

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Last month I focused on what I learned from the book In Defense of Civility, by James Calvin Davis.

Here is the author's concluding definition of civility from page 159. "I like to define civility as the *exercise of patience, integrity, humility, and mutual respect in civil conversation, even (or especially) with those with whom we disagree.*" (Italics are the authors). As the madness of modern politics heats up the nation, understanding of this definition might be a benefit for everyone, if they will listen and put it into practice.

Patience is a very difficult word. Many of us struggle to find patience and even when we find it, it never seems to be of sufficient quantity for the situation. Patience demonstrated within conversations on difficult topics is essential, but often missing. We get so caught up in making our point and getting ready our reply that we fail to listen to the words of the other person. Listening is very important. The old adage that God created us with two ears and one mouth was intended and we were to utilize them in the same proportion still holds true, especially when emotions start to rise. It doesn't mean we avoid hard issues; it means that we are as patient with the other person as we would hope that person will be with us. Remember, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"?

Integrity in this definition requires truthfulness in all discussions and debates. Not the truthfulness that currently passes within political advertising, but rather the truthfulness that was expected by our grandmothers. Grandmothers always expect more truth from grandchildren, at least mine did. With the amazing speed with which stories can spread due to the internet and 24 hour news stations, we have to be careful to be sure that information is accurate. As we have seen in the past, both the internet

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and the news media can be wrong. We need to seek the truth and demand the full truth from all our sources, especially our leaders.

Humility is not about surrendering to others so that the conversation can end. Rather it is about the self-realization that we truly do not have all of the answers to every problem in the known universe. Current political rhetoric condemns people that change their mind about issues. We seem to want our leaders to never learn anything new for fear that they might discover a better answer or a better way of solving problems. As a pastor, I do not know everything! There are times I may act like that isn't the case, but I will readily admit that all of us are equally capable of discerning what God wants of us as well as all of us being able to discern better ideas and solutions than I can find. That is why we live in community. Each of us brings our unique gifts to the work of living harmoniously in God's creation. We must always be open to new information, new insight, new revelation. None of us are too old to learn something new.

I remember being taught that I needed to earn respect. While this is indeed true, it is not complete. We have to start with an understanding that everyone deserves respect because they are the creation of God. We have to respect that each person is entitled to a base of respect that can either rise or fall based upon what they do and how they do it. When we get into sensitive discussions with another person, we have to offer them the same respect that we would like to receive. We can often sense when someone offers little respect to others. It is visible in the way they talk with us and look at us. If we behave in the same manner, it does not serve us well as Christians. Remember all the times the Gospels tell us of situations that make us little different from the Gentiles and the

Pharisees? We need to be respectful of other people and especially make it visible when that person is someone with whom we disagree.

Try to remember this definition as the political races heat up. Remember it whenever you hit a tense situation and face difficult people.

Shalom, Darrell

## FAMILY PROMISE CAR WASH

On Saturday, September 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00, Family Promise will hold a car wash fundraiser for the homeless ministry program being started. The car wash will be at Papa John's on Russell Pkwy in the old Food Max parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering to wash cars, please let Darrell know. Please share the news about this event and encourage people to come down and get their car washed. There is no charge; donations are all that is asked. Volunteers will be coming from all the churches participating in this program. Let's do our part to make it a success.

## CMF BREAKFAST

The next Men's breakfast will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00.

## SEPTEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in September. The Elders are Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit. The Deacons are Ethan Thompson, Kyle McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds, & Jessica Hebenstreit.

## LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Wednesday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at The Golden Corral. There were only three people attending this month. They were Winona Smith, Curtis and Nadine Scaggs. They had a good time together and hope next month more people will come and join them.

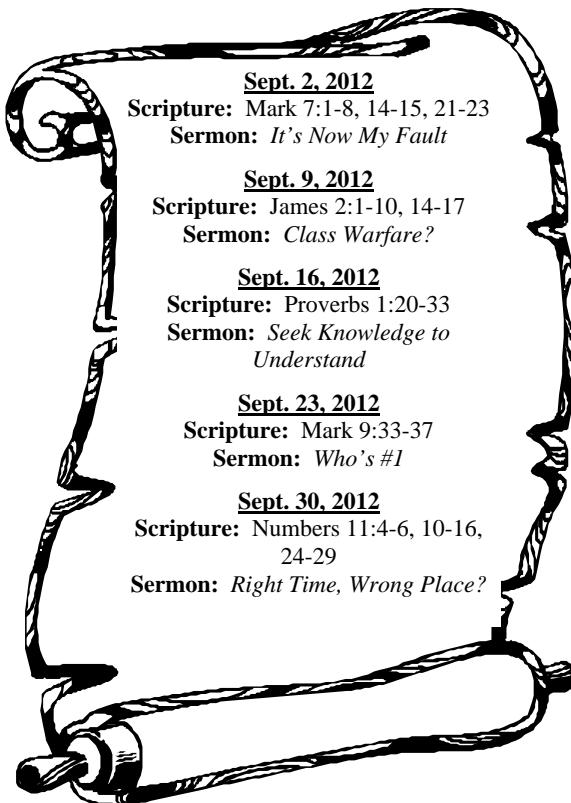
## LENDING A HAND

This is what Christian Social Ministries does for people in the middle GA area and where the food pantry food that we give goes. It was founded in 1996. They do more than just provide food for the needy. They share God's

word, counsel & show compassionate to hurts & needs of the people, help and provide information on available programs through local, state & federal agencies, & provide a caring/sharing ministry in the middle GA area. Let's remember others in need by bringing non-perishable food items to church that will then be taken to the food pantry. There is a container in the Fellowship Hall.

