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

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 - 14

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

Christmas Tree Sale- Lot Set Up

November 14, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Help wanted, needed, and appreciated. Please contact Dave Andrew for more info. Thank you for your support.

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Please turn in the shoeboxes that you are filling with toys and items for children around the world. We will receive them starting on Sunday, November 15. They will be dedicated on Sunday, November 22 during worship.

Watching Our Figures



Sunday
Worship
November 8,
2015

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

Holy

Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 26:
1-11

Sermon Title:

"First Fruits"

Preaching:

Rev. Melissa Fain,
Pastor at Fig Tree
Christian Church

Worship

Leaders:

Becky Kidd and
Julie Fleming

Deacons:

Mark Ranney,
Wiley Harris,
Jasmine Heath,
Steve Oliver

Greeters: TBD

Acolyte: Will
Kidd

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

HelenHuyler
Tom Rosenberger

Prayer Chain

Julie Fleming

Becky Kidd

Pat Oliffe

In Home Prayer Group 2

James Brewer-Calvert

Julie Fleming

Yolanda Lewellyn

Ruth Lutz



Welcome Home!

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On-Line Prayer Group

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



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.

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. **Transforming Series** -- Pastor James will teach on the **Parables of Jesus** on Sunday, Nov. 15 and 22. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.



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

An Appalachian Advent

December 1-4, 2015



If you are looking for a fun time in the mountains in December, you are looking for Christmount's Appalachian Advent! This year's event will feature a concert on Wednesday night by Appalachian folk artist Laura Boosinger, an internationally-known singer. The Rev. Joanne VerBerg will kick off the event Tuesday night and bring our daily devotions each morning.

Each day there will be time for sight-seeing and, on Thursday morning, Christmas craft-making at Christmount. Thursday night we'll have a Christmas party around the Christmas tree and fireplace, sing our favorite Christmas carols, and be treated to poet Debbie Parvin and husband/storyteller Rev. Bob Parvin sharing their talents! Prepare for the birth of the Christ child. Rekindle your heart in this special experience.

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Joshua Alexander, Stephanie Baldi, Rose Bianco Szymanski, Ashley Buchanan, Monique, Kaleah, Karmai Carter, Jaylen De Shawn Columbus, Karleeyah Columbus, Gerard and Sharise Cunningham, Randy Finley, Kayla Harriott, Christine Jetta, Rhonda Lederer, Mary Ellen Merrill.

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

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, 11-1-15 Worship	
Participation	67
Church Offerings	\$4,772.00
Church Offsets	\$ 600.00
Restricted	\$ 225.00
Total	\$5,597.00

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