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October 19-21 at Camp Christian Conference Center, there will be a Quilter's Retreat. This gathering will complete the quilt that raised money for Camp Christian. Attendees DO NOT need to be quilters. Individuals and couples can attend even if they do not sew. It will be a time to relax, worship, study, and quilt for anybody interested. If you have never been to Camp before, here is a chance to see and experience some of what the children and youth of the church rave about. Worship and Bible study will be led by Jarda Alexander and Anita Renahan-White. These women are newly ordained leaders of our church. Come and share their gifts.

"Being the Church Now" is the theme for the Regional Assembly at First Christian Church in Decatur on November 9-10. Dr. Chaisse L. Gillett, president of Lexington Theological Seminary will be the speaker at our worship services. There will be programs for everyone. Young children will have day care available, older children will get to go to either the Atlanta Zoo or to the Fernbank Museum, depending on the weather and middle school and high school youth will have their own event including the opportunity for training as a camp counselor. Workshops are available for adults including, "A Faithful Conversation on War, Peace, and Unity," "Developing Congregational Policies to Prevent Abuse," "Clergy Sexual Misconduct," "Cheap Web Tools to do Amazing Things for Your Church," "Women's Ministry Now," "The Role of Regional Elders," "Worship Outside the Box," "Helping Your Congregation Create a Vision for Your Church," "Performing Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal," "Resurrecting Alexander Campbell: The Man, Message and Legacy," "Retirement: It's Never Too Early to Plan," and "Congregation as Employer." We are allowed to send three voting delegates, but any number

of people may attend. Come and take part in the life of the regional church.

The Salvation Army is attempting to meet a need in Warner Robins. At a certain age, children in foster care are released from the program whether they have completed high school or not. Many of these teens have no place to go after school lets out and thus are left to their own devices or whatever might be available. Café 3:16 is being created at 158 Manor Ct. in Warner Robins as a safe place for these teens and adults to gather. This is a volunteer program and is in need of people who would be able to help by teaching classes of interest, such as Dance, Music, Arts, Crafts, Emergency Preparedness and Practical Life Skills for Young Adults. Many of these youth have nowhere to go and very little of their own; therefore, Café 3:16 wants to provide toiletries: hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, tooth brushes and toothpaste, band-aids, razors, emery boards, shampoo/body wash combos, baby wipes, tissues, body lotion, deodorant, dental floss, feminine products, shaving cream, lip balm, Q-tips, twin size inflatable mattresses, twin sized linens, blankets, and pillows. If you can be of service or have anything to donate, please contact them at 478-922-7585 or take items to the drop points at the Salvation Army at 96 Thomas Blvd., Warner Robins or Gena Jayne – The Chic Boutique at 145 S. Commercial Circle, Warner Robins.

Since this is the October newsletter, we must admit to the reality that the year is quickly coming to a close. No matter how much we might want to deny or make the year last, it is now October. Therefore, as a church, we must start making plans for the year 2013 (in spite of any residual concern regarding the Mayan calendar).

What can you do to help this congregation in 2013? There are very obvious answers, such as show up on Sunday mornings, give gifts to the ministry of the church, oh, and one more thing...volunteer your time. This last point is the one to discuss now.

Our church has a variety of ways people can help by giving of their time and even their talents and interests. We have a variety of committees. But, before you react in the normal manner---"yuk" or "boring", try thinking of them as opportunities for mission and change. What could be done if people with an interest, talent, or creative sense of thinking were to pitch in and help in these ministries?

To provide for the chance to take part in the work of the church, beginning on September 30 and running through October, each Committee/Ministry will have a page where interested people can sign up to take part in the work of that ministry in 2013. There is an old adage that states that 20% of the people do 90% of the work. As our congregation over achieves in giving to Disciples Mission, let us also over achieve in volunteering.

The focus groups in this church are Worship, Service & Fellowship, Church Growth, Membership, Outreach, Education, Stewardship, Property and Music. Most of these are pretty clear names and usually cause specific mental images in each of us. But, let's not limit ourselves, or the opportunity to serve in God's name.

What else do we do in worship? What new opportunities for worship could be created? How can we make special services like Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve even better? Let your creativity and imagination loose.

