

Sandy and Jay White

Each Sunday morning, you'll find him in the pulpit with a Bible in his hand, leading worship as the new pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 3495 Sugarloaf Parkway, in Lawrenceville.

The first worship he led was March 25. On March 18, the 103-year-old church held a brief ceremony to pass a shawl of worship to him from 18-month interim minister the Rev. Landa Harris Simmons. A formal installation will be held later.

The new Lawrenceville pastor and his wife Sandy White have five grown children. Her career is as a hospital nurse.

White previously pastored Hooker Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina. He had a variety of experiences before becoming a pastor 19 years ago. These include five years as a Virginia State Trooper and then climbing the

corporate ladder at Anheuser-Busch.

"I figured there was more to do with life than making beer," he said.

He said he was drawn to the multigenerational makeup of his new church, its progressive theology, its friendly people and its missions. He leads a congregation active in pushing beyond the walls of the church to serve. This includes working with the homeless and others through Family Promise and the SaltLight Center, More Hands for God, the Lawrenceville Food Co-Op, the Lazarus Project, the denomination's Week of Compassion, and regular mission trips to India.

Morphis is new board member of Gwinnett Place CID

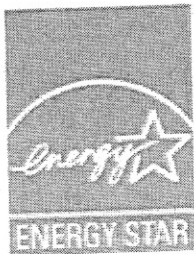
The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) has a new board member. She is Kimberly Morphis, president of LVK Management Corp., a commercial real estate property management company. She specializes in the leasing, management and retail development for shopping centers. Morphis says: "The CID's relentless efforts to provide our business owners, tenants and the public a competitive, secure and attractive district is an integral asset for property owners and their tenants in meeting such successes in today's economy." Morphis will serve as the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners appointee, assuming the post held by Justin Fanning. The next CID board meeting will take place on April 11. During that meeting, district property owners will conduct their board member elections for Posts 1 and 4.



Morphis

Gwinnett Tech program wins Energy Star excellence award

Gwinnett Technical College's Building Operator Certification® (BOC) program was recently named a 2012 Energy Star Award for Excellence winner for its outstanding contributions in consumer education to promote energy-efficient tools. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) for its Building Operator Certification program. Gwinnett Tech is the BOC provider for Georgia.



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