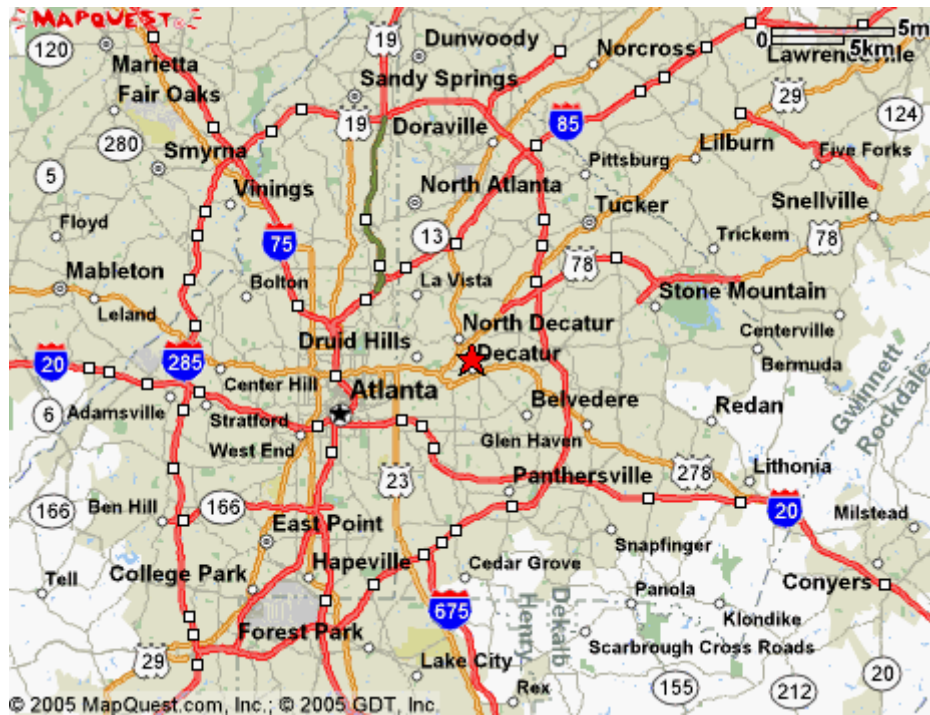


**Driving Guide to
The Community School
at First Baptist Church of Decatur
308 Clairemont Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030**



There are a variety of ways to get to Decatur. This guide provides a description of some of those ways from the major arteries. Please feel free to send corrections or additional details to me to make these directions easier to follow.

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From the North on I-75

Suggestion #1

This is the simplest route. Only works if there's no downtown traffic.

- Take I-75 South to the Connector Southbound.
- When you reach downtown, exit at Freedom Parkway.
- Follow Freedom Parkway about two miles until it ends at Ponce de Leon.
- Turn right (east) on Ponce.
- Follow Ponce several miles (passing Fernbank Museum on your left at Clifton Road).
- Just after going under a railroad bridge, bear to the left onto Scott Boulevard, passing the city of Decatur sign.
- Turn right on Clairmont Road (also Clairemont Avenue). FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

A variant on this is:

- After exiting onto Freedom Parkway, turn right at the first light onto Boulevard.
- After about a half mile, just before going down under a tunnel/bridge, exit to the right. This allows you to then turn left onto Dekalb Avenue.
- Follow Dekalb Avenue for several miles into Decatur, passing MARTA's Inman Park, Candler Park, and East Lake Stations.
- Turn left on Commerce Drive. Follow Commerce for about a half mile into downtown Decatur. After crossing Ponce, turn left onto Clairmont.
- Take an immediate left into FBC Decatur.

Suggestion #2

This route involves more turns, but avoids downtown traffic.

- Take I-75 South to I-85 North.
- From I-85, take the Piedmont Road exit, but stay on the access road north (Buford Highway).
- After passing the return access to I-85, go through one light then turn right at the next light onto Cheshire Bridge Road.
- Cross under I-85, then go through two lights.
- At the third light, turn left onto LaVista Road.
- At the next light, turn right onto Shepherd's Lane (this has speed humps).
- At the end of Shepherd's Lane, turn right onto Briarcliff Road.
- Follow Briarcliff for about a mile until you reach North Decatur Road.
- Turn left onto North Decatur.
- Go a half mile and you'll come to Emory Village. Continue on North Decatur for another mile.
- At a traffic light, turn right on Clairmont Road. Cross Scott Boulevard and FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

Once you turn into the church, park near the entrance to the Activities Building (near the ball field). Enter the Activities Building main door, turn left, pass through the fire doors into the Education Building and find the elevator. The Community School is on the fourth floor.

From GA 400

Suggestion #1

This is the simplest route and may be the fastest if the perimeter is clear.

- Take GA 400 South to I-285 East.
- Follow I-285 several miles past Spaghetti Junction to Exit 39B, Stone Mountain Parkway (West, towards Decatur).
- Get in one of the two left lanes and follow the Parkway until it becomes (briefly) Lawrenceville Highway and then Scott Boulevard..
- Follow Scott Boulevard for several miles, crossing North Decatur Road and Superior Avenue before reaching a traffic light at Clairmont Road.
- Turn left on Clairmont and FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

Suggestion#2

Use this if the perimeter is jammed but downtown is clear.

