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You might have noticed a change in the name of this month's newsletter. After the June issue was mailed, we received a letter from "The Christian Chronicle," Inc. This is the international newsletter of the Churches of Christ out of Oklahoma City, OK. The editor and CEO indicated that they owned the copyright and trademark for "The Christian Chronicle" and that we were to stop using it. Some exploration demonstrated the problem. Even though we only send this out to members and special family, it also appears on our website. Upon doing a Google search we found our newsletter listed on page three of the search. Pretty amazing for a church newsletter. Thanks to all our friends who read about our church online.

At first I was offended by the tenor of the letter. After time, though, I realized that it was merely the legalize required of such correspondences. And even though we could retain the name for our mailing list, we would need to change it on the web copy. Therefore, the Christian Chronicle is retiring after more than 19 years and has become the Warner Robins Disciple.

This is not being done merely to comply with copyright and trademark laws. This is being done because it is the way the family of God is to settle disputes and challenges. In chapter 6 of I Corinthians, Paul instructs the church to settle matters among themselves without turning to civil courts. We are brothers and sisters, not complete strangers. We should be able to sit down and talk about problems with grace and compassion.

If you look in the current media, all issues are turned into a rabid attack between parties who are absolutely certain that their way is the only way. No mutual respect is apparent between

parties, no sense of being part of the same family, no sense of hope for solution except the capitulation of one side or the other. We have watched this type of dispute rip through politics as well as churches. This is not to be the way of the church. We are to always listen with the ears of God's grace and seek to discover our commonality; after all we are all part of the Body of Christ. Each part is as essential as any other; no one is more important than another.

At the end of this month, our denomination will gather in Indianapolis for our General Assembly. They have been events of great worship and celebration. They have also been events where tempers came close to tearing apart the Body of Christ known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We may not be watched as closely as some of the large denominations, but we are still watched to see how and if we behave like the Children of God or like everybody else in the world. Will we listen and respect each other, especially when we have differences of opinion? Will we seek to include all voices or just the ones who will agree with the majority? Will our decisions reflect the Jesus who came to serve the sick and needy, not those who were powerful and important?

The heart of our church is the Communion Table. It reminds us that it is the Lord's Table, not ours and therefore God is the host and decides who is welcome. Jesus ate with the outcasts of His world. Respectable people wouldn't be seen with such people, but Jesus sat at the Table with them. The Table represents the willingness to give one's life in love for others, and not just the closest of friends and family. Rather, this gift was given to all of us, especially people we would say were least deserving (like you and me).

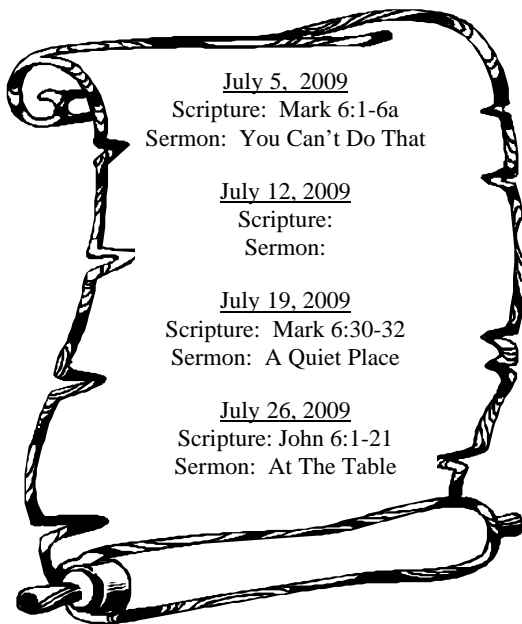
Therefore, may "The Christian Chronicle" continue to experience the blessing of God in their work. May we all listen for the voice of God in ourselves before we demand what we deem to be our "right"; instead, let us make sure that the "rights" of all God's children are not diminished in order that we might have our "rights".

Shalom, Darrell



Feed My Sheep

We gave about 782 pounds of food to the local food pantry so far in 2009. The Food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week.



July 5, 2009

Scripture: Mark 6:1-6a
Sermon: You Can't Do That

July 12, 2009

Scripture:
Sermon:

July 19, 2009

Scripture: Mark 6:30-32
Sermon: A Quiet Place

July 26, 2009

Scripture: John 6:1-21
Sermon: At The Table



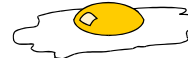
Greg Ladzinske
Grace & Howard Jordan
Irv & Sonia Shaw
Novy & Mary Ellen Foland
Steven, Christina & Baby Jade Baxter

JULY ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in July are: Elders – Lois Crawford and Randy Bickley and Deacons – Beth Bickley, Chris Rogers, Juliet Nolde and Nicole Crofutt.



CMF BREAKFAST

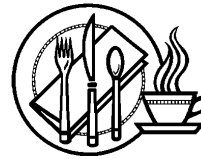


Ten people attended the Men's breakfast on Sat., June 6th. Our next breakfast will be the first Saturday in September.

JULY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 5	Melissa & Angie
July 12	Jo Smith
July 19	Mike Hurlbert
July 26	Ruth Griffith

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS



The Lunch Bunch met on June 10th at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Margaret & Lonnie Hicks, Glenda & Keith Ewert, Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, and Winona Smith. We missed the others who are regular attendees. The next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8th at Ole Times Country Buffet.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

White napkins
Dessert plates
Sugar
409 cleaner



Del & Juanita Von Almen transferred their memberships to our church on June 14th. Del is a retired Disciple Minister and a retired Navy Chaplain. He served churches in West Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. While in the Navy he served most of the time with the Marines. Del held the first Revival (two weeks) for our church in 1957 as the group in Warner Robins started to organize the church. Juanita enjoys reading and working the newspaper crossword puzzles. Juanita and Del have been married for almost 62 years (anniversary is August 10th). They have four children. After living for 30 years in North Georgia they are now making their home in Warner Robins.



