

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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“Sharing brings Joy, to us, to others, to God.” This is the theme for this year’s Week of Compassion special offering. Week of

Compassion is the name the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) use as our part of the greater program called “One Great Hour of Sharing” used by other denominations, (AME Zion, American Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Cumberland Presbyterian, Presbyterian USA, Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ) as their designation for a special offering to aid those who experience disasters worldwide.

Week of Compassion has responded to crisis all over the globe, from major natural disasters to the disasters created by war and political strife. Many of you are familiar with special efforts our congregation made specifically for global disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, the Tsunami in SE Asia, Haiti’s earthquake and many others. But there are smaller less globally newsworthy events that need the help of Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion has been present to assist people affected by droughts, famines, tornados, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, etc, etc. Anytime a disaster has struck, Week of Compassion assesses the needs and works with our churches to assist those in need.

Naturally, the disasters keep coming whether there are any funds available, therefore, even though our focus on this offering is in February, we can contribute to the work of the Week of Compassion at any time of the year. If you would like to see where Week of Compassion has gone and what they have done, go to [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org).

An old Jewish proverb says that when you save the life of one person, you save all of humanity.

No single person in the world is outside the love of God. Help those who help others around the world.

It is easy to become discouraged because disaster work can be so slow and seems to take forever. Work still needs to be done on the Gulf Coast to repair the damage from Katrina. A year has passed since the earthquake in Haiti and people still live in tent cities, and suffer from a hurricane and cholera epidemic. Floods have occurred in Australia, winter storms have damaged homes in the US and Europe, and it is only mid January (as I write this). We do not have to fix all the problems that occur but we do have to do our part. There is joy in knowing that we do good by helping others. Help share the Joy around the world.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Thank you to all who helped make our first effort supporting Heifer International this Christmas. We raised \$1455 which translates to 2 heifers, 2 llamas, honey bees, tree seedlings, and 3 rabbits. Unfortunately there was no option for a partridge in a pear tree, but we did pretty well for our first time. We have given a gift that will continue to help families and villages for years to come.

## YOUTH-A-PALOOZA

On January 7-9, ten youth and two adults represented our church at the annual GA Disciples Youth-a-palooza at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simon Island, GA. This year’s theme was “Turn It Up—Broadcast Your Faith.” Rev. Danny Gulden, from Carmel Christian Church, Carmel, IN, was the keynoter for the CYF, and Rev. Rob Morris, from Ridgela Christian Church, Forth Worth, TX (go Horned

Frogs), keynoted for the Chi Rho. If you visit [www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org), you can find photos and a slide show of the event. Our youth are well represented in the pictures. Everyone had a great time and is already talking about next year. Thanks to all who helped support the effort to raise money for the Youth-a-palooza.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Camp Christian: Summer 2011

CYF: Completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades---June 6-11

YADA: Completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade-30 something---June 11-12

Junior I: Completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades---June 13-17

Chi-Rho: Completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades---June 20-25

Balaam: Completed 11<sup>th</sup> & 12th grade---June 26-30

Chrysalis: Completed 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades---July 18-20

Junior II: Completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades---July 18-22

Genesis: Completed Kindergarten---July 22-24

## FEB. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in Feb. are: Elders: Randy Bickley & Juliet Nolde and Deacons: Gidget Hurlbert, Laurie Cook, Ruth Griffith & Jerri Bosarge.



## LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on Feb. 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Winona Smith and David Von Almen. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on Dec. 8th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.



## CWF GRACE

The CWF Grace Group met on Jan. 20th. Nine ladies attended. After a short business meeting, Winona Smith presented an interesting and thought provoking program entitled "A Full Plate – Women of Strength". Refreshments were served by our hostess Ruth Griffith.

We had 12 ladies at our Christmas meeting at Brenda McReynolds. We all enjoyed a variety of finger foods, and the reading of "The Georgia Night Before Christmas" by Angela Crawford. We brought our Christmas stockings to be delivered to the Safe House for the children & mothers.

## CWF VALENTINE'S DINNER

On Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> the CWF Grace Group will be hosting their annual dinner to celebrate Valentine's Day. This will be right after the church service. The menu will be turkey breast, ham, dressing, sweet potato soufflé, green beans, rolls, assorted salads, cakes, pies, and coffee & tea. There will also be a door prize.

The prices are:

\$6.50 adults

\$15.00 family

\$3.00 children under 12 yr.



## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Breakfast was held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Seven people attended and enjoyed David and Ann's delicious breakfast.

