

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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H1N1, regular flu, pneumonia, terrorists, economic weak-ness, Global warming, etc., etc., etc.

Let's get all the fears on the table at one time. Most of us remember the tale of Chicken Little. As I remember it,

Chicken Little was not the hero of the story; rather he was the nuisance who raised the alarm over things that were not a threat. Granted the list above is serious and not to be ignored. However, as Christians should these things demand our time, energy and fear to the degree they seem to do?

Paul talks in Romans about not fearing the powers and principalities for they cannot deprive us of what is most important, God's Love. Repeatedly, messengers of God are telling individuals and groups to not be afraid. Even Jesus told all who would listen to not be concerned about food and clothing (I think it would be safe to add any of the above list) for God will provide. We are to trust in the power and presence of God in the world and in our lives, especially when crises arise.

We fail in our faith and trust in God when we let the fears of all that could happen prevent us from dealing with the challenges God calls us to take on. The problem with all of these fears is that the focus is on the self. Yes, we can fear these things for other people, but if we are totally honest, it is the fear that it could be us that grabs us. Selfish fear prevents us from loving our neighbors as our self. Selfish fear prevents us from loving God with all that we are and trusting in the absolute Presence that never goes away. God is present in the face of all these terrible things that "might" happen, and when they really do happen.

Yes, there are things of which we should be afraid. But that fear should lead us to trust God and face those fears with God at our side, all around us, and within us. The greatest fear out there is the fear of death; yet we are supposed to have faith that death has been overcome through the Grace and Love of God visible in the life and resurrection of Jesus. Let the fear become the energy that helps us move to assist those who suffer from diseases; let the fear be the motivation to empower others in love and to take the power away from those who only preach hatred; let the fear move us to truly become the good stewards God made us to be to care for all the Creation for which God called us to tend. "May God grant us the courage to change the things which we can, to accept the things we cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference." This also applies to the things we fear.

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.



*Prayer Requests*

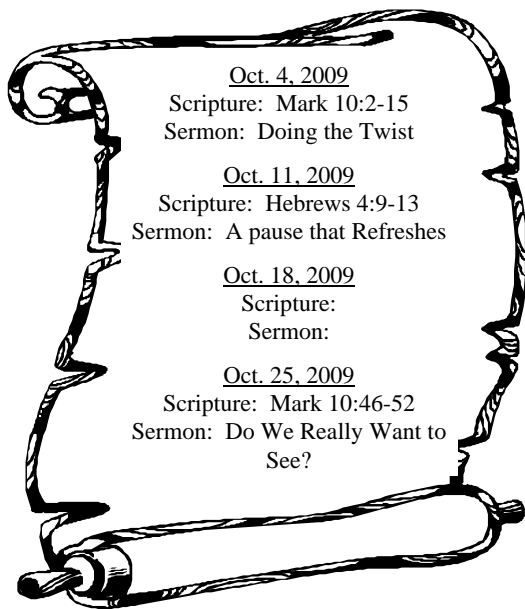
Howard Jordan (health)

Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)

Steven, Christina & Baby Jade Baxter

## OCT. ELDERS & DEACONS

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



Oct. 4, 2009  
 Scripture: Mark 10:2-15  
 Sermon: Doing the Twist

Oct. 11, 2009  
 Scripture: Hebrews 4:9-13  
 Sermon: A pause that Refreshes

Oct. 18, 2009  
 Scripture:  
 Sermon:

Oct. 25, 2009  
 Scripture: Mark 10:46-52  
 Sermon: Do We Really Want to See?

### CMF BREAKFAST



Eleven people attended the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> breakfast. The next meeting will be on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00. This is also the Church Clean Up Day, so please bring your cleaning tools, eat a nourishing breakfast and then help get the inside and outside of our church ready for the winter.

### OCT. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- Oct. 4 Margaret Hicks
- Oct. 11 Ruth Griffith
- Oct. 18 Jo Smith
- Oct. 25 Melissa & Angie

### LUNCH BUNCH NEWS



The Lunch Bunch met on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 attendance were: Curtis Scaggs, Corey Gunnin, Juanita Gunnin, Brenda & Denny McReynolds, and Winona Smith. We will meet again on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Come on out and join the group.



### CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

- 8 oz. Coffee cups
- Toilet Paper
- Oblong foam divided plates
- Multi surface cleaners (409, Clorox spray)



### CWF GRACE GROUP

The CWF Grace Group met on Thurs., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 with our quarterly covered dish meal. After eating some delicious foods, we had our business meeting. Two ladies are going to Retreat. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, after the fellowship dinner, we will have our annual Chinese Auction. David Von Almen will be our auctioneer. If you have never been to a Chinese Auction, you have missed a lot of fun. What you do is wrap a few things that can be new or white elephant items. Wrap them up fancy or in comic paper. An item or two for a child is always good so they can bid on some things just for them. For the kids, please mark the gift "girl" or "boy". You then bid on the gifts not knowing what is in them. Surprise! You may get a very nice gift, or perhaps it is a box of nails, can of sardines, or a video. This is a fundraiser for our group. We hope you will come for a fun filled evening.

On Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale along with a yard sale. More details in next month's newsletter.



### CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M (Mary & Martha) Group has resumed meeting and will continue to meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are welcomed. We gather for fellowship, prayer, & spiritual growth.



### HALLOWEEN PARTY

The 2009 Halloween Party will be on Sunday, Oct. 25. The theme will be Pumpkins and Prayers". We will have our usual fun of supper, games, cake walk, and Smores! Get your costumes ready and look for more information in the coming weeks.

# October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Christopher Von Almen</b>	2 <b>Mike &amp; Gidget Hurlbert</b>	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Church Clean Up Day 9:00
4 ChiRho/CYF 4:00	5 Board Meeting 7:30 <b>Thomas Scissons</b>	6 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	7 Choir Practice 7:00	8	9 CWF Retreat	10 CWF Retreat <b>Scott &amp; Juliet Nolde</b>
11 CWF Retreat ends ChiRho/CYF 4:00	12	13 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00	14 Lunch Bunch 2:00 Choir Practice 7:00 <b>John &amp; Vesta Wilkinson</b>	15 CWF Grace 7:30	16	17 Micah & David's marriage <b>Greg Ladzinske</b>
18 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Fellowship Dinner & CWF Chinese Auction <b>Sylvia Lord</b> <b>Jannet Thompson</b>	19	20 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	21 Choir Practice 7:00	22 CWF M&M 7:00	23	24
25 "Feed My Sheep Sunday" CCF Fall Festival <b>Norbert Duncan</b>	26	27 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	28 Choir Practice 7:00 <b>Ann Von Almen</b>	29	30	31 <b>Curtis Scaggs</b>

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## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry detergent  
Dish detergent  
Plastic glasses – 8 oz.  
Wash cloths & Bath towels  
Plastic silverware  
Dishwasher detergent  
Toilet paper  
Kleenex, small boxes  
Paper towels  
Hand sanitizers  
Household cleaners

## End of Summer Fest

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 was a fun time for everyone. A wonderful worship service with special music started off the hour. Lisa Lombardo on keyboard, Sara Hebenstreit on guitar & Marsha Vandervort singing & playing flute was a great way to begin the prelude. Later, Lisa accompanied Micah Vandervort singing “Ava Maria.”

While all of this was taking place, the grill was fired up to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the Last Blast of Summer picnic. After Sunday service, a picnic of hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings was enjoyed by everyone. Along with the picnic we had inflatables for the children. Children could play in a bounce room with slide and/or a water slide. The Youth also participated in a dunking tank.

After lunch we shared in a wedding shower for Micah Vandervort and David Ham. David and Micah will be married on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sheldon Church Ruins in South Carolina. Micah is the youngest daughter of Marsha and Darrell Vandervort. They received beautiful gifts and well wishes from the congregation. David and Micah were grateful for the love and generosity expressed by the church. The invitation to the wedding, which arrived at the beginning of September can be seen on the Narthex bulletin board.

The event for which many waited and had talked about for weeks came at mid-afternoon; the “Peeping of the Pastor.” As many of you who read this newsletter know, this Spring, the Pastor’s car was covered in Peeps. In a fund raiser for the Christian Children’s Fellowship, people were given a marshmallow cream coated Peep to stick to the preacher. The first

Peep was placed by the bride-to-be. Interestingly, the pastor’s family was particularly enthusiastic in helping with this fund raiser. The opportunity to help rinse the preacher was given to the person who gave the most to the CCF. The gracious giver gave this task to Micah, so she began and finished then “Peeping of the Pastor”. Ask Darrell about the difficulties in removing marshmallow crème.

A big thank you to all who donated funds for the water equipment and food so that our children and church family could enjoy a fun day together. Also thanks to our grill master, Corey Gunnin, for such good dogs & burgers. Thanks to all of those who helped setting up and the big cleanup.



## **An Attractive Weed**

There is an attractive but little-known plant called the feverfew that has fooled a great many people. It resembles the oxeye daisy. Each blossom has a flat, disk like head of yellow or white florets surrounded by one or more rows of flat, white petals. The flowers are lovely and last long after they are picked.

Sometimes persons dig up a few plants to transplant to their own yards or gardens. They are usually quite pleased to find that the new plants thrive and blossom quickly. But the feverfew is a weed. It multiplies until it crowds out all other flowers and plants. Before the property owner realizes what has happened, the weed has taken over and is extremely difficult to eradicate.

Little faults transplanted to our own lives sometimes take hold so firmly that they cannot be wiped out. They end up controlling our lives. A small sin is still a weed, attractive as it may seem.

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