

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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During my first Thanksgiving with Marsha and her family in Maysville, KY in 1979, I ate my first and last of oyster dressing. It is similar to a lot of traditional dressings one has at Thanksgiving, but it was not part of my experience growing up. It was wonderful. It was my last taste because before the next Thanksgiving I had discovered my severe allergy to shellfish. When the whole family gathers, there is still oyster dressing, but I eat the regular dressing.

We all encounter differences in the food that is "traditional" in one family and completely different in another. Change means tasting new dishes, and experiencing new ways to give thanks. It can become a real blessing to allow for our traditions to grow and change.

This November, we will celebrate our church family's Thanksgiving fellowship dinner in our remodeled Fellowship Hall. This will be our first regularly scheduled fellowship time in the renewed facility, and will be a time of remembering and giving thanks.

This November there will be many families in Warner Robins, who may get little for their Thanksgiving dinners. There are many in Warner Robins who will be hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Hunger is a major problem, not only in places like Africa and Asia, but also in our neighborhoods, in our backyards, or across our streets. We need to give Thanks for our blessings, but we also need to be a blessing to others!

Therefore, this Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner will be a different "tradition." We need to remember to be thankful for all of the gifts God has provided, even the simple gifts. The dinner this November will be a soup and corn bread meal. Beth Bickley and Ann Von Almen will be sharing information on how you can help with

the meal and what to bring. But there is something we should all bring, food for others!

During the month of November, bring in canned goods, bring in the fixings for your favorite dish, bring in your "traditional" Thanksgiving foods and we will get it to the food pantries in town. A basket will be in front of the Communion table for the month, and it will be brought down to the Fellowship Hall on the night of the dinner. We can give thanks for all that our church family does to help each other in our church, community and beyond. We can also celebrate the opportunity to make sure that other families will have something for which to give thanks.

It will be different. Rather than stuffing ourselves with turkey and dressing on a Sunday night, we will give thanks for different soups and corn bread and fixings. We will rejoice that we are blessed and that we can be a blessing to others. Make plans to attend the Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner and start sharing the thankfulness.

Shalom, *Darrell*

NOVEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in November are: Elders - Randy Bickley and Juliet Nolde and Deacons - Jerri Bosarge, Gidget Hulbert, Laurie Cook and Ruth Griffith .

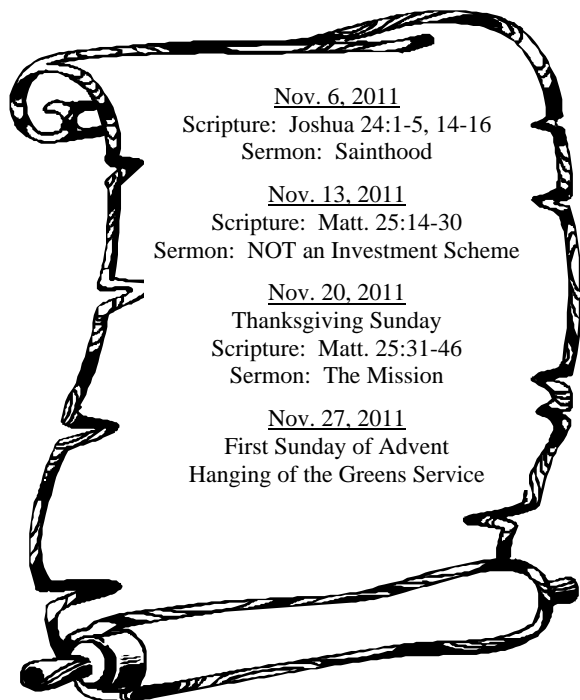
Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

NOV. NURSERY SCHEDULE

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Jessica & Angie
Mike Hurlbert
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NOVEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



Nov. 6, 2011

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-5, 14-16
Sermon: Sainthood

Nov. 13, 2011

Scripture: Matt. 25:14-30
Sermon: NOT an Investment Scheme

Nov. 20, 2011

Thanksgiving Sunday
Scripture: Matt. 25:31-46
Sermon: The Mission

Nov. 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens Service

CMF BREAKFAST

Breakfast with a side of Work Day

Our fall work day began with breakfast at 8:00 with 16 in attendance. As far as the work day, thanks to Denny McReynolds, Scott Nolde, Mike Hurlbert and Randy Bickley for their hard work scraping, priming and painting the outside of the fellowship hall. Curtis and Nadine Scaggs freshened up the Children's Church room and shampooed the carpet. Beth Bickley worked steadily getting the fellowship hall ready for the rededication event. Juliet, Carter and Theresa Nolde worked on cleaning up several areas around the church. Sharon-Kay Duncan worked in the CWF storage building getting things ready for the upcoming bazaar/yard sale and trimming the dogwood trees. Later in the day David Von Almen and Randy Bickley did some cleaning up of the yard. Thanks to everyone who helped with the clean-up day. Let's remember to keep the areas clean.

