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"The power that Jesus has, the power that Jesus shares with us, is not meant to conquer and oppress... The power that Jesus has is meant for freedom, and that freedom is for all people."

- Rev. Daniel Brower

Sunday, March 23, 2025



## Science and Spirituality: Is AI stealing our souls?

"Thank you for making this year's Science and Spirituality panel a success! Our conversation was engaging and enlightening and we are grateful to our expert guests who made time to be a part of this year's Science Festival. From left to right: Dr. Edward Queen, Jeremiah Long, Rev. Paul Turner, Rev. Daniel Brower, and Rich Osvath. Until next year!"



## Transition Team Update

The Transition Team met on Sunday, March 23rd in person and via Zoom. We updated each other quickly on possibilities for future guest speakers and presenters as we continue to gather information and consider our options.

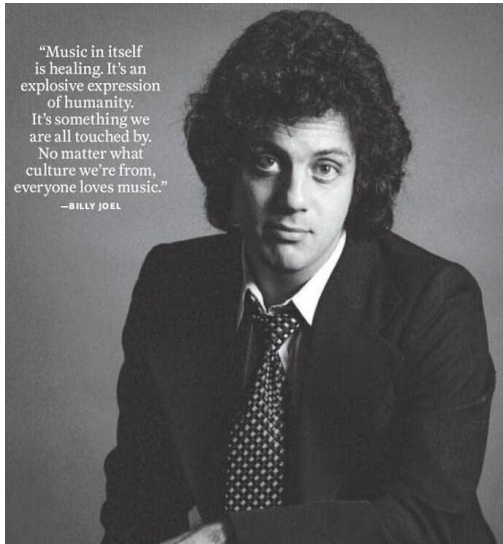
We received three mission statements drafted by our Internal Vision Team and drafted a few of our own in the room. The Internal Vision Team has done amazing work on this and we are grateful. Their work will inform our Future Story and Ministry Plan, which continue to be in development.

The second largest topic of conversation was around our priorities and energy level as a congregation. Our Team is engaged in evaluating our congregation's energy and priorities and we need your help!

Join us to Break Bread Together on Palm Sunday as we discern where our energy should and must be directed in order to envision our best future.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to join us here: <https://>

[us02web.zoom.us/j/87957723150](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87957723150) Thank you!



## Billy Joel Singalong

Our third annual singalong, graciously hosted and performed by Adam Cole and his merry band of musicians and singers, is taking place THIS SATURDAY!

Sing along with Adam and the band as they cover Billy Joel's greatest hits live and loud at beautiful First Christian Church of Decatur. The singalong is free to attend, but donations can be made in appreciation of the band's hard work and dedication to sharing the arts with our community.

Find out more information [here](#) and then join us to jam on Saturday, March 29 at 4:00 pm. See you soon!



## Stress Workshop

You are invited to a workshop on stress management and self care held at First Christian Church of Atlanta on Saturday, April 5 from 10:30 AM to 12:30.

This workshop will be an overview of how we can take better care for ourselves through increased awareness of the processes that lead us to become and stay stressed, or neglecting ourselves in various ways.

Proceeds will go toward the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) and other community outreach programs of First Christian Church of Atlanta. You can find more information and register here: <https://www.firstchristianatlanta.org/Stress-Management-and-Self-care-Workshop>

## Break Bread Together



We are at a critically important time in our community and our world. With many needs, wants, ideas, and distractions tugging at our attention, we must be diligent and faithful with the use of our time and resources.

The Transition Team invites you to Break Bread Together on Palm Sunday, April 13, so that we can discuss and evaluate the priorities of our beloved community as we continue to discern our way forward. RSVPs are welcome but not

necessary. Please plan to bring a dish as well as your thoughts to share. See you soon.



## E-Waste Collection

This year, Earth Day is on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Bring your old computers, tablets, keyboards, mice, cords, peripherals and other e-waste to the Church Office by **Tuesday, April 22**.

This year we're collecting electronic waste for reuse/repurposing/recycling by PCs for People (<https://www.pcsforpeople.org/who-we-are/>), a non-profit organization to which we have periodically donated e-waste.

No CRTs, please! Call the Church Office if you have questions about what can be donated.

**CHALICE  
THRIFT  
STORE**

## Seasonal Changeover

Chalice Thrift is having a seasonal changeover of clothing on Sunday, March 30. Volunteers needed and wanted-just head downstairs after service and lend a hand. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm!

## Income for Week Ending March 23, 2025

Sunday Collection:	\$2,514.00
Offsets:	\$75.00
Online Giving:	\$1,643.75
Week Ending: 3/21/2025	
Week of Compassion	\$100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,332.75</b>



## 601 Wednesday

Join Rev. Daniel tonight for 601 Wednesday!



Past 601 Wednesdays, and Sunday services are [on our YouTube channel](#).

# CHALICE THRIFT STORE

## Chalice Thrift Hours

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**OPEN THIS WEEK:**

**Thursday, March 27**

**Saturday, March 29**

**SEASONAL CHANGEOVER:**

**Sunday, March 30**, following  
worship service



### FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry

This is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. We are currently most in need of **bottled water!**

You can help by donating funds or items to the church; either directly to the box or bringing them to worship on Sunday. If you would like to arrange an Instacart delivery directly to the church office, please let the office know to expect the delivery.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Sundays** – Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:15 am

Sat, Mar 29 – Billy Joel Singalong, Sanctuary, 4:00 pm

Sun, Mar 30 – Chalice Thrift Seasonal Changeover, following worship service

Sun, Apr 13 - Break Bread Together: Palms & Priorities, Fellowship Hall

Wed, Apr 16 - Chancel Choir Practice, 7 PM

Thur, Apr 17 - Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 10:00-3:00

Thur, Apr 17 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM

Fri, Apr 18 - Good Friday Service on the lawn, 7 PM

Sun, Apr 20 - Easter Sunday Worship!

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## Online Giving

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



You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us an email if you have any questions.



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