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## SEPT. SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



## CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Dessert Plates	Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue	Windex Cleaner
Tea Bags	Sugar
39 Gallon Trash Bags	

## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Dishwashing Detergent
Dishwasher Detergent

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>8:00</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b> Sean Palmer
2 <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b> Kody Campbell	3 <i>Tom Milliken</i>	4 <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	5	6	7	8
9 <b>Chi Rho/CYF 4:00</b> <b>CCF 4:00-6:00</b> Tommy & Joan Marshall	10 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> <b>7:30</b> Pat Gunnin	11 <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> Bob Fentem Phil & Jerri Bosarge	12 <b>1:00</b> <b>Lunch Bunch</b> <b>Golden Corral</b>	13 <i>Kristyn Embrey Harmon</i>	14	15 <b>FAMILY PROMISE</b> <b>CAR WASH 9:00-4:00</b> Charlotte Curry
16 <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	17	18 <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	19 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	20	21	22 <i>Charlie Hebenstreit</i>
23 <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b>	24	25 <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	26	27 <i>Tom &amp; Billie Milliken</i>	28	29
30 <b>Chi Rho/CYF</b> <b>4:00</b> <b>FEED MY SHEEP</b> (food pantry) Betty Poore						

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, we had three baptisms. The people baptized were Tyler Hurlbert, Carter Nolde and Cedric Edwards. Please welcome our new church family members.

Sarah Cook, daughter of Ted & Laurie Cook, a fourth-grade student at Shirley Hills Elementary School in Warner Robins, is now a part of an ad campaign launched on August 1<sup>st</sup> by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, which has put billboards up in the Union Station Metro stop near the U.S. Senate. Sarah her brother, Levi, & parents went to Washington DC to see Sarah's ad.

Sarah's ad, which says, "Let's move cheese out of my school lunch," is hoped to help jumpstart a healthier lifestyle for children. The non-profit organization is trying to reinvigorate the "Let's Move!" anti-obesity campaign.

### **HEARTS TO HEROES TROOP SUPPLIES NEEDED**

**No pork or pork by-products! Canned items should have pull tabs.**

**Items with expired dates or opened packages will not be shipped.**

**More info at <http://www.heartstoheroesinc.org/>**

### **FOOD & SNACKS**

Hardy Candy  
Gum  
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims  
Packaged Nuts (1 oz. size)  
Ground Coffee/ coffee filters  
Coffee Stirrers  
Grab N Go Styrofoam cups w/lids  
Coffee Creamers  
Splenda, Sweet N Low & sugar pkts.  
Hot Chocolate packets  
Pop Tarts  
Rice Krispie Treats  
Pringles  
Ramen Noodles  
Microwavable meals  
Easy Mac & Cheese cups  
Little Debbie Snacks  
Fruit Cups  
Granola Bars, Protein Bars  
Trail Mix  
Sunflower seeds ( 1 oz. size)  
Raisins  
Instant Oatmeal & Grits]  
Microwave popcorn  
Twizzlers/Jolly Ranchers/M&Ms  
Gummy Bears  
MIO Liquid Water Enhancers

### **TOILETRIES**

Shampoos & Conditioners (male)  
Bar Soap & Body Washes (M/W)  
Shower Puffs/Loofah Sponges  
Washcloths  
Shaving Gel (Male & Female)  
Cough Drops  
Kleenex (Travel Size)  
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste  
Dental Floss  
Hand Sanitizers (personal size)  
Combs  
Mouthwash (Travel Size)  
Q-Tips  
Sun Screen Lotion  
Baby Wipes  
Disposable Razors (Male & Female)  
Johnson Baby Powder  
Gold Bond Body Power/Foot Powder  
Lip Balm/Chap Stick  
Hand/Body Lotion (Travel Size)  
Visine Eye Drops  
Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, Aspirin pkts.  
Emery Boards, finger & toe nail clippers

### **ITEMS NOT NEEDED ARE:**

**Shampoos & Conditioners for women  
Deodorants for men & women  
Feminine hygiene (pads w/wings)  
Tampons**

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## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRENGTH & COURAGE**

It takes strength to be firm. It takes courage to be gentle.  
It takes strength to stand guard. It takes courage to let down your guard.  
It takes strength to conquer. It takes courage to surrender.  
It takes strength to be certain. It takes courage to have doubt.  
It takes strength to fit in. It takes courage to stand out.  
It takes strength to feel a friend's pain. It takes courage to feel your own pain.  
It takes strength to hide feelings. It takes courage to show them.  
It takes strength to endure abuse. It takes courage to stop it.  
It takes strength to stand alone. It takes courage to lean on another.  
It takes strength to love. It takes courage to be loved.  
It takes strength to survive. It takes courage to live.  
**“....as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you  
nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage....”**  
**(Joshua 1:5b-6a)**  
--Author Unknown

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