



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

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Welcome New Member!

On Sunday, January 17, Chaplain Answai T. White, B.S., M.Div., C.P.E., joined First Christian Church of Decatur by transfer of membership. He is a Hospice Chaplain. He has been active in our adult SS program and in Sunday worship services. Answai is thrilled to be a special part of the congregation. He is interested in being ordained in the Christian Church, so we will begin exploring the process with him. Welcome home!

Installation of New Church Officers, Elders and Deacons

Sunday January 24th during worship at 10:30 a.m. Church Board

**Christmount (in North Carolina) Lenten Prayer Retreat
February 22-24, 2016**

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 24, 2016

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

Holy Scriptures:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10;
Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon Title:

Meditation and Installation of New Elders, Deacons, and Church Board Officers

Preaching:

Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

Worship Leaders:

Tom Rosenberger and Ruth Lutz

Deacons:

Larry Todd, William Garner, Pat Oliffe

Greeters: Wiley Harris and Danl Giles

Meeting - Sunday, January 24, 2016 after the Worship Service.



Concert on February 6, 2016 4 p.m. at First Christian Church of Decatur

**The First Christian Church of Decatur presents in concert GREAT DAY
February 6, 2016 - 4 p.m.
Honoring Black History Month!**

Spirituals, Musical Theatre, Art Songs,

Gospel & Group Selections Tickets \$18 (online) or \$20 at the door

www.decaturdisciples.org

INDRA THOMAS ANN MARIE McPHAIL

Soprano

Soprano

PAMELA DILLARD MARCUS HILL

Mezzo-Soprano

Baritone

Please Donate Grape Juice For Communion

Our supply of Grape Juice is almost out. When you go to the grocery store please buy a couple of plastic juice bottles. Thank You, Sherry Davis

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 forebearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.



Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of Decatur
(Disciples of Christ)
601 W. Ponce De Leon Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030

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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 Identity.

Alert!

In February we will offer a New Members and Friends Class for anyone interested that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation. Teacher: Pastor James in the Church Parlor with a Flip Chart.

Transforming Loss and Grief Support Group



When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday evening beginning January 14, 2016 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

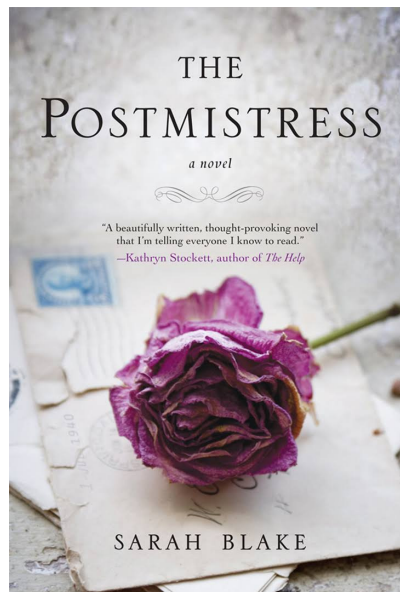
Where: First Christian Church of Decatur
601 West Ponce de Leon Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

(404) 378-3621 ext. 225

Purpose: A gathering community of those who seek support in their journey toward acceptance of loss and grief.

- Open to the public
- No fee

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, LPC



First Christian Church Book Club

Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake.
Next gathering is January 28 at 7 p.m.

**Christmount (in North Carolina) Lenten Prayer Retreat
February 22-24, 2016**

Experience an intensive time of prayer, worship, and other Lenten practices in a retreat atmosphere! Christmount is the perfect place for quiet reflection during Lent, when winter lends itself to solitude, contemplation, and reflection. • worship in the morning and afternoon • brief evening prayer service • discussion of our disciplines • silent times, social times • good, simple meals Please bring a snack to share with the group. REGISTRATION: christmount.org/lent.html or call 828.669.8977
Cost: \$182 single occupancy With extra night: \$239 (extra meals on your own) rates include lodging, meals & conference fee Christmount • 222 Fern Way • Black Mountain, NC 28711.

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, Rev. Naomi Andrews with Edward, Tate Brooks, Juanita Carson, Michelle Castlebury, Nicole Fifer, Randy Finley, Kayla Harriott, Rhonda Lederer, Maryellen Merrill, Weldon Sailors, Quinn Stevenson, Alan Warrick, Answai White.

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016 Worship
Participation **40**

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| Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 Worship | |
| Participation | 55 |
| Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 offerings are combined | |
| Church Offerings | \$3, 885.00 |
| Church Offsets | \$3, 005.00 |
| Restricted Funds | \$8, 994.39 |
| Total | \$15,884.39 |