CWF GRACE GROUP

We met on Oct. 20th. Ten ladies attended. After our business meeting Brenda and Dawn McReynolds shared their experiences at

Retreat. Brenda will be the secretary for the regional women's commission for the next two years. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 17th 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 Bazaar. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall. Donations for the yard sale are welcome. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall between October 30th (**after Big Al's Diner is finished**) and Wednesday, November 2nd. This deadline will give us time to get everything marked before Nov. 5th. Hope to see you then! Remember there will be lots of freshly baked items too.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch group met at Ole Times Buffet on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. It was a small group again. Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Juanita and Corey 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

Now that our fellowship hall is finished, you may take your Safe House, Hearts to Heroes and Food pantry items to the fellowship hall and put them in the designated boxes near the door to the parking lot.

HEARTS TO HEROES

The mission of Hearts to Heroes is to provide care packages to our deployed military troops

stationed overseas. This is made possible by the donation of monies and items from those individuals and groups that support our military members. Hearts to Heroes became a Nonprofit 501©((3) Public Charity on April 23, 2010. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. Hearts to Heroes ships care packages year round to all branches of the service. From Jan. 2007 through Sept. 23, 2011, 1,073 packages were shipped with the shipping costs totaling \$24,000.

Hearts to Heroes is also involved in a program called Guitars for the Troops. The donated guitars are received and repaired by several men from Quality Hand Built Guitars in Perry, GA. Once Hearts to Heroes has received the repaired guitars, they are then shipped to our deployed troops. If you should have a guitar you would like to donate, contact Eddie Icard at 478-922-9835.

Fridays have been set aside as Hearts to Heroes Days. Plan to wear a red shirt on Fridays to show that you support our troops overseas. A red Hearts to Heroes tee shirt can be purchased by contacting Myra Foskey at 478-230-0663 or by email at myra_foskey@yahoo.com. She can give you more specifics about the shirts and other Hearts to Heroes items you can purchase.

A list of needed items for the care packages is on the Hearts to Heroes table in the Narthex. If you need a list to carry with you, Sharon Kay has some extra ones with her on Sunday. There is a container in the fellowship hall where you may put your purchased items. Jerri Bosarge, who is our liaison with Hearts to Heroes, will then take the items to the pick up point in Warner Robins. If you wish to make a donation, make the check out to Hearts to Heroes and mail to Myra Foskey, PO Box 711, Cochran, GA 31014.

If you know of someone who is deployed, and is in need of certain items, give Myra Foskey the name, APO/FPO address and what items they may need. Hearts to Heroes will be glad to ship him or her a care package.

The website for **Hearts to Heroes** is:
www.heartstoheroesinc.org.

God Bless America and God Bless Our Troops

OUR CHRISTMAS PROJECT

One year ago we shifted from doing the "Shoebox Christmas" to trying to help others with greater impact through Heifer International. Last year we sent a collection of heifers, llamas, bees, rabbits, and trees. It was great! The only problem that came up was several of the children wanted to see the animals in church before they were sent. That is a nice problem.

This year we have another chance to provide food and income for families around the world that will be passed on to others in the communities in which these gifts go. Families that receive a gift of animals from Heifer International promise to pass on the female livestock to other members of their community so that one gift "will be fruitful and multiply" to become many gifts.

A poster is hanging in the entry to the sanctuary to let you know about Heifer International and what gifts can be given. You can also go to www.heifer.org and learn more. Make a gift to the Heifer fund. Give the gift in someone's name. Buy a critter that will be a blessing to a family somewhere in the world. Have fun telling others that you bought a cow, or a llama, or even a water buffalo for Christmas. Enjoy the expressions of friends and family when you give them the news.


Think of it this way; you won't have to wrap it, assemble it, buy batteries for it, or clean up after it. But you will provide years of joy to an entire family, and it will extend into the entire community.

Shalom, *Darrell*

We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness. Yet they prayed with thanksgiving.

Ralph E. Wilson

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Randy Bickley Darrell Vandervort				CWF YARD SALE, BAKE SALE, XMAS BAZAAR 8:00-2:00
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Lois Crawford	Board Meeting 7:30	Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Kris Campbell John & Mary Ann Glover	2:00 Lunch Bunch Ole' Times Buffet Levi Cook		Lonnie Hicks, Jr	
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Joan Marshall	Ethan Thompson	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Judy Cooper		CWF Grace 7:00 P.M. Scott Nolde	Tommy Marshall	
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Kyle Campbell Fellowship Dinner		8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Chuck & Angie Hebenstreit				Savanna Scissons
"Feed My Sheep" Sunday		8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00				

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks that you have known anger, for now you see the fear in others and can be gentle in your counsel.

Give thanks that you have known fear, for now you can see it as the illusion that feeds your ego.

Give thanks for your ego, for now you understand how vulnerable it makes you.

Give thanks for your vulnerability, for now you recognize courage when you see it.

Give thanks that you thought you had the courage to change the world but saw it is you who must change.

Give thanks for the changes that you have endured, for now you can embrace any hardships as they arise.

Give thanks for the hardships that you have chosen to endure, for these have ignited your compassion for others.

But most of all, give thanks for your life, for you shine in the eyes of your creator as the perfect vision of unconditional love and everything is perfect, always has been and always will be in this world without end.

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