

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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After what seems to have been years, the Fellowship Hall is nearly ready to be used. We sacrificed some storage space for a room large enough to hold everyone for events like our Homecoming, and other large gatherings. Our kitchen can hold more than three people without being crowded and it is possible to wash dishes and still get to the sink for water as there are now two sinks. We have two refrigerators in the kitchen as well as a stove with an oven and a double oven. Food can be kept cold, reheated or cooked all at the same time.

No more trying to find counter space to prepare plates of food, counters run around all four walls, plus the new pass through window to the fellowship hall saves having to run into each other coming and going from the kitchen. There are also two large windows over each sink to let in light and when the kitchen gets too hot, the windows open can be opened.

New flooring in the main room looks fantastic and will be easy to clean. New lighting will allow us to have a brightly lit space for events. Everything looks clean and nice. New chairs and tables will allow us to be creative in seating arrangements so as to provide for greater fellowship and better function for meetings.

We owe a large thanks to the work of the 2010 team for developing the plan for the renovation and overseeing the design and work. Take time to thank David Von Almen, Denny McReynolds, Charlie Hebenstreit, Mike & Gidget Hurlbert and all the people who helped with color selection and design details. They have done very well!!

Now at about this point, most people would anticipate some sort of statement about the need to keep this facility in pristine order for years to come. This is the first renovation done

on this building since it ceased to be the sanctuary for this congregation. We should care for it with regular cleaning and service, but I hope that we wear it out from repeated use through our fellowship events, programs, and special gatherings as a congregation. I also hope that we can add to the wear by continuing to allow outside groups to use this space for meetings.

The Fellowship Hall is one of the first places that many people will encounter our church family. We need to treat it as God's kitchen and dining room, but also remember that according to the Bible, God wants us to welcome ALL into God's spaces. We have a place to welcome and feel and fellowship and share the unique character of this congregation. We have a space that truly reflects our understanding of identity of "Come and Be Embraced."

May this space be a place for feeding, for fellowship, for growing families, for service, and for welcoming others in God's name for decades to come. May this space be a blessing to all who enter and find the love and presence of God.

Shalom, *Darrell*

OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in October are: Elders: Charlie and Sara Hebenstreit and Deacons: Kyle McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds, Jessica Hebenstreit, and Ethan Thompson.

OCTOBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 2	Juliet Nolde
October 9	Gidget Hurlbert
October 16	Mike Hurlbert
October 23	Gidget Hurlbert
October 30	Juliet Nolde

THE LIGHT AT THE END

As of this writing we are at the end of our remodeling and at the beginning of a new era in the life of First Christian Church of Warner Robins. It has only been 90 days since work began and it seems to have moved along quite rapidly, at least to me. I have been there almost every day during the project. Ann and I have taken many pictures of the progress, which we will have running as a slide show when we have our "Rededication Celebration" early in October.

Last Wednesday (September 14th) Denny McReynolds and I did the final walk through with the contractor. We found a couple of small items that needed to be addressed and the workers were there on Thursday morning getting right to work on them. The inspectors have to come next, but everything should pass with flying colors.

Wednesday, September 14th also saw the arrival of the new tables and chairs. We ordered 20 new six foot plastic tables and 120 new folding chairs. They are all in storage waiting for the go ahead to move them into the new Fellowship Hall. These new tables and chairs are only for use in the fellowship hall. They are not to be borrowed for yard sales or family cookouts. We are keeping the old tables for those projects. So, if you need to borrow any tables from the church, notify the property chairman and he/she will make sure you get the tables you need.

The facilities committee is having a couple of workdays to get the outside painting done and also to move things back into the kitchen. We look forward to seeing many of you there to help with this wonderful project.

I only hope that most of you have had the chance to visit the fellowship hall during the renovations to see first hand how nice it is beginning to look. Our new kitchen looks state of the art and when you stand in the kitchen I hope you will have the same feelings.

To me, the changes in our fellowship hall are amazing. The new doors, lights, and ceiling fans add a look of elegance to the room. We can all be proud of the work we have done to make this project a reality.

As soon as we get the final closing on the renovation, we will be issuing new keys to the fellowship hall to those that need them. Please contact me, David Von Almen, to sign up to get your key.

