First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Sunday, August 24, 2014  
10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music and Greeting Time  
Sana Short

*Opening Praise
*  Morning Has Broken  
How Majestic Is Your Name  
(Vs. 1 & 3)  
See Monitor

Invocation  
Ray Phillips

Welcome & Announcements
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer  
(Using “Sins” instead of “Trespasses”)

Celebration of The Lord's Supper
*Communion Hymn  
Break Thou the Bread of Life  
(Vs. 1 & 3)  
# 123
*Communion Meditation
*Prayer of the Elder
Communion Interlude  
Calvary’s Love
(All followers of Christ are welcome. Communion cups are together; one with bread and one with the wine. We will partake of the elements together.)

Celebration of His Tithes & Our Offering
Offertory Meditation
Offertory Interlude  
His Grace Is Greater  
# 39
Offertory Prayer

Choir Special  
Creation Will Be At Peace

Message  
Dr. Cameron Douglas
“The Question That Will Change Your Life”  
Matthew 16:13-21

*Invitation Hymn  
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
(Vs. 1, 2, 3)  
# 454

*Benediction

Hymn of Departure  
God Is So Good  
(Vs. 1)  
# 371
Postlude  
I Will Sing of the Mercies

*Denotes Congregation Standing

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- Bill & Martha Cole
- Bill & Martha Fenner
- Connie Shreve
- Lori McNeill and Family (Grandmother in hospital)

**Other:**
- Wayne Albrecht (friend of Diane Douglas)
- Stuart Allen (upcoming surgery); "Grant" (Nancy McNeill’s co-worker)
- Parker Allen (accident/brain injury); Shirley Clark (Diane’s Mother)
- Hilda Coleman (Doris’ Sister in California)
- Mary Frey (Barb Wyle’s mother); Odessa Hughes (Ann Johnson’s mother)
- Vicki Ingram; Rev. Jimmy Steele
- Hal Laney (injured in fall – Nephew of Leah Oakley / Cousin of Debbie Cummings)
- Brad Long (Jeff Pfaffman’s Friend); Jeff Pfaffman & Family
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- Nancy McCulloch (relative of Kenneth & Roberta)
- Bonnie Moore (Doris Steele’s neighbor)
- Teresa Oakley (dental surgery); Eunice Roper (Joel Oakley’s sister)
- Johan Van der Merwe (Pastor, Sanctuary Christian Church - Albany, GA)

**Assistant Living/Homebound:**
- Randy Stroud - Earlene Masterson

**Other Requests:**
- Military  
  - Joe Broadwater  
  - Phillip Denson  
  - Will Eddleman – Kirby Wasson

**Pray for Regional Church:**
- Letohatchee, New Hope
  - Lanett, First

**Serving in the Lord’s House**

**Elders:**
- Bob Smith, Johnny Denison, Marty Adams (Alternate)
- Dana Murphee, Tommy Steele, Jim Sober, Cliff Martens
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**Church Staff**
- Senior Pastor  
  - Dr. Cameron Douglas
- Minister of Music  
  - Ray Phillips
- Youth Director  
  - Lynn Inman
- Accompanist  
  - Sana Short
- Sound Technician  
  - Calvin Hollis

**Ministry Opportunities**
**Sunday, August 24th**
9:15 AM  
Sunday School  
Feasting on the Word:  
Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
10:00 AM  
Coffee Fellowship in Library/Foyer
10:30 AM  
Worship Service
6:00 PM  
Youth  
Happy Birthday Roberta McCulloch

**Monday, August 25th**
Happy Birthday Molly Golembeck

**Tuesday, August 26th**
9:00 AM  
Weight Watchers in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM  
Weight Watchers in Fellowship Hall  
Happy Birthday Laurens Johnson

**Wednesday, August 27th**
6:00 PM  
Youth  
Serving in the Lord’s House

**Saturday, August 30th**
9:00 AM  
Weight Watchers in Fellowship Hall

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Reception

We will have a reception for Pastor Cameron & Diane
Next Sunday, August 31st, in the gym immediately following the morning worship service.
If any questions, please contact Mitzi Walker or Sue Coffey.

Wedding Reception

Please join us in celebrating
The marriage of
Houston Norris & Emily Jackson
At their wedding reception on Sunday, September 7th
2:00 P.M.
First Christian Church
1701 Carridale Street SW
Decatur, AL
Reception will be held in the church’s gymnasium.

Birthday Reception

Ruth Dunn’s 100th Birthday Reception
Saturday, September 6th
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Summerford Nursing Home
North Entrance (“Rehab Entrance”)
In the Conference Room

Matthew 16:13-21
New International Version (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus Predicts His Death

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

“But who do you say that I am?”

Matthew 16:15, NRSV

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