

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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May, already? Easter is over, Mother's Day, graduations, and Memorial Day lie before us. We will seriously look at plans for summer vacations and trips (probably measured by the price of gasoline).

The long break in the church year is over, or we often think so. This year Pentecost is on June 12th. The church's birthday becomes like the birthday of some of us who try to slide past it without taking notice so we can pretend to be younger or to not make a big deal of getting another year older.

But we are not talking about a birthday that marks the passing years into infirmity and lessening abilities, at least we hope not. The church, while it is a living, functioning Body of Christ in the world, it should be more resilient than you or me. The church should listen to the voices of all generations as they grow in their journeys of faith and thereby resist aging. For the church, the celebration of Pentecost should re-ignite the child-like excitement of an upcoming party, with all the trimmings. Why not fill the sanctuary with red balloons that float in the Divine Ruach (Hebrew for wind and spirit), let the languages of children, often difficult for adults to translate, fill the sanctuary with sound. Celebrate the presence of God and dine at the Table of the Lord. Sing Happy Birthday to the church, and to each of us as we remember the day we were born into the church's life.

Our world could use a place where there is joy and hope. The news is too often grim and depressing as it is. People struggle with the economy, and struggle to maintain their jobs or finding a job, struggle to see a purpose for their own lives. The Sanctuary needs to be that place of fulfillment and joy-filled hope. This

summer our children and youth will be experiencing the camp theme "Got Spirit." It is a question to ask ourselves before we get to Pentecost. Do we see the Spirit of God in the world around us? If not, are we even looking for God in the world? Do we listen when that spirit-filled voice inside each of us speaks, or do we drown out the voice with noisiness? Do we rejoice in the Good News that is the gift of God, or do we think this news is for someone else?

Each of us is loved, each of us is given this Gospel of hope and promise. Open up that package. It is not to be saved for that special rainy day need. Open it every day and put it on, and taste it, and share it with other people. IT IS HERE FOR YOU!!!!!!!

Now, when Pentecost arrives you can join in the celebration. The concerns about whether to vacation or stay-cation, can be set aside for a time along with all the other worries and concerns that fill your life. The Gospel is an easy burden and its load is light. Rejoice in this gift again, like Paul, I say rejoice.

Shalom, *Darrell*

MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

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



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on April 13th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those present were, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Winona Smith, and Juanita Gunnin. Those who usually attend were really missed and we hope you can be with us next month. We will meet on May 11th at 2:00 p.m.

CWF GRACE

The CWF Grace Group met on April 14th. Six ladies were present. Our program "Preparing Ourselves for Easter" was given by Winona Smith. She read several short articles from the Lenten book, **Fellowship of Prayers**, by Fred Craddock. Our hostesses were Lois and Angela Crawford. Our next meeting will be on June 16th. This will be a covered dish meal and also our installation of officers for the coming year.

MAY SCRIPTURE & SERMONS



CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Breakfast was held on Sat., April 9th. We had 17 in attendance & we all enjoyed a nice breakfast. After the meal several stayed to help with some spring cleaning at the church. The main focus of the day was the church yard. The grass was mowed, the shrubs trimmed, and the flower beds cleaned.

Randy was seen on the sanctuary roof replacing some missing shingles, which were blown off during recent storms.

Other areas of the church that received spring cleaning were the kitchen, some of the Sunday School rooms and the sanctuary. Several

stained and damaged ceiling tiles were also replaced in the sanctuary and the baptistry was cleaned and filled.

The property committee would like to thank all of those hardy members that stayed for the morning to get the work done, especially our two smallest helpers – Carter and Theresa Nolde.

MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 1	Mike Hurlbert
May 8	Jessica & Angie
May 15	
May 22	Mike Hurlbert
May 29	Jessica & Angie

Our Church Pantry Needs

Paper towels
Toilet Tissue
Large Divided plates
Dessert plates
Coffee (regular)
8 oz. Coffee cups
Creamer
Sugar
All Purpose spray cleaner
Toilet cleaner
39 gallon trash bags
13 gallon trash bags

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Dishwasher Liquid
Dishwashing Detergent
Mattress covers, twin size
Cleaning Supplies
Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue
Flash lights & batteries
Alarm Clocks

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Pam Palmer transferred her membership on Palm Sunday. She was born in Schenectady, NY; lived in six other places before moving to Kathleen, GA. She graduated with a BS in Human Resources from the University of Cincinnati and is currently working as a substitute teacher in Houston County Schools, in all grade levels, but most often HOCO at present time. She just finished working as a quality control Field Operations Supervisor and Crew Leader for the 2010 Census, with territories covering 1/3 of all of Georgia.