With the ending of the remodeling project let us all remember to pray for the church as we add a new cycle to ministry in the Warner Robins community.

Thank you from the members of the facilities committee.

David Von Almen
Denny McReynolds
Charlie Hebenstreit
Gidget Hurlbert
Mike Hurlbert

OCTOBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



BIG AL'S DINER

On Sunday, October 30th, the Chi Rho/CYF would like to invite you to the reopening of **Big Al's Diner** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a Fifties flavor with burgers and BBQ and a little extra for All Hallows Eve. It will be a rocking good time. The proceeds will help cover the expenses for the youth's attendance at the 2012 Youth-a-palooza at Epworth-by-the-Sea on Jan. 6-8th. Come and have some fun.

CWF GRACE GROUP

We resumed our meetings after a summer break on Sept. 15th. Eight ladies attended and enjoyed a Covered Dish Meal. Following our business meeting Winona Smith lead us in the Worship/Study program. The lesson was titled "Greatly Honored Are the Poor" taken from **Confessing the Beatitudes**. Brenda and Dawn McReynolds will be attending Retreat from our church. They took a check for our blessing boxes and 70 pillowcases for the children in Eggleston/Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta. Our next meeting will be on October 20th at 7:30. All ladies in church are welcome to join us.

CWF GRACE YARD SALE, BAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS BAZAAR COMING SOON!

On Saturday, November 5th, we will have our annual yard sale, bake sale and Christmas Boutique. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in our NEW Fellowship Hall. Donations for the yard sale are welcome. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall between October 30th **(after Big Al's Diner money maker is finished)** and Wednesday, November 2nd. This deadline will give us time to get everything marked before Nov. 5th. Hope to see you then!

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch group met at Ole Times Buffet on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. It was a small group this time. Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Juanita Gunnin and Winona Smith were the only ones to enjoy the food and fellowship. Hopefully, there will be more attending at the next meeting.

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Dishwasher Detergent
Cleaning Supplies
Bathroom Tissue
Paper Towels

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

During the time of the fellowship hall renovation, please bring your Hearts to Heroes, Food Pantry items, and Safe House items to the Narthex. **Please label your bags** so they will be taken to the appropriate places. **At this time the Food Pantry is in dire need of nonperishable food items. Please help if you can.**

TEN STEPS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

Begin the day in a calm and cheerful mood; say: "This is going to be a good day. I will be calm and cheerful today."

Try smiling at others. A smile is contagious and you will feel better as others smile at you.

Count your blessings—list them one by one. Did you ever realize the real wealth you have?

Enjoy this day with beautiful thoughts and pleasant memories. Live life one day at a time. Be adventurous. Try walking, and see new neighborhoods, new buildings, parks, and new scenery.

Give a friend a phone call or write a letter. Tell him (or her) you were thinking about him (or her) & encourage him (or her). Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.

Be a happy person. See the bright side of life. Having a cheerful loving attitude lends itself to your best health.

Do a good deed, or give something beneficial to a loved one.

Give of yourself. Offer your services to a hospital, to a church to help people. The law of giving will reward you tenfold.

Do the best you can each day. You are really living when you are useful and constructive.

From "Good Reading"

October 2011

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 Christopher Von Almen
2 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Mike & Gidget Hurlbert	3 Board Meeting 7:30	4 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	5 Thomas Scissons	6	7	8
9 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Steven Kidd	10 Scott & Juliet Nolde	11 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	12 2:00 Lunch Bunch Ole' Times Buffet	13	14	15
16 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	17 Greg Ladzinske	18 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Jannet Thompson	19	20 CWF Grace 7:00 P.M.	21	22 8:00 A.M. CMF BREAKFAST (Oct. & Nov.)
23 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	24	25 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Norbert Duncan	26	27	28 Ann Vol Almen	29 Angie Hebenstreit
30 BIG AL'S DINER	31 Curtis Scaggs	CWF GRACE YARD SALE, BAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS BAZAAR COMING SOON! SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH IN OUR NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL 8:00 - 2:00				

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HOW TO BE HAPPY

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend time with the aged (experience is priceless)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it is life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work... (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you will live forever (you will).
10. Live as though you will die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).

Taken from Our Daily Bread

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