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Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, December 13th, Rose Bianco-Szymanski joined the church by transfer of membership. Rose and her husband Bill have two adult children named Morgan and Phoebe. Rose is a professional actress with TV, film and stage experience. She works as the Office Manager at Peters & Monyak Law Firm. She sings in the Chancel Choir and loves to participate in church ministries of grace. Welcome home, Rose!



**Third Sunday of
Advent: Love**

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

Holy Scriptures:

Isaiah 8: 1-7; Matthew 1:
18-25

Christmas Pageant:

"The Call"

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-
Calvert, Julie Fleming
and Yolanda Lewellyn

Deacons: Russell
Broomfield and Susan
Watts

Greeters: Russell
Broomfield and Lee
Stanley

Acolyte: Tori Jackson



Welcome Home!

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**On Sunday, October 18th. Amy
and Rev. Michael Yandell joined the church by Transfer of
Membership. Here is their photo:**

A Note From Our Treasurer Russell Broomfield

- 1.) The final day to turn in this year's Special Christmas Offering will be Sunday, 12/27/2015.
- 2.) Anyone wanting next year's box of envelopes for weekly offerings, please contact Russ Broomfield at knighttowl@gmail.com. We only have 25 boxes which are not numbered and are dated for next year.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Dear Everyone at First Christian,

Thank you so much for hosting cello lessons again this year. It is nice to be able to offer cello lessons to Decatur students at a nice place that is also convenient to their homes. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and beautiful start to 2016.
Sincerely, Jean Gay

Mark your calendars and plan to participate!

**Original Christmas Pageant at 10:30 AM on Sunday,
Dec. 20 in Sanctuary**

All Church and Community Christmas Fellowship Meal

1stcc@bellsouth.net

"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.

after Worship

Bring a friend and a favorite dish to share!
Sunday, December 20 after Worship at 12 noon

Christmas Eve Services

Carols, Communion, and Candlelight

Thursday, December 24 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Georgia Regional Youth Assembly for middle and high school students is February 5-7, 2016 at Epworth By the Sea on St. Simons Island. Early Bird registration ends December 1st. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Contact Barbara Sims-King or Pastor James Brewer-Calvert for paper work and any questions about the event.

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

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

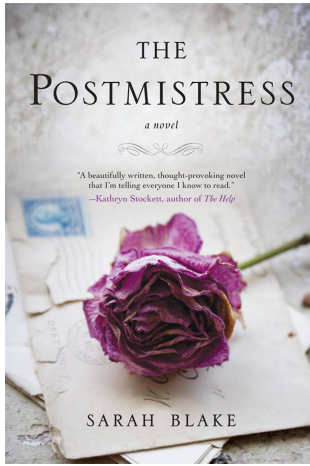
Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade. **Jesus Junction Sunday School** for 3rd through 5th grade. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old

Adult Classes Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.:
Pathfinders Class is listening to "Gospel of John" Mary Frances Early is the leader.

Transforming Series -- Pastor James Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Lynn Trapp will co-teach a 6-week class in January and February. Entitled "NEW BEGINNINGS" the course will cover Biblical texts of fresh starts and how we can relate and learn from the wisdom of our forbearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.

Alert! In February we will offer a **New Members and Friends Class** that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation.

First Christian Church Book Club



Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake.

Next gathering is January 28 at 7 p.m.

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, Tate Brooks, Sarah Carroll, Fred Gibbs with Cornell and Joseph, Kayla Harriott, Rhonda Lederer, Weldon Sailors, Pat Singer, Thomas Smith, Bill & Peggy Spencer, Alan Warrick, and Sue ZurSchmiede.

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:

- Dec. 20: The Brewer-Calvert Family
- Dec. 27: _____
- Jan. 3: _____
- Jan.10: _____
- Jan.17: _____
- Jan. 24: _____
- Jan.31: _____

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 Worship

Participation	75
Church Offerings	\$ 5,539.50
Church Offsets	\$ 650.00
Restricted Total	\$ 163.00
Total	\$ 6,352.50