Church Growth currently focuses on our website. What else could we do to make our church more visible in the community?

Outreach is responsible for our mission work. With the recent additions of Family Promise and Café 3:16 in our community, there is a need for volunteer support and other gifts, and our on-going participation in Heifer International, how could we better provide ministry to this community and beyond?

No one likes to talk about money; we only like to have it to spend. Yet we are the stewards of all that God created. Beyond making sure that we are able to pay bills, what else can we do to improve our stewardship as a church and as individuals?

The Church Property has been transformed in the last couple of years, but what more can we do and how can we improve what we currently use? How do we envision improvements elsewhere in our property?

Service and Fellowship bring us together for meals and fun. In the past we also provided for special needs, but as times have changed how can we continue to serve? What new ways can we come together as God's family?

Membership has kept track of addresses and developed ways to share prayer concerns and information. They also send birthday, anniversary, get well and missing you cards to church members. There is always a need for more people to send cards. How else can we keep track of our family as it grows and changes? How can we advance this ministry with modern technology?

In Education, we think of Sunday School, CCF, Chi Rho, and CYF. But we also have Children's Church and a nursery that may need attendants. How else can we call people together to grow in faith and spirituality? The old pattern of Sunday School has lost it's luster. How do we make it happen today?

It is difficult to provide for Music without a musician. However, for the past two years we have done it. What can we do to offer the beauty and sacredness of music to this church and community? How can we create opportunities even outside of Sunday morning?

Let these questions float in your thoughts and prayers and offer your time and skills as gifts of service. This IS NOT a lifetime commitment. We will do it all again in 2013 and give everyone a chance to remain or try a new area. Give of yourself. Give the best of yourself.

Shalom, *Darrell*

A REMINDER FOR OUR NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our November Fellowship Dinner will be a Soup and Cornbread meal. Each family can bring their favorite soup and everyone will share and enjoy soup, cornbread and fellowship. Also please bring canned goods to share for Thanksgiving.

CMF BREAKFAST

There were 17 people attending the Men's Breakfast on Sept. 1st. The next Men's breakfast will be held on October 6th at 8:00.

OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in October. The Elders are Randy Bickley and Juliet Nolde. The Deacons are Nicole Crofutt, Wayne Scaggs and Laurie Cook.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Wednesday, September 12th at The Golden Corral. There were ten people attending. They were Darrell Vandervort, Carl Shaw, Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Bob, Gladys, Janice & Diane Fentem, a friend of Diane's, and Winona Smith. If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering before, try it. The food is good and the fellowship is great too.

DW GRACE GROUP



The Disciple Women's Grace Group met Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. for a covered dish dinner and meeting. There were 10 ladies present.

We had a called meeting in the summer and voted to donate \$200 to Debbie Smith (former member) towards the \$1500 she needed to raise to help fund her Woman to Woman trip to China in November.

We have 6 ladies going to Retreat September 28th-30th. The ladies going are Lois Crawford, Angela Crawford, Gidget Hurlbert, Jeannetta Stokes, Dawn McReynolds and Brenda McReynolds. They are taking 205 pillowcases to be delivered to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. They will also be taking several gift cards and other items to be used for the projects combating human trafficking. The Grace Group greatly appreciates the support and help of the entire congregation with these projects.

Our Bazaar, Bake Sale and Yard Sale will be on Saturday, November 10th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be more information in the next newsletter. Please start saving any useable and clean items you may have for the yard sale.

We voted to donate \$10.00 each month to the "Family Promise" organization to help the homeless families of Houston County.

Our program was the 7th Beatitude, "Blessed Are the Peacemakers." Our next meeting will be on October 18th at 7 p.m. at the church.

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Sept. 9th CCF hosted the first annual Grandparent's Day Tea in honor of their grandparent's and all grandparents in the church. The children made personal invitations for all the honorees and presented them. They made "GRAND" cards for all their guests. These cards explained what the "Grand" in Grandparents meant to them. They made special hand print place mats, potholders and family trees. These were presented as gifts to their grandparents at the tea. Each grandparent got in on the crafts by helping their grandchild complete the family tree. These were mementos for the children to take home. The children also made photo frames, and a special hand print keepsake with their grandparents. Photos were taken of the children and their grandparents. Those grandparents who did not have CCF grandchildren also received a group photo to place in their frames. The tea was completed with tea in real teapots and a representation of real English High Tea foods.

