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**WEEKENDS**

Worship Services – Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9:15am and 11am

Birth–5th Grade – Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9:15am and 11am

6th–12th Grade – Sunday from 4:30–6pm

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NIGHT TO SHINE

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MOSAIC CAFÉ

By Lisa Weatherford  
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We serve many guests on weekends who are attending worship services. Do you ever wonder what takes place at Mosaic the other six days of the week? The Café is open for business seven days a week, providing our guests a place to come and enjoy a beverage, a quiet place to study, pray and reflect, to meet with friends and share details of life with one another.

In many ways, the Café is like your own kitchen: a place to gather, to help others feel welcome and loved. A warm beverage, the fragrance of coffee, a listening ear and a smile are, at times, all that is needed to lift one's spirit and demonstrate the love of Jesus.

On occasion, we have the opportunity to provide hospitality to the community outside of the Café's walls. Our staff and volunteers take a variety of the Café's beverages to other locations, serving the staff teams at Crossing Healthcare, Crossing Recovery Center, and Parsons Elementary School. Serving those in our community as they serve others demonstrates the love of Christ, and we are grateful for the chance to serve our brothers and sisters each day – one cup at a time!

**MOSAIC** Mosaic Café is currently seeking a friendly, self-starter to work part-time up to 10 hours per week (Saturdays and Sundays, one day per week, and occasional special events). Barista experience preferred. Submit a resume and cover letter to lweatherford@firstdecat.org.

For centuries, followers of Jesus have given special attention to their relationship with the Lord in the season leading up to Easter.

Beginning March 2/3, we begin a new sermon series

**JESUS IS**

that will guide us this Easter Season.

We'll examine the various names attributed to Jesus throughout Scripture. Together we'll discover the full expression of who Jesus is to be in our lives.

**WATCH SERMONS LIVE!**

We are now live streaming all of our worship services at [firstdecat.org/livestream](http://firstdecat.org/livestream). Also, you can watch messages at [firstdecat.org/sermons](http://firstdecat.org/sermons) or download the First Christian Church app for Apple or Android devices.

SAVE THE DATES

**DHF NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Friday, April 5

Details & registration at [discipleheritage.org](http://discipleheritage.org)

**INTENTIONAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Saturday, April 6

Details & registration at [intentionalchurchconference.com](http://intentionalchurchconference.com)

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Friday, April 19 at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Saturday, April 20 at 3:30pm & 5pm

Sunday, April 21 at 8:30am, 9:45am, and 11am



As Christians, we are called to reflect the attitude and image of Christ to those around us, by ascribing value to people and showing compassion. We see all people as created in the image of our perfect Father, and therefore we value all people.

On Friday, February 8th, 150 volunteers from First Christian Church joined hundreds of other volunteers from around the community to host Decatur's

first ever Night to Shine Prom. The event was hosted by GT Church, in partnership with FCC and Macon Resources Inc.

The purpose of Night to Shine was to create an amazing prom night experience, centered on God's love, for students and adults with special needs. We hosted nearly 250 guests, who came in their best clothing to dance, sing, enjoy a nice dinner, and be honored. At the end of the evening, every guest was crowned king or queen of the prom. There was not a dry eye in the entire building.

This event was an open door to reach our community in a big way by showing people with special needs they are valued by God and the Church. We were blessed by participating.

# CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY

By Robert Henderson | [rhenderson@firstdecat.org](mailto:rhenderson@firstdecat.org)

As a part of First Christian Church's commitment to our community, our Chaplaincy Team has seen its vision to grow and serve together continue to expand within the greater Decatur area. The Chaplaincy Team includes seven PRN chaplains with advanced training, twelve volunteers, and seven students-in-training, serving at Decatur Memorial Hospital and Crossing Healthcare. Last year, we made 16,000 calls at DMH and 8,000 visits at Crossing Healthcare.

Our partnership with Crossing Healthcare has led to First Christian Church also having a presence at the Crossing Recovery Center and the Macon County Jail through the work of our PRN chaplains, Dee Franz and Dee Pulliam. Both of these locations have asked our team to consider a deeper presence because addressing spiritual needs has been profoundly effective.

For Dee Franz, this has involved beginning a spirituality group at Crossing Recovery Center, a special opportunity to address questions of faith and hope for those struggling with addiction issues. As Chaplain Dee Pulliam stated recently about her work in the Macon County Jail, "The women are open and receptive to ministry, often times there are tears . . . and they have expressed appreciation of our presence. One inmate said that her dream is to one day come back in the jail to encourage other women who are going through hard times. She felt I was an example of exactly what she would like to do one day."

You can support the Chaplaincy Team by praying:

- That the Lord continue to bless the ministry & our team members
- For our ministry at DMH, Crossing Healthcare, and the Macon County Jail
- For new opportunities extended to the team: Cancer Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, and the Opioid Center.

The Chaplaincy Team is extremely thankful for the support and partnership of the congregation and staff at First Christian Church.

If you would like to learn more about how you might serve, contact me (Pastor Robert Henderson) at [rhenderson@firstdecat.org](mailto:rhenderson@firstdecat.org).



## MEN'S RETREAT

By Jonathan Grunden  
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Our 3rd annual Men's Retreat is taking place March 29-30, 2019 at Camp Warren. We are going to have a great time, enjoy some awesome food, and of course Grow Together. Dave Campbell is returning to speak and share some things God has been teaching him over the last few months. Dave had this to say about speaking at the Men's Retreat: "As I have looked back over the last couple of years, I can see growth in my own life. I can see how God is moving me from where I was to new places. But I also see a pattern. I can see a roller coaster of spirituality in my life that is full of ups and downs and highs and lows. I have to be honest. All too often I feel much like Peter:

*And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."  
- Mark 14:37-38 (ESV)*

Throughout the last several months, God has turned my eyes and heart toward this up and down cycle. I have spent lots of hours in study and prayer and silent listening, as God is teaching me how to love him with all my heart, soul, and strength. My desire for this weekend is to show you what I am learning, and to ask you to join me on this journey."

