

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship: 11:00am

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What is the reason you come out to First Christian Church? In the August 11 issue of "Christian Century"

Lydie Raschka talks about the practice of her husband who adopted a spot in New York City as his own. She tells that he goes to this spot to sit and read and relax, how he cleans up the area regularly, even though it is not the nicest of locations. She also talks about the little run down church they started to attend and how their commitment and efforts have brought new life to this old church.

What brings you to the corner of Houston Road and Birch Street? Do you see this corner as a special place for you? Do you want to commit your energy and time to seeing it have an impact on the lives of others? Now the challenge is to articulate what brings you to First Christian Church. Write it down, create a story, put it into words that can be shared. This is how we tell our story and attract others to our little corner of Warner Robins.

If you are willing, these stories and reasons can be shared through this newsletter in future months. One of the biggest problems faced by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that in spite of having something truly needed in today's world, very few in the church tell the story. Until we can put the story into our own words and make it personal many people will see it only as a practiced and commercial promotion. Our community needs personal relationships, not generic promotions.

One of the strengths of our church is a sense of family. Family is about relationship, interaction and acceptance. Corporate ads and stories have less impact than personal stories to touch people.

Sit down and start writing out your story, make it as long or as short as you think it needs to be. Then sit back and read it and think about how someone who does not know First Christian would hear this story. The next step is the biggest part of the challenge; starting to tell the story to people you know. Let them know why you go to church, what church does for you, what God has done for you through the church. Make the story come to life in your own life and in this church.

Shalom, *Darrell*



Feed My Sheep

We have given about 230 pounds of food to the local food pantry so far in 2009. The Food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week.



Lonnie Hicks (recovering from hip replacement)

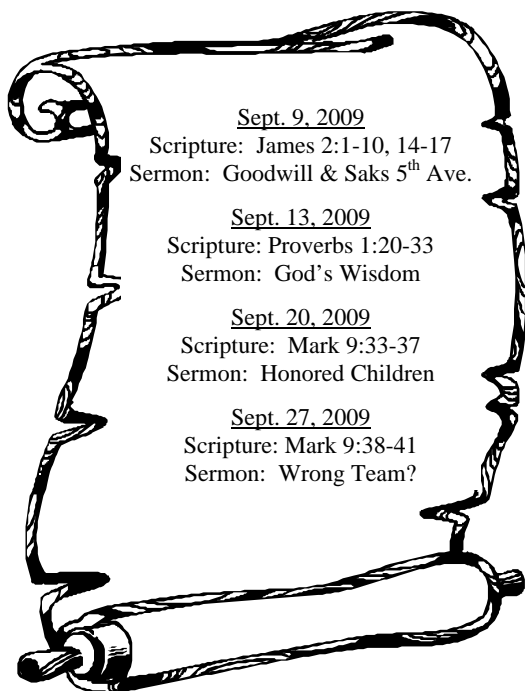
Margaret Hicks (fractured leg & hip replacement)

Family of Grace Jordan

Howard Jordan (health)

Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)

Steven, Christina & Baby Jade Baxter



Sept. 9, 2009

Scripture: James 2:1-10, 14-17
Sermon: Goodwill & Saks 5th Ave.

Sept. 13, 2009

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33
Sermon: God's Wisdom

Sept. 20, 2009

Scripture: Mark 9:33-37
Sermon: Honored Children

Sept. 27, 2009

Scripture: Mark 9:38-41
Sermon: Wrong Team?

attendance were: Winona Smith, Juanita Gunnin, Corey Gunnin, Gavin Edmondson, Keith and Glenda Ewert, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, and David Von Almen. We will meet again on Sept. 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Come on out and join the group.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Paper towels
Toilet Paper
Oblong foam plates
Dessert plates
Sugar
Zip lock bags
16-20 oz. Drink cups

SEPT. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in September are: Elders – Tony Hicks & Scott Nolde and Deacons – Ann Von Almen, Nicole Hicks, Jerri Bosarge & Barbara Hicks.



LAST BLAST OF SUMMER CELEBRATION September 20th

Our fellowship dinner for September will be a Last Blast of Summer Fun Day for children of all ages. We had so much fun last year that we have been asked to do it again. The plans include a cook out with hot dogs & hamburgers. You bring all the side dishes and goodies. We will have a homemade ice cream contest, so bring your favorite family recipe and join us. We plan to have water slides and equipment for the kids to enjoy as well.