- Take GA 400 South to I-85 South to the Connector Southbound.
- When you reach downtown, exit at Freedom Parkway.
- Follow Freedom Parkway about two miles until it ends at Ponce de Leon.
- Turn right (east) on Ponce.
- Follow Ponce several miles (passing Fernbank Museum on your left at Clifton Road).
- Just after going under a railroad bridge, bear to the left onto Scott Boulevard, passing the city of Decatur sign.
- Turn right on Clairmont Road (also Clairemont Avenue). FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

A variant on this is:

- After exiting onto Freedom Parkway, turn right at the first light onto Boulevard.
- After about a half mile, just before going down under a tunnel/bridge, exit to the right. This allows you to then turn left onto Dekalb Avenue.
- Follow Dekalb Avenue for several miles into Decatur, passing MARTA's Inman Park, Candler Park, and East Lake Stations.
- Turn left on Commerce Drive. Follow Commerce for about a half mile into downtown Decatur. After crossing Ponce, turn left onto Clairmont.
- Take an immediate left into FBC Decatur.

Suggestion #3

This route involves more turns, but avoids downtown traffic.

- Take GA 400 South to Exit 1, Sidney Marcus Boulevard.
- Exit at Sidney Marcus, turning left at the end of the ramp.
- Turn left at the next light onto Buford Highway. Immediately get into the far right lane.
- Turn right at the next light onto Cheshire Bridge Road.
- Cross under I-85, then go through two lights.
- At the third light, turn left onto LaVista Road.
- At the next light, turn right onto Shepherd's Lane (this has speed humps).

- At the end of Shepherd's Lane, turn right onto Briarcliff Road.
- Follow Briarcliff for about a mile until you reach North Decatur Road.
- Turn left onto North Decatur.
- Go a half mile and you'll come to Emory Village. Continue on North Decatur for another mile.
- At a traffic light, turn right on Clairmont Road. Cross Scott Boulevard and FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

Once you turn into the church, park near the entrance to the Activities Building (near the ball field). Enter the Activities Building main door, turn left, pass through the fire doors into the Education Building and find the elevator. The Community School is on the fourth floor.

From the North on I-85

Suggestion #1

This is a good route if 285 is not jammed up.

- Take I-85 South to Spaghetti Junction. Exit onto I-285 South/East.
- Follow I-285 for several miles to Exit 39B, Stone Mountain Parkway (West, towards Decatur).
- Get in one of the two left lanes and follow the Parkway until it becomes (briefly) Lawrenceville Highway and then Scott Boulevard..
- Follow Scott Boulevard for several miles, crossing North Decatur Road and Superior Avenue before reaching a traffic light at Clairmont Road.
- Turn left on Clairmont and FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

Suggestion #2

Clairmont is sometimes a little susceptible to traffic backups, but this is a good route.

- Take I-85 South to Clairmont Road exit.
- At end of ramp, turn left onto Clairmont Road (south).
- Follow Clairmont for several miles, crossing LaVista Road and North Druid Hills Road, Emory University Clairmont campus (on the right), and North Decatur Road.
- At the next big intersection, cross Scott Boulevard and FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

Once you turn into the church, park near the entrance to the Activities Building (near the ball field). Enter the Activities Building main door, turn left, pass through the fire doors into the Education Building and find the elevator. The Community School is on the fourth floor.

From the South on I-85 or I-75

Suggestion#1

A good route if downtown traffic is not bad.

- Take I-85 or I-75 North until it becomes the Connector.
- When you reach downtown, exit at Freedom Parkway.
- Follow Freedom Parkway about two miles until it ends at Ponce de Leon.
- Turn right (east) on Ponce.
- Follow Ponce several miles (passing Fernbank Museum on your left at Clifton Road).
- Just after going under a railroad bridge, bear to the left onto Scott Boulevard, passing the city of Decatur sign.
- Turn right on Clairmont Road (also Clairemont Avenue). FBC Decatur is about a half mile down on the right.

A variant on this is:

- After exiting onto Freedom Parkway, turn right at the first light onto Boulevard.
- After about a half mile, just before going down under a tunnel/bridge, exit to the right. This allows you to then turn left onto Dekalb Avenue.
- Follow Dekalb Avenue for several miles into Decatur, passing MARTA's Inman Park, Candler Park, and East Lake Stations.
- Turn left on Commerce Drive. Follow Commerce for about a half mile into downtown Decatur. After crossing Ponce, turn left onto Clairmont.
- Take an immediate left into FBC Decatur.

Suggestion #2

Use this if downtown traffic is bad.

- Take I-85 or I-75 North until it becomes the Connector.
- Just after Turner Field, take the Fulton Street exit. Stay to the right.
- Turn right on Fulton Street, cross Capitol Avenue, and drive another half mile or so.
- Turn left onto Hill Street. Drive about a half mile, crossing Memorial Drive and going under a railroad bridge.
- At the light, turn right on Dekalb Avenue.
- Follow Dekalb Avenue for several miles into Decatur, passing MARTA's Inman Park, Candler Park, and East Lake Stations.
- Turn left on Commerce Drive. Follow Commerce for about a half mile into downtown Decatur. After crossing Ponce, turn left onto Clairmont.
- Take an immediate left into FBC Decatur.

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