

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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During March we journey through the season of Lent, a time of self-examination and preparation for the wonder of Easter. Usually we talk about giving up something for the period. We try to focus upon walking closer to God and improving our understanding of what it means to live as a Christian. Unfortunately, our focus tends to be directed only upon our inner self. What would happen if we began to look upon how we live our lives in relationship with others? Who might we meet?

Maybe we would meet the man who thought the only way he could have control over others was by taking advantage of them. He needed to climb down out of the tree to find true control. How about the woman so desperate to be loved that she jumped from empty relationship to empty relationship. She needed to offer water to a stranger from another religion to find real love. Or maybe we will find the foreign woman in a foreign land daring to confront national prejudice to ask for justice for her children and because she set aside her fear she found true justice. What about the man rejected by his community and was so disturbed that he lived in a cemetery and found wholeness in the approach of a complete stranger, who spoke to him and touched him.

There may also be the political leader who knows all about wielding power, yet finds he has no power when his daughter dies. The woman who has reached nearly the end of hope fighting a lifelong disease risks one more chance in a leap of faith. Maybe we run into grieving travelers who lost all their hope and then discover that hope never dies.

All of these people can be found in the ministry of Jesus recorded in the gospels. But then we might also run into them in the reflection we encounter in our mirror. They could appear as

our family or friends. We might work next to them or even be the stranger standing in line with us at the grocery. Show them the wonder of the Gospel by offering the same love that Jesus offered the same people during his life. This will become a Lenten journey that we will want to make every day of every year, whether it is Lent or not.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## CMF BREAKFAST & WORK DAY

The property committee would like to thank all those who helped at work day on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> : Ann & David Von Almen, who fixed a nice breakfast to start everyone off, Randy & Beth Beckley & their neighbor Steve, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Christopher & Megan Von Almen, Phil & Jerri Bosarge, Mike & Mary Jane Rogers and Scott Nolde. We moved most of the items necessary to get our nursery and Sunday School office back to usable condition. In the process we recycled the two old copiers in the office. In addition the old chairs and tables from the fellowship hall have been moved to the large metal out building. If you need to borrow any tables or chairs from the church, these old tables and chairs are available by contacting David Von Almen, property committee chairman. Our Spring Work Day is set for Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, when we will get our facilities ready for Easter by cleaning the church and working in the yard.

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

The Macon Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore is now recycling electronics. The following are the items that they take: computers, laptops, printers, fax, scanners, monitors, mice, keyboards, servers, routers, I Mac's & E Mac's and all computer parts. They also take: Televisions, VCRs, DVDs, stereos, phones, cell

phones, PDAs, MP3s, IPODS, and video game consoles. All products are recycled to R2 certified standards and all data is erased from computer hardware during the recycling process. Please drop off your items at their location in Macon at 690 Holt Ave. The ReStore hours are Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Thank you. Charlie Hebenstreit, ReStore Manager and David Von Almen, Assistant ReStore Manager

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our new Sunday School teacher is Robin Robertson. We still need another teacher as Robin is teaching every other Sunday, so if anyone still wants to teach, please see Mary Jane Rogers.

## MARCH ELDERS & DEACONS

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

## MARCH SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



## CWF GRACE GROUP

We met on Thursday, February 16th. Nine ladies attended. After our business meeting, Margaret Hicks gave our study/worship from a booklet written by Anita Brown, a former member of our church. The booklet's title is

"For His Glory" and Margaret read several poems written by Anita that pertained to certain scriptures. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Winona Smith. Our next meeting will be on March 15th at 6:00. This will be our quarterly covered dish meal. All ladies in the church are welcome to join us.

We want to thank everyone who supported CWF by attending our Valentine Dinner on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Juanita Von Almen was the winner of a \$20 gift card as the door prize for the adults and Kaylee McReynolds won the children's door prize. It was a package of luminous stars for her bedroom ceiling. We had a small crowd this year but we did make \$166.00. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious meal and great fellowship,

## JOINT CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> First Christian and St. Andrew Christian in Macon came to First Christian in Warner Robins, for the third Joint Service of Disciples in Middle GA. Will Johnson, FCC-Macon's pastor provided the music along with the choir director and their choir (plus Marsha & Darrell Vandervort) provided special music, Terry Theus, the new pastor at St. Andrew called upon the gathering to support Vineville Christian Towers and gave the offering prayer. Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee, our interim co-Regional Minister, delivered the message and challenged us to be true disciples of Jesus.

After the service, everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. Rev. Karen Frank-Plumlee, the other half of our co-Regional Ministry team was also present for worship & fellowship. The combined congregations collected \$400 for residents' events during the Cherry Blossom Festival. It was a great afternoon & will be repeated sometime soon.

Shalom, Darrell

## THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch group met at the Golden Corral on February 8th. Those attending were: Carl Shaw, and Curtis & Nadine Scaggs. They will meet again on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

# March 2012

| Sunday  | Monday                         | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                   | Thursday   | Friday                         | Saturday  |
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|   |                                |  |   | 1  | 2                              | 3<br><b>8:00 Men's Breakfast</b><br><i>Jeannetta Stokes</i> |
| 4<br><i>Mitchell Thompson</i>   | 5<br><b>Board Meeting 7:30</b> | 6<br><b>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b><br><i>Phil Bosarge</i>   | 7<br><i>Savanna Gowin</i>                   | 8  | 9                              | 10<br><i>Doreen Campbell</i>                                |
| 11<br><b>Cafe Amore'</b><br><b>CCF meets</b>  | 12                             | 13<br><b>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b><br><i>Del Von Almen</i> | 14<br><b>1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral</b> | 15<br><b>CWF Grace 6:00 Covered Dish</b>                     | 16                             | 17<br><i>Evelyn Carroll</i>                                 |
| 18<br><b>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Fellowship Dinner After church</b><br><i>Virginia Hebenstreit</i> | 19                             | 20<br><b>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>                         | 21<br><b>NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>         | 22   | 23<br><i>Marsha Vandervort</i> | 24<br><b>Church Work Day</b><br><i>John Hebenstreit</i>     |
| 25<br><b>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 CCF meets "Feed My Sheep"</b>                                     | 26                             | 27<br><b>8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>                         | 28<br><i>Mike Rogers</i>                    | 29<br><i>Sharon-Kay Duncan</i><br><i>Melissa Hebenstreit</i> | 30                             | 31  |

## **SAFE HOUSE NEEDS**

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

## **CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS**

Paper Towels  
Toilet Tissue  
Large divided plates  
Dessert Plates  
Coffee (Regular)  
Aluminum foil  
Dish soap  
Glass & Kitchen cleaner  
Trash Bags (13 gallons & 39 gallons)

**Thank you. Donations are much appreciated**

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