



First Christian Church of Decatur

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*Saturday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m.***

**Have you ever wanted to take down a
Chrismon Tree? Now is your chance! Join
William Garner and friends as we remove the
last vestiges of Advent and Christmas from the
Sanctuary and prepare for Epiphany.**

Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Come, join with our neighbors on Martin
Luther King weekend workdays in the City of
Decatur -- help to spruce up and gently rehab the
home of a local senior citizen. To register see
Pastor James.**

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Baptism of the Lord,
Sunday, January 10,
2016

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

Holy Scriptures:
Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3:
15-17, 21-22
Sermon Title:
"Reflecting Waters of
the Spirit"

Monday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. until finished

Have you noticed the (over) abundance of toys and the need for some raking in the church's Decatur Toy Park? Show up to help clean the park and playground. Bring work gloves, a rake, and a friend!

Stewardship and Finance Ministry Meeting

On Thursday, January 21st, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry will meet at 7 p.m. We will look at the yearend report and the pledges for 2016. This ministry will begin to have meetings each month- a permanent date and time will be established at this time. All ministry chairpersons are encouraged to attend as well as any congregation members who are interested in the Stewardship/Finance of our church.

If you have not made your pledge for 2016, please contact our treasurer Russell Broomfield for a pledge card. This will help in our planning for 2016. Thank you, Julie Fleming and Elaine Alsobrook

Church Board Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 2016 after the Worship Service.

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.

Preaching:
**Rev. Dr. James
Brewer-Calvert**
Worship Leaders:
**Rev. Betty Brewer-
Calvert and Rev.
Wendy Wyche**
**Deacon: Doug
Schuette**
Acolyte: Will Kidd



Welcome Home!

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Decatur
(Disciples of Christ)
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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.

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** 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.

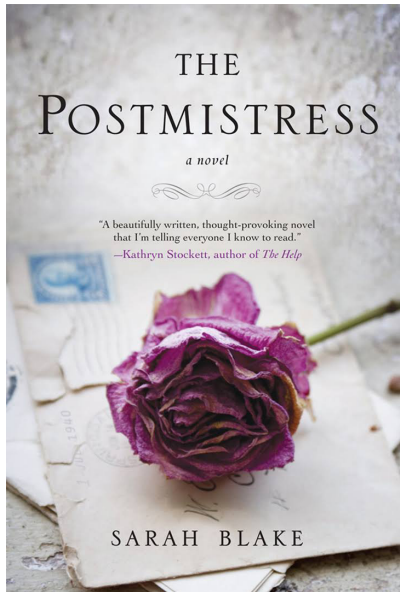
Open to the public
No fee
Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King, LPC

Chalice Thrift

Volunteer Training and Feedback
Sunday, January 31 at 12 Noon
Lunch Provided
For more info please contact
Yolanda Lewellyn or Barbara Powell

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.



**First Christian Church Book Club
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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: Kayla Harriott, Maryellen Merrill, Weldon Sailors, Quinn Stevenson, Answai White.

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:

Jan. 10: Yolanda Lewellyn and
Jeanette Duncan

Jan. 17: _____
 Jan. 24: _____
 Jan. 31: _____
 Feb. 7: _____
 Feb. 14: _____
 Feb. 21: _____
 Feb. 28: _____
 Mar. 6: _____

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015 Worship

Participation	27
Church Offerings	\$3,434.00
Church Offsets	\$ 200.00
Restricted Total	\$ 1,113.00

Total	\$4, 747.00
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Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016 Worship

Participation	48
Church Offerings	\$2, 493.87
Church Offsets	\$ 770.00

Restricted Total	\$ 100.00
Total	\$3, 363.87