



# First Christian Church of Decatur

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

## Decatur Disciples Newsletter

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"If we are to bear the name of Christ, we must be trustworthy and faithful to the promises that we make. In this time, we must be thoughtful, steadfast, and faithful. Holding fast to the love of God and the strength of each other, we can do anything we set our minds to. We have only to set our minds, and stand."

Rev. Daniel Brower

- [Sunday, November 17, 2024](#)

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*Little Free Pantry*



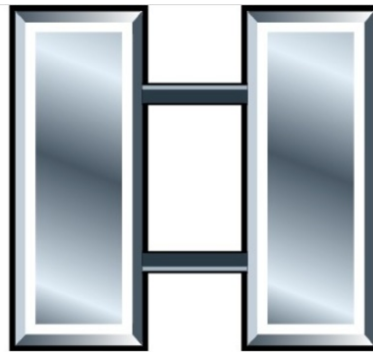
The FCCD Food Pantry is in urgent need of any and all of the following items:

## Current Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned vegetables & meats
- Canned Soup
- Crackers
- Ramen
- Cereal
- Juice
- Protein & Granola Bars



**URGENT**  
Inventory LOW



### *Promotion Ceremony*

The promotion and pinning ceremony of **LT Daniel Brower** to the rank of Captain and Chaplain in the Georgia Army National Guard takes place **TODAY at 10AM** at the Clay National Guard Center, Marietta GA. All are welcome to attend.



### *November Blood Drive*

The November blood drive is happening **today 10AM - 3PM!** This month, donors will receive 2 pairs of F-R-I-E-N-D-S socks!



## *Christmas Tree Sale Set Up*

It's that time of year again! [Preorders for the Christmas Tree Sale are now live here](#); and [volunteer sign ups are live here](#). Volunteers needed **Sunday, November 24th** following service to unload trees! It's going to take all of us to make this year a success, so please sign up, show up, and share with your friends and neighbors!

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## *Transition Team Update*

The Transition Team met together with Rev. Scott Woolridge this past Sunday on November 17th. The Team continues to consider ways to present the congregation with realistic and honest assessments of our past and present while encouraging us to envision new possibilities for our future. Above all, we want all of our decisions to be grounded in our sense of what God is calling us to do.

Ahead of the holiday season, the Transition Team has locked in some dates for our visioning process in the new year. **January 12th** will be the first Transition Team meeting of the year and will consist of visioning training with **Rev. Scott Woolridge**. Following this, toward the end of January, we will host **Rev. Lee**

**February 16th** we will host **Rev. Scott Woolridge** for an in-person visioning retreat.

The Transition Team remains excited for our future and committed to our present. We will be taking a brief hiatus from meeting in the month of December. And as always, the Team is willing and able to answer any questions about our process either via email at [transitionteamfccdeatur@gmail.com](mailto:transitionteamfccdeatur@gmail.com) or in person. Thank you for your continued commitment and support!

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### *Handbell Choir*

The next season of the First Christian Church of Decatur Handbell Choir has begun. Ringers meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM**. If you've always wanted to give music a try, bells are a great way to learn! Give us a ring!

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### *601 Wednesday*

Pastor Daniel will be back next week at **6:01PM**. In the interim, check out [Our YouTube channel here](#) for past meditations!

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**CHALICE  
THRIFT  
STORE**

**OPEN THIS WEEK:**

**Thursday, November 21**  
**Saturday, November 23**

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Sunday Collection	1,825.00
Offsets	325.00
Online Giving :: Week Ending Nov 17	550.00
Other Income ::	
Refund	169.77
Week of Compassion	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,919.77</b>



## Mark Your Calendar

**Sundays** – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:30 AM

**Wed, Nov 20** – Promotion and pinning ceremony of **LT Daniel**

**Brower** to the rank of Captain and Chaplain in the Georgia Army National Guard, **10 AM**

**Wed, Nov 20** – Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM - 3 PM

**Sun, Nov 24** – Christmas Tree Unload, following morning worship

**Sun, Nov 24** – Atlanta Musician's Orchestra concern, Sanctuary, 2PM

**Sun, Nov 24** – Dr. Jack Mitchener, Organ Concern, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, 4 PM

**Thu, Nov 28** – Thanksgiving, Church office **CLOSED**

**Fri, Nov 29** – Christmas Tree Sale Opening Day, 9 AM - 8 PM



## ONLINE GIVING

For those of us who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us, [click this link](#).

You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us a private message if you have any questions. Blessings and peace!



## **First Christian Church of Decatur**

### **Welcome Statement**

*First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation. We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.*

*Inspired and informed by God's love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in healing and helping our community and our world. We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another's differences, and fellowship in the breaking of bread.*

*Actively striving to honor each other's race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly do welcome all.*

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