The little ones will be helping to raise "funds for fun" in the coming weeks for the cost of the water slides, so please help with donations for a fun day! Lots of other activities are planned, including a Peep the Pastor opportunity that includes marshmallow crème and Peeps! More information to come. Don't miss the fun!

CMF BREAKFAST



Our next breakfast will be the 5th of September at 8:00 a.m.

SEPT. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Sept. 6	Melissa & Angie
Sept. 13	Mike Hurlbert
Sept. 20	Ruth Griffith
Sept. 27	Juliet Nolde

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS



The Lunch Bunch met on August 12th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. We missed several of our regulars and hope they will be back with us soon. Those in

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	2 Choir Practice 7:00 Kody Campbell	3 Tom Milliken	4	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast
6 ChiRho/CYF 4:00	7 LABOR DAY Elizabeth Staub	8 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 Ashlie Scissons	9 Choir Practice 7:00 Lunch Bunch 2:00 Tommy & Joan Marshall	10 Mark Staub Pat Gunnin Imogene Bartoe	11 Bob Fentem Phil & Jerri Bosarge	12
13 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Kristyn Harmon	14 Board Mtg. 7:30	15 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Charlotte Curry	16 Choir Practice 7:00	17 CWF Grace (covered dish at 6:00)	18	19
20 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Fellowship Fun Activities & dinner	21	22 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Charlie Hebenstreit	23 Choir Practice 7:00	24 CWF M&M 7:00	25	26
27 "Feed My Sheep Sunday" ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Tom & Billie Milliken	28	29 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bobby & Laurie Collins	30 Choir Practice 7:00 Betty Poore			

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CWF GRACE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 17th, at 6:00 with our quarterly covered dish meal.



CWF M&M GROUP

The meetings will resume in September on the 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry detergent
 Kitchen Utensils
 Kitchen bowls (various sizes)
 Wash cloths & Bath towels
 Curling irons
 Dishwasher detergent
 Toilet paper
 Kleenex
 Paper towels
 Flat irons
 Household cleaners
 Pillows
 Relaxers (for African American hair)



FUND OF THE MONTH

By: Chris Rogers

COMPUTER FUND

This month, we turn our attention to one word...Technology. Since our church began 52 years ago, technology has certainly come a long way. We've gone from using typewriters and computers taking up whole classrooms, to personal laptops and desktops that take up no more space than a notebook. As technology changes so does the technology available to our church. That is why, back in 1995, another new fund was proposed, and it was The Computer Fund.

The Computer Fund was created to meet the computing needs of the church through the acquisition, maintenance, and upgrade

of hardware and software as well as through services. It was proposed to be a permanent fund and was submitted to the board for approval on July 10, 1995 and was passed.

Thanks to your donated dollars, the Computer Fund really took off. We have new computers and other technology, but more recently, the Computer Fund has not seen much action.

Please put on your checks, "Computer Fund" so we can continue to update the technology of our church.

Tips That Will Bring You A Beautiful Day Enjoy the Ride

- Take a 10-30 minute walk every day and while you walk, smile.
- Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
- When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, "My purpose today is to do _____ today".
- Live with the 3 E's... Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy, and the 3 F's...Faith, Family, Friends.
- Spent more time with people over seventy and under the age of six.
- Dream more while you are awake.
- Try to make at least three people smile each day.
- Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of life that appear and fade away like algebra class, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
- Smile and laugh more. It will keep the energy vampires away.
- Life isn't fair, but it is still good.
- Don't take yourself too seriously. No one else does.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagreements.
More tips continued on back page.

Tips That Will Bring You a Beautiful Day

- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will stay in touch.
- Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- Believe...The best is yet to come.
- No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- Do the right thing.
- Call your family often.
- Forgive everyone for everything.
- However good or bad a situation is; it will change.
- Time will heal almost everything. Give time...time.
- Make peace with the past, so it won't mess up the present.
- Don't compare your life with other's lives. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- Each night before you go to bed, complete the following statement: "I am thankful for_____" and "Today I accomplished _____."
- Remember you are too blessed to be stressed.
- Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass. Make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

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