We had a great time and we appreciate Carl Shaw, Ms. Winona, Ms. Sharon-Kay and Pastor

Darrell for coming out and being our God-Grandparents. (These are special people who you adopt as your grandparents and love you like their own.) The children would like to extend a special thank you to all those who support their group. We hope to see all of the church God-grandparents next year.

OCT. SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



FLIP TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



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HOUSE CHARITIES

Ronald McDonald House Charities is a 501c3 organization whose mission is to provide comfort, safety, and advocacy in a home-like environment for families with critically ill or injured children who must travel to fulfill their healthcare needs. We have been collecting flip tabs for several years here at church. When our five

gallon container is full we take the tabs to be weighed, receive money for the tabs and then send a check to the Ronald McDonald House in Macon. Every little bit helps!

There is a container in the Fellowship Hall and another in the Narthex for flip tabs. Please save any flip tabs you have and put in either container so we can donate money to help our Ronald McDonald House in Macon. Thank you!

“October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.”

Life at YCA Written by Cadet T Hicks

There is a lot to say about this place. In the month that I have been here, I have already made changes and have seen some changes in myself, such as my physical shape. Before I came here, I was running an eight-minute mile. Now I can run a mile in less than seven minutes. My attitude has changed a lot too. I used to get angry really fast. Now I can control it and not outburst at people.

While here at YCA, you should try and fill up your schedule with as much stuff as you can to make your time go by faster. Trust me, everyone should be able to find something that they like to do. There is plenty to do here: newspaper, softball, basketball, CDL class, martial arts, reading, and studying. One of the best things is to always volunteer, as one of my cadres has told me. Volunteering is a good thing to do and I believe true volunteering comes from the heart. Don't just do it because you want something like candy or soda; do it because you want to help out. Volunteering always pays off in the long run.

So far my time here at YCA has been a good time. I have gotten to do stuff that I thought I would never do. Getting up at 5:00 in the morning is something, I'm pretty sure, none of us “teens” like to do. For the ones that are doing what they are supposed to—keep strong. For the other ones, it's not too late to change and do what's right.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Christopher Von Almen</i>	2 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Mike & Gidget Hurlbert</i>	3	4	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast
7 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 CCF 4:00-6:00	8 BOARD MEETING 7:30 <i>Christopher Von Almen</i>	9 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Steven Kidd</i>	10 1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral <i>Scott & Juliet Nolde</i>	11	12	13 Wings & Wheels Car Show Museum of Aviation
14 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	15	16 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE <i>Greg Ladzinske</i>	18 CWF Grace 7:00 p.m. <i>Jannet Thompson</i>	19 Quilter's Retreat	20 Quilter's Retreat
21 Quilter's Retreat ends CCF 4:00-6:00 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m.	22	23 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>John & Jeannetta Stokes</i>	24	25 <i>Norbert Duncan</i>	26	27
28 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Ann Von Almen</i>	29 <i>Angie Hebenstreit</i>	30 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	31 <i>Curtis Scaggs</i>			

TEN STEPS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

1. 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."
2. Try smiling at others. A smile is contagious and you will feel better as others smile at you.
3. Count your blessings---list them one by one. Did you ever realize the real wealth that you have?
4. Enjoy this day with beautiful thoughts and pleasant memories. Live life one day at a time.
5. Be adventurous. Try walking and see new neighborhoods, new buildings, new parks and new scenery.
6. Give a friend a phone call or write a letter. Tell your friend you were thinking of him (or her) and give encouragement.
7. Be a happy person and see the bright side of life. Having a cheerful loving attitude lends itself to your best health.
8. Do a good deed, or give something beneficial to a loved one.
9. Give of yourself, offer your services to a hospital, to a church or help people. The law of giving will reward you tenfold.
10. Do the best you can each day. You are really living only when you are useful and constructive.

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