**We would love to have you join us at Men's Retreat.  
Details & registration can be found at [firstdecat.org/men](http://firstdecat.org/men)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Small Groups are a great way to grow together by sharing life, pursuing God, and investing in others. The goal of each small group is to help group members become more like Jesus. Groups typically consist of eight-12 adults who meet throughout the week in homes around the community. Register at [firstdecat.org/registrations](http://firstdecat.org/registrations). Questions? Contact Jonathan at [jgrunden@firstdecat.org](mailto:jgrunden@firstdecat.org).

### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

If you're 18-27(-ish), join us for these fun events where you can meet others just like you and enjoy FREE FOOD! Questions? Contact Thomas at [thagan@firstdecat.org](mailto:thagan@firstdecat.org).

- DINNER: Saturday, March 9 after the 5pm worship service in the East Auditorium.
- GAME NIGHT: Friday, March 15 from 6-9pm at Tony and Tina Arseneau's home.
- HOUSE PARTY: Friday, March 22 from 7:30-10:30pm. Contact Thomas for location.

### YOUTH CHOIR

**Begins Sunday, March 3 from 10:25-10:55am**

Youth Choir is for students Kindergarten through high school. We will sing for the Intentional Church Conference on April 6 (9am) and Sunday worship services on April 7 (9:15am and 11am). We will practice Sunday mornings thru March 31. Register at [firstdecat.org/registrations](http://firstdecat.org/registrations). Questions? Contact Stephanie at [scampbell@firstdecat.org](mailto:scampbell@firstdecat.org).

### WEDNESDAY EQUIP CLASSES

**March 6 & 13**

Classes for all ages continue. Details at [firstdecat.org/equip](http://firstdecat.org/equip). Questions? Contact Jonathan at [jgrunden@firstdecat.org](mailto:jgrunden@firstdecat.org).

### RETURN NLPC BABY BOTTLE

**Weekend of March 9/10**

If you took a baby bottle to fill with change for New Life Pregnancy Center, please return it the weekend of March 9/10.

### FIRST STEPS

**Saturday, March 9 at 6:15pm or Sunday, February 10 at 10:30am**

Whether brand new to First Christian Church or just wanting to get plugged in, First Steps is the perfect place to make connections. Discover our mission and the "why" and "how" we grow and serve together. This 20-minute gathering takes place in Room 100. Questions? Contact Morgan at [marseneau@firstdecat.org](mailto:marseneau@firstdecat.org).

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

**Monday, March 18 from 7-8:30pm**

Broken Brogue will return to FCC for another St. Patrick's Day concert. Come enjoy traditional Irish instrumental music, folk songs, and get a drink from the Mosaic Café. Our very own Pastor Thomas is the lead singer of the band and was born in Ireland. Last month, he received his green card! Come celebrate with him as he sings songs from the home land.

### FAMILY FAITH EVENT: THE SALVATION MESSAGE

**Wednesday, March 27 from 6:30-7:30pm**

2nd-5th grade students and their parents are invited to participate in a fun and interactive telling of The Gospel. Each family will receive an activity booklet that includes a prayer of salvation and answers many questions kids have about making Jesus their forever friend. Childcare provided. RSVP by March 20 at [firstdecat.org/registrations](http://firstdecat.org/registrations). Questions? Contact Janie at [jkane@firstdecat.org](mailto:jkane@firstdecat.org).

### BAPTISM

Baptisms will occur during Easter services April 20 and 21. Adults who would like to be baptized should attend a baptism class in Room 201 on April 7 or 14 at 11:00am or April 13 at 5pm. Children and teens who would like to be baptized should contact Family Ministry staff to arrange a pre-baptism meeting prior to April 20.

## PRAYER

We have a team dedicated to praying on the behalf of others' needs. If you or someone you know has a prayer need, please submit it to: [firstdecat.org/prayer](http://firstdecat.org/prayer). The team will pray for submitted needs and even follow up for updates.

## MONTHLY REPORT

*How you have blessed First Christian Church*

### GIVING GRAND TOTAL

Jan 5/6 - \$36,153  
Jan 12/13 - \$19,950  
Jan 19/20 - \$56,291  
Jan 26/27 - \$41,678  
Feb 2/3 - \$58,979

### THRIVE GIVING

Jan 5/6 - \$4,771  
Jan 12/13 - \$1,915  
Jan 19/20 - \$3,870  
Jan 26/27 - \$3,260  
Feb 2/3 - \$3,821

### CELEBRATE 185

Jan 5/6 - \$837  
Jan 12/13 - \$7,540  
Jan 19/20 - \$7,721  
Jan 26/27 - \$246  
Feb 2/3 - \$2,780

### ATTENDANCE

Jan 5/6 - 1,148  
Jan 12/13 - 632  
Jan 19/20 - 1,111  
Jan 26/27 - 1,114  
Feb 2/3 - 1,158

### GIFTS TO FCC

Whether part of our weekend services or throughout the week, contributing your tithes and offerings is an act of worship.

In addition to the weekend in-worship offering, we also offer:

- On-line giving for one-time or recurring contributions at [firstdecat.org/give](http://firstdecat.org/give)
- Text FIRSTDECATUR to 73256. You'll receive a link to securely make your gift.
- Mail your gift to 3350 N MacArthur Rd, Decatur, IL 62526

Thank you for supporting the ministries of First!