

Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

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| Sunday, Jan. 31: | Rev. Michael Yandell preaching |
| 9 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. | Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes |
| 9:30 a.m. | Transforming Series: "New Beginnings" in Parlor |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Service |
| 5-7 p.m. | Pat Vas Dias Recital |
| 8 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Monday, Feb. 1: | |
| 10 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| 11 a.m. | Prayer Group |
| 2-6 p.m. | Cello Lessons in Carmack Room |
| 7-8 p.m. | AA Men's Big Book Study Group |
| Tuesday, Feb. 2: | |
| 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Chalice Thrift Store |
| 1 p.m. | Lydia Circle in Parlor |
| 4-6 p.m. | Spring Into Spanish |
| 8 p.m. | AA/ALANON |
| Wednesday, Feb.3: | |
| 4-6 p.m. | Spring Into Spanish |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 7 p.m. | Emory Chase Condominiums-Homeowners Mtg., in Social Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, Feb. 4: | |
| 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Chalice Thrift Store |
| 4-6 p.m. | Spring Into Spanish |
| Friday, Feb. 5: | |
| 6-9 p.m. | Great Day Rehearsal |
| Saturday, Feb.6: | |
| 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. | Chalice Thrift Store |
| 4 p.m. | Great Day Concert in Sanctuary |
| Sunday, Feb. 7: | Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King preaching |
| 9 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. | Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes |
| 9:30 a.m. | Transforming Series: "New Beginnings" in Parlor |
| 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary Service |
| 12 p.m. | Membership Ministry after church |
| 8 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous |



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Jeremiah 1: 4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
February 9th at 6 p.m.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 10th at 7 p.m.**

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- Please keep **Brandy Alsobrook** in your prayers. She will be in the hospital for two weeks.
- **Barbara Powell** sent a email today about **Matthew Smith-Farrell** who is likely on his last days. Prayers are needed for **Matthew** and **his family**.
- **Sandra Jones** enjoyed attending First Christian Church. She has relocated to NJ. Glad to be able to worship here again. Her daughter, **Brenda Conley**, had breast surgery and, is recovering well. Her grandson, **Eugene Martin**, is not well. Her youngest daughter, **Charle' Bellamy** needs prayer pancreatic surgery.
- **Lillie Sapp** says all praises to God is well with my family. Also her cousin in Florida is out of ICU and at home.
- **Mark Ranney** says his father is having complications with diabetes. The doctors are changing his medicine. My mother is overwhelmed and stressed by it all.
- **Quinn Stevenson** requests prayers of gratitude for the loving community at First Christian and the gift of sacred listening.
- **Julie Fleming** requests prayers for **Marva** and **Norman Montgomery** on the death of "mom Edie", their grandmother/great-grandmother (respectively). Also traveling mercies as **Norman** travels to Baltimore for her funeral and both return to Atlanta.
- **Liz, Brooke & Madelyn** says, "Thanks and joys for a healthy family and our wonderful church family."
- **Randy Finley** gives praise for the improved health of his mother and praise for the New Beginnings Sunday School class.
- Prayers are requested for **Hank Ferry** who will have cataract surgery in late May.
- **Sylvia Gibbs** request prayers for the families in Flint Michigan that were victims of the tainted drinking water. Continued prayers for my mother **Willie Mae Durr** and for the **Gibbs/Jackson family** on the passing of our son **Seneca Gibbs**.
- **Juanita Carson** requests prayer for friend, **Martha Forney**, who is in hospice.
- **Nancy Oliver's** mother **Eloise Litz** fell this week and will be moved to AG Rhodes today. **Steve** got a good medical report and hopes to return to worship very soon.
- **Jay** and **Peggy Norton** request prayers for their daughter-in-law **Michelle**, and her brothers at the loss of their father who passed away on Monday following a major stroke. **Minnie Haynes** has prayers of thanks for the faith and patience that have led the possibility for "New Beginning" of peace with our enemies.
- **Nicole Fifer** request prayer for spiritual growth and for a closer relationship with God.
- **Wiley Harris** and **Danl Giles** give praise to God! They have started moved into their new home yesterday. Goodbye to hotel rooms. Thanks to all that have made it happen.
- **Charles Jones** asked that we pray for his health and for God's will for his life.
- **Quinn Stevenson** says, "Prayers of gratitude for prayers answered, community, and the "ministry of presence" there in for each of us to give and receive."
- **Brooke Babbitt** and **Madelyn Stillwell** offer praise and thanks to God that **Madelyn** and **Brooke** are no longer sick with colds. Pray for **Liz** who is now sick. We have missed our church family.
- We continue to lift up **Furat** and **Deb Almauhy**, **Johnnie Barber**, **Jeffery Carroll**, **Kevin Castelow**, **Elizabeth Cunningham**, **the Delk Family**, **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**, **Alan Merritt**, **Don Middour**, **Lynn Nabers**, **the Norton**

Family, Steve Oliver, Kim Stanley, Lee Stanley, Austin Swartz, Mildred Trott, Carol Wheeler, Betty Young and Ellen Young.

Dear Friends:

On behalf of First Christian Church of Decatur, I write to thank you for your participation and prayers while worshipping 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.