## NURSERY ATTENDENTS

Feb. 6

Feb. 13

Feb. 20

Feb. 27

## HEARTS TO HEROES

If you bring items for Hearts to Heroes, please put them in the Narthex. If the items are for the Safe House, Feed My Sheep or the church pantry, PLEASE label the items and leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!**

**Example:**

**Church Pantry  
Local Food Pantry  
Safe House  
Hearts to Hero**

## Church Pantry Needs

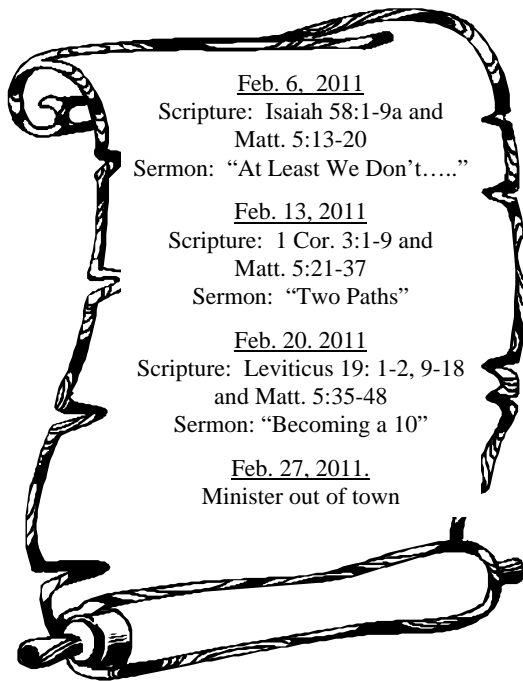
Large divided foam plates  
39 gal. Trash bags  
Paper Towels

## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Paper Towels  
Foil for cooking  
Trash Bags  
Bathroom Tissue

### With Heartfelt Thanks...

To all of you who made Christmas so special for our families at the Safe House, I want to say THANK YOU from the deepest part of my heart. When we returned to work this morning, all we could hear were "thank you's". I was told that our oldest child just sat and looked at all of his presents in awe. This was a Christmas these families will never forget and YOU made this awesome memory for them. BECAUSE OF YOU 22 children and 8 adults were adopted for 2010 Christmas. May God Bless Each and Everyone of you!



### Definition of Love

Love is not practical. It does not measure  
What it sends forth, as though a boundless treasure  
Were it's to share. It knows no special season  
And makes its gifts for no particular reason  
Except that it is love. This is sufficient,  
Love is all-knowing, and it is proficient  
At finding hidden needs and secret sorrows  
And turning cloud banks into bright tomorrows,  
Love does not wait for thank you or for praises,  
It has no need for these, or flowery phrases,  
Love searches out the lonely one, the friendless,  
And give its all, because love's stores are endless.

---Marie Daerr Boehringer

## LAUGH OF THE DAY

### Get Out of the Car!

(This is supposedly a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida)

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.


He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by an elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story? If you're going to have a senior moment, make it memorable.

## Happy Valentine's Day!

# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Ben Campbell</i>	2	3	4	5 <b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b> <i>Mike Hurlbert</i>
6 <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b>	7 <b>Cab. &amp; Board Mtg.</b> <b>6:45 &amp; 7:30</b> <i>Gidget Hurlbert</i>	8 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Theresa Nolde</i>	9 <b>2:00 Lunch Bunch</b> <i>Jessia Hebenstreit</i>	10 <i>George &amp; Betty Poore</i> <i>Leo &amp; Joann Ladzinske</i>	11	12 <i>Terry Harper</i>
13 <b>CWF Grace Valentine Dinner</b> <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b>	14 	15 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Curtis &amp; Nadine Scaggs</i>	16	17 <b>CWF Grace 7:00</b>	18	19 <i>Mary Jane Rogers</i>
20 <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> <b>6:00</b>	21	22 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Tony &amp; Barbara Hicks</i>	23	24	25	26
27 <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b> <i>Brenda McReynolds</i>	28 <i>David &amp; Ann Von Almen</i>					

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## **HUGGING IS...**

- Hugging is healthy! It helps the immune system, cures depression, reduces stress, and induces sleep. It is invigorating, rejuvenating, and has no unpleasant side effects. Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.
- Hugging is all natural! It is organic, naturally sweet, no artificial ingredients, nonpolluting, environmentally friendly, and 100% wholesome.
- Hugging is the ideal gift! Great for any occasion, fun to give and receive, shows you care, comes with its own wrapping and, of course, fully refundable.
- Hugging is practically perfect! No batteries to wear out, inflation-proof, non-fattening, no monthly payments, theft-proof, and non-taxable.
- Hugging is an under utilized resource with magical powers! When we open our hearts and arms, we encourage others to do the same. Think of the people in your life. Are there any words you'd like to say? Are there any hugs you want to share? Are you waiting and hoping someone else will ask first? Please don't wait! Initiate!

**Happy Valentine's Day Every Day!**

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