Wednesday, Oct. 28:	
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 29:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
4-6 p.m.	Spring Into Spanish
Saturday, Oct. 31:	Happy Halloween!
10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Sunday, Nov. 1:	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
2 p.m.	Carol Fellows Memorial Service and Reception
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous



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### Holy Scriptures

#### **Matthew 28: 16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

#### **Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Jeffrey Carroll** says, "I am thankful for the love and support of my church family." Jeffrey had gall bladder surgery on Thursday at Cobb County Hospital, and hopes to go home in a couple days.
- Celebrate that **Amy** and **Rev. Micheal Yandell** joined the church on Sunday, October 18! Welcome home!
- **Rose Bianco Szymanski** requests prayer for her mother **Alida Gines** who is undergoing a catheterization procedure on Wednesday, a procedure to unclog her heart valves.
- **Jeanette Duncan** says her son **Duane** has pneumonia and is in Johns Creek hospital.
- **Tom Rosenberger** asks for prayer for his friend **Leo** who had a stroke yesterday.
- **Lillie Sapp** says, "I want to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, cards and kind expressions of love. At long last I am able to come to church. I have missed being among the saints in worship."
- **Julie Fleming** says, "My dad has an infection (suspected to be cellulites) that caused his leg to swell and turn hot, red, and painful over the course of about 90 minutes on Sunday. I'd appreciate prayers for his comfort."
- Pray for **Barbara Powell** who is recovering at home from a recent fall.
- **Carol Fellows**, 96. passed away on Sunday, Oct 11. Her memorial service is set for Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m., with visitation and reception to follow. Please keep her three children and their families in your prayers.
- **Debra Almauhy** writes via email: "Please continue the prayers for my husband **Furat** and adopted baby **Anna** for God's mercy of a miracle that we get her visa. I have been waiting for 2 days in the Chicago Airport for him to get back from him taking the baby back to Iraq. **Furat** was stranded in his wheelchair in the Istanbul airport for 3 days because they did not get him off the plane to make his connecting flight home. He had to do this because we did not get the visa for **Anna**. We are at the end of our rope with this."
- We give thanks for a delightful Fall Festival organized and staffed by **Nancy Oliver** and our amazing church crew. 56 neighbors attended!
- **Joshua Alexander** request prayer for his friends and family, both living and passed.
- **Julie Fleming** asks for prayers for **Eleanor Kellett**, who has advanced cancer.
- **Sandra Brundage** says, "My cousin **Paulette Young** had her surgery and she is recuperating now. Please keep praying for her,"
- **Wiley** and **Danl** want to thank God for family and friends, for love and support.
- **Rich Spillane** requests prayer for his friend **Sony**.
- **Dotti Laycock** seeks prayer for **Kevin Castelow**, 40, with terminal cancer. He has a wife and young children.
- Please pray for **Lily Delk**. She is recovering at home.
- Please pray for continued healing for **Doug Dyer**.
- 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**, **Sylvia and Fred Gibbs**, **Alida Gines**, **Julia Glenn Carter**, **Adei Grenpastures**, **Robert Hamilton**, **Clara Holley**, **Jackie Hudson** and daughter **Alexis**, **Jackson Family**, **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**, **Austin Swartz**, **Carlene Trapp**, **Mildred Trott**, **Hal Watkins**, **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 worshiping 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.*