She was baptized into the Forest Park Christian Church (Disciples), Forest Park, OH; married at Mt. Healthy Christian Church, OH and was a member of Disciples Christian Church in Hamilton, Ohio.

She is married to David who is an Environmental Engineer and Manager at Robins AFB for the DOD (Centre College, KY, BS Chemistry). They have three sons, Andrew, 21 years old, is attending college at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University for Aviation; a soccer ref for 9 years; played soccer for Morehouse College; prior USA AAU athlete competing in Japan for karate; Eagle Scout. His goal is to be a US Naval Aviator.

Matthew, 19 years old, is working in Warner Robins; prior soccer ref for 7 years; played select and school soccer; Eagle Scout. He is currently reviewing career options and looking for a better job.

Sean was baptized at First Christian Church, Warner Robins on April 10th. He was born in Montgomery, OH, and lived in West Chester, OH, moved to Rochester Hills, MI and then to Georgia. He is 14 years old, is an Eagle Scout and is an A student in the Honors Program in the 8th grade at Mossy Creek Middle School; favorite subject is math and is considering attending Clemson for engineering and soccer. He was on the MCMS Academic Team for competitions for two years; played Football, ran Track and (his favorite) Soccer for MCMS. He is also center mid for his CGSA U14 Classic II Select Team.

Sean's hobbies are soccer, other sports, video games, scouts, camping, canoeing, shooting weapons of all sorts, climbing, rappelling, caving, most outdoor fun stuff and hanging out with friends.

Pam's hobbies are BSA Merit Badge counselor, Committee Member, School volunteer, volunteer at Central Georgia Soccer Association, where her husband, Dave, is President of the Board. Her spare time hobbies are reading, counted cross stitch, geocaching, design and other stuff when she has time.

“ONLY A MOTHER KNOWS”

How many cares does a mother's heart know –
How many joys does a mother bestow?
How many heartwarming things has she said-
How many tears has she secretly shed?
How many smiles has she given away –
How many kindnesses, day after day?
How many prayers has she prayed for another?
Nobody really knows – except a mother!

Happy Mother's Day

Biblical Humor to Start the Day

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? **Ruthless**
What do they call pastors in Germany? **German Shepherds**
Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? **Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a Little prophet.**
Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? **Samson. He brought the house down.**
What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? **Your mother ate us out of house and home.**
Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible? **Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.**
Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? **Because Noah was standing on the deck.**
Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? **Yup, it's in the Bible. It says..."Hebrews".**

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, visits, cards and food. The food really helped out. My nurse says I am progressing nicely. It just takes awhile.

God Bless and with love, *Margaret & Lonnie Hicks*

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	2 Board Meeting 7:30	3 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	4	5	6	7 8:00 Men's Breakfast <i>Sarah Cook</i>
8 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Ruth Griffith</i>	9	10 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Janice Fentem</i>	11 2:00 Lunch Bunch Ole' Times Buffe <i>Nadine Scaggs</i>	12	13	14
15 Fellowship Dinner 6:00	16 <i>Tyler Hurlbert</i>	17 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	18	19 CWF Grace 7:00	20	21
22 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	23 <i>Beth Bickley</i>	24 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	25	26	27	28
29 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 "Feed My Sheep"	30 <i>Greg Holmes</i>	31 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00				

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“God’s Embroidery”

When I was little, my mother used to sew a great deal. I would sit at her knee and look up from the floor and ask what she was doing. She informed me that she was embroidering.

As from the underside, I watched her work within the boundaries of the little round hoop that she held in her hand. I complained to her that it sure looked messy from where I sat.

She would smile at me, look down and gently say, “Son, you go about your playing for a while, and when I am finished with my embroidering, I will put you on my knee and let you see it from my side.”

This I did, only to be surprised and thrilled to see a beautiful flower, or a sunset. I could not believe it, because from underneath it looked so messy.

Then Mother would say to me, “My son, from underneath it did look messy and jumbled, but you did not realize that there was a plan on the top. It was a design. I was only following it. Now look at it from my side and you will see what I was doing.”

Many times through the years I have looked up to Heaven and said, “Father, what are You doing?”

He has answered, “I am embroidering your life.”

I say, “But it looks like a mess to me. It seems so jumbled. The threads seem so dark. Why can’t they all be bright?”

The Father seems to tell me, “My child, you go about your business of doing My business, and one day I will bring you to Heaven and put you on My knee and you will see the plan from My side.

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