CWF GRACE GROUP

CWF Grace Group met on June 18th at 6:00. Ten ladies attended our meeting. After our covered dish meal and business meeting, Mary Jane Rogers did our installation of officers for the coming year. She gave a very interesting account of when CWF began which was in 1874. At this time, the men were upstairs trying to decide how to keep the new church going while the ladies were downstairs actually doing something to help keep it going. Thank you Mary Jane. We will not meet in July and August. Our next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 17th, at 6:00 with our quarterly covered dish meal. All ladies in church are welcome to come and visit or join our group.



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M Group will not be meeting through the summer. Their meetings will resume in September on the 4th Thursday evening. Have fun!



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwasher Soap
- Journals
- Mattress covers (twin size)



Sunday-Thursday, July 12-16, we will have our VBS – Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light. Join us at 6:00 p.m.-8:20 p.m. for a light supper, music, activities, games, stories and crafts. Registration forms are at the church or you can call Juliet Nolde at 478-342-0356. Volunteers who can help with the activities, food, set up, decorations, or financial help will be appreciated. The number of children active in the church is growing and we can't make this a special VBS without you! Please call Juliet Nolde or Gidget Hurlbert, 478-718-4600, if you have any questions or if you would like to help in any way. Donations can be given to the church and marked to go to the VBS Fund. We are looking forward to an exciting VBS 2009.



We would like to thank all of our friends at First Christian Church for all the prayers, cards and kindnesses expressed during this time. It is so good to know that there are so many caring people. We do believe that the prayers of everyone we know have been answered. Greg continues to improve a little each day. God bless you and we love you all.

Leo, Joan & Greg Ladzinske

FUND OF THE MONTH

By: Chris Rogers

THE YOUTH ROOM

If you go to Room 5 and look in the room (you'll be able to recognize it as it has the alien green paint), you'll see that it is very nice looking, but it wasn't always like that. Before it was painted, it had an old pool table, tools, an old organ that no longer worked, and other stuff that was non-usable and before that it was a Sunday School Room. About seven years ago a pool table was put in Room 5 and it was named the Youth Room. The Youth Room became unused and in need of improvements such as couches, new paint, tile for the floors, etc. At the August 2004 board meeting it was suggested that a fund be established to fund the repairs, remodeling, and refurbishment of the room and to use it for the CYF group. It was approved by the board, and was established as a temporary fund until the project was completed. Even though it is improved, the Youth Room still has a long way to go. The youth are in need of supplies, so please donate whatever you can to the Youth Improvement Fund. Thank you.



Heroes at Hand

Our church has begun buying supply items for our service men and women overseas. We have a list of items needed & they are taken to a service point in town where they are shipped overseas. We also have a designated fund to help with the shipping costs. There will be a Hearts to Heroes car wash on Sat., July 25th behind Cheddars. The car wash is to raise money to go for supplies or postage for the items we purchase. There is no charge, only donations. We can support this ministry and get a clean car to boot.

July 2009

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

FCC HAWAIIAN LUAU ALOHA! Mark your calendars for July 19th for our Hawaiian Luau dinner. Come and enjoy the festivities. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirts, flip flops, grass skirts etc. Bring your favorite tropical dishes with pineapple, coconut as well as the old standards. With any luck we may even have some entertainment. Does any one Hula? Limbo? Fire Dance? MAHALO!

			1 <i>Juliet Nolde</i>	2	3 <i>Evelyn Hawkins</i>	4
5 ChiRho/CYF 4:00	6	7 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 <i>Joe & Lisa Lombardo</i>	8 The Lunch Bunch 2:00 <i>Jerri Bosarge</i>	9 <i>Tony Hicks</i> <i>Keith Ewert</i>	10	11 <i>Winona Smith</i>
12 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 VBS 6:00-8:20	13 VBS 6:00-8:20	14 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 <i>Lonnie & Margaret Hicks</i> VBS 6:00-8:20	15 <i>Carl Shaw</i> VBS 6:00-8:20	16 VBS 6:00-8:20	17	18
19 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Luau Dinner 6:00 <i>Fran Rutherford</i> <i>Laurie Cook</i>	20	21 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	22	23	24	25 <i>Wayne Scaggs</i>
26 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 "Feed My Sheep" Sunday	27	28 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	29 <i>Dalton & Dakota Crofutt</i>	30 <i>Corey Gunnin</i>	31	

FAITH IN ACTION

Scott Russell Sanders is a prize-winning essayist and English professor at Indiana University. In his latest book, Writing From the Center (1996), he tells about a prominent builder in a small Ohio town who was asked to join the volunteer fire department. He politely declined. After all, what could he get out of it? His home was brick, wired to code, and fire-resistant.

But one day his house caught fire. The volunteer firemen showed up with the pumper truck. But before turning on the water, they playfully asked the contractor if he still saw no reason to join. Without hesitation, he said he would gladly join right then and there, and the fire was extinguished.

Sanders likes to tell this story because his dad was one of the volunteer firemen that day. He also likes to tell it because of what it says about being part of a community.

“We should not have to wait until our houses are burning before we see the wisdom of facing our local needs by joining in common work....We had better learn how to live well together, or we will live miserable apart.”

Steve Wilson, “Cult of the Individual Weakens Sense of Community,” “The Arizona Republic”, 9/15/96, A2 “Homiletics” July-Sept 97

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