

Joys and Concerns of Church and Community

- **Bill** and **Sandra Sexson** just returned from their daughter **Kristin's** graduation. She is a Pediatric Cardiologist and is moving to Baylor University in Houston, TX to work at Texas Children's Hospital. They will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 24th.
- **Sandra Sexson** had thyroid surgery on June 20th and is now back home. Now she needs prayers for recovery which will hopefully go well.
- Prayers for **Hank Ferry** has he continues to deal with back issues.
- **Hopkins** and **Judy Kidd** said they enjoyed the lake on Memorial Day.
- **Gigi**, 11 year old needs prayer to recover from ear rupture.
- **Jose** and **Marie Lingongo** request prayer for our family.
- **Glen Jr.** and **Brandy Alsobrook** request traveling mercies for **Elaine** and **Glen Sr.** as they travel to Florida. They also request prayers that the Chi-Rho campers go to sleep quickly after the lights are out; prayers for the counselors and leaders.
- **Wiley** and **Dan'l** pray for traveling mercies for **Heidi**; they ask for God to work with their whole family to make them strong and they are grateful for God's continued presence.
- **Tom Rosenberger** prays for **Randy's** father, in hospice care, to pass without pain.
- **Jackie Tate** is grateful for the safe return of **Joshua** from Camp Christian and traveling mercies for **Jacob, James, Thomas, Brandy** and **Suzette** when they return from Camp Christian on Saturday. She also requests prayers for herself as she starts driving the school bus this summer.
- **Cathy Keeler** requests traveling mercies for her trip to Istanbul and for her return home!
- **Barbara Powell** requests prayer for **Polly Brock**, a member of Shiloh CC, with health issues. Also AOL Bingo friend, **Pat**, having a surgical biopsy on Thursday morning.
- **Millie Linville** requests prayer for **Brad Wallace, Max Linville, John Linville, Hideko Abe, Alan Wallace, Diane Robb**: may God show his grace in their lives; praise to God for my garden and the Creator's hand in growing my veggies.
- **Bridgette Boker** requests prayers for her son **Romaine** who is in the US Army stationed in Afghanistan.
- **A.J. Perrillieux** has begun National Guard boot camp; he will return later this summer for his senior year at Decatur High School. You may send him a supportive note at: **PV2 Perrillieux, Allen J**; BCO. 3-10 Inf Bn, 3rd Plt; 495 Iowa Avenue, Unit 25; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo 65473.
- **Lily Delk** writes, "Thanks for all the prayers and loving concerns. Keep lifting us up." **Lyman** is in rehab at A.G. Rhodes at Wesley Woods, recovering from a recent fall and partial paralysis.
- Friend of **James Brewer-Calvert, Debora Slatten**, in need of prayers for healing and hope.
- **Anita Renahan-White**, as she serves as Pastor in Residence while **James Brewer-Calvert** is directing Chi Rho Camp and later when he is on vacation, also asks for our prayers for her sister-in-law **Tabitha's** family. **Tabitha's** father-in-law passed away recently.
- **Liz** and **Brooke** invite prayers for **Mary Goddard**, a friend going through a time of personal crisis.
- **Daphne Reiley** offers "prayers of thanksgiving for the loving nature of this faithful community." She adds, "My dear friend **Eve Borkenhagen** just sent me the following message. **Brett Levine** is her brother; **Mindi** is **Brett's** wife. **Brett** and **Eve's** grandmother died two weeks ago. **Aunt Bev** is their favorite aunt who was also their Grandma's caregiver,

along with her husband **Chuck**. So, please keep the **Borkenhagen, Levine**, and **Searcy** families in your prayers as they walk together through these compounded times of grief."

- **Russell Broomfield** is back in Emory Midtown Hospital. He has an infection in his catheter and he's waiting to find out what the actual infection is so they can treat it.
- **Julie Bryant** is in a rehabilitation home in Lawrenceville.
- **Elizabeth Cunningham** is in our prayers for healing
- **Evelyn Greer** and **Mary** and **Brian Jobson** are in our thoughts and prayers.
- **Larry Todd** requests prayers for his father, **Cecil**, who is in Unihealth Nursing Home in Fairburn.
- **Amanda Kern** asks for prayers for her mom, **Sandy Kern**, recovering from surgery.
- Traveling mercies for **Yolanda Lewellyn** and **Jeanette Duncan** as they travel north this week to visit family members. Also **James & Betty Brewer-Calvert** and **Katie** as they travel to Alaska, then to New York and then home to Georgia.
- **Julie Fleming** asked for prayers for friend **Matthew Smith-Farrell** who was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor on Tuesday. He has lost his vision and had a seizure, and surgery is planned sometime soon. Please pray for **Matthew**, for his wife **Joanne**, and for their daughter **Alana, Aveleen**, and **Caileigh**.

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 24:	Rev. Anita Renahan-White preaching Balaam Camp June 24 - 28 at Camp Christian
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
1:30 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer Group
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, June 25:	
10 a.m.	Staff Meeting
11 a.m.	Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	Evaluation and Planning
Tuesday, June 26:	
3 p.m.	Cello Lessons
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous/ALANON
Wednesday, June 27:	
12 noon	Bank of America Retirees Luncheon in Social Hall
3 p.m.	Cello Lessons
Friday, June 29:	Pastor Brewer-Calvert on vacation June 29 - July 15
Saturday, June 30:	
1-2 p.m.	Spiritual Growth with Rev. Grenpastures
Sunday, July 1:	Rev. Anita Renahan-White preaching
8:30 a.m.	Awakenings Service in Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:50 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
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Dear Friends: On behalf of First Christian Church of Decatur, I write to thank you for your participation and prayers while worshiping 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.



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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Affirmation of Faith

As members and friends of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.

We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in the covenant of love
which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.