

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship: 11:00am
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There is a lot going on in March of this year. On the last Tuesday evening in February, at 7:00 p.m., we began a study of World Religions utilizing The Great Courses DVD "Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know."

This course will introduce those attending to the major religions of the world. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you missed a lecture or two. Though people have differing opinions about the Supreme Court's ruling on school prayer, consider this statement from that ruling as the reason for doing this study, "It might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization."

The Camp Christian Gala and Auction will take place on Saturday, March 16th. This event will mark the 50th anniversary of Camp Christian. Starting at 11:00 with appetizers and a silent auction, attendees will have an opportunity to see the Camp in a different light. This is a formal event, so dress up and come to camp.

At 12:30, guests will enter Lavery Hall for a meal prepared by Chef Jim Torbert and a live auction. Guests will be seated at tables covered in table cloths and be served by the members of the Youth Activities Counsel. Tickets are \$30 each and can be obtained by calling 478-743-8649 or by going to www.gadisciples.org. Space is limited so make your reservations quickly. If you want, you may also make reservations for staying overnight either Friday or Saturday. Space is limited so respond quickly. Gifts can also be made to the event by contacting the same phone or website.

This year we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter almost as early as they can be celebrated. Palm Sunday is March 24. Be in worship as we remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and his last week of ministry. On Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 we will have a Maundy Thursday Service to commemorate the Last Supper. Disciples mark this event because of the centrality of Communion to our church's life. We will share not

only in Communion but foods that are similar to what might have been eaten in the Upper Room. Please let Darrell know if you will be in attendance so that all may have a space at the table.

On Sunday, March 31, we will start Easter with an Easter egg hunt for the children. If you would like to help or bring something to share, please let Darrell Vandervort or Mary Jane Rogers know by March 19. We need these things at the church by 9:30 a.m. on Easter. There will be goodies for everyone to share and a great opportunity to fellowship prior to entering the Sanctuary for the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Come and be embraced at any or all of these events. Learn, remember, worship, and celebrate as we journey together through March.

Shalom, *Darrell*

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had 18 attendees at the February 3, men's breakfast. The attendance has increased in the last two months, with more ladies attending too. The next breakfast will be held on Sunday March 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS VBS

Exciting plans are in the works. Check the next newsletter for more information. If you would like to help, contact Jeannetta Stokes or Gidget Hurlbert.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new adult Sunday School class will begin on March 3rd. It will be taught by Jeannetta Stokes and Gidget Hurlbert. The class will be studying the book "Facing Your Giants."

CCF NEWS

We are working hard on plans for the rest of the year. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

SERVICE REQUEST

The Service Committee is in need of a chairperson. If you are interested, please see Scott Nolde (342-0356) or Rev. Darrell (923-1536).

MARCH ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in March. The Elders are John Glover and Denny McReynolds. The Deacons are Ethan Thompson, Dakota Crofutt, Dale and Judy Barnickel.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Wednesday, February 13th at The Golden Corral. Those attending were Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Darrell Vandervort, Winona Smith and Carl Shaw. If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering before, try it. The food is good and the fellowship is great too. Their next get together will be on March 13th.

DISCIPLE WOMEN - GRACE GROUP

The Grace Group met Feb. 21st with seven women present. Spring Conferences for our area will be in Albany, April 6th, or Augusta, April 27th. The book sale held at Spring Conference will be donated books from participating churches instead of consigning them from Cokesbury. We will be collecting hard back and paperback books. We cannot accept textbooks or encyclopedias. If you have books you would like to share with a sister, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our yard sale will be April 13th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please be gathering your clean, usable items to donate. We aren't able to take electronics, computers, etc. We appreciate your continuing support of Women's Ministries – Disciples Women here in our church. Our next meeting will be our quarterly potluck dinner and meeting starting at 6 p.m., March 21st. All ladies are invited.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There were six ladies at the first meeting. Jeannetta handed out patterns and explained a little of the history of prayer shawls. We selected several people to make a shawl or throw for them. We then had some instruction in starting to crochet. We have one completed shawl made. We will meet again Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER, Olivia Gowin

"Hi! My name is Olivia Gowin. I am twelve years old. I go to Thomson Middle School. I was born on December 18, 2000. I have a couple of hobbies and they are softball, swimming and running. As I enter the 7th grade, I hope I will be able to make the softball team at Thomson Middle. I've been working hard on my pitching skills. I also hope to follow my sister's footsteps and join the track team. I have just been baptized at First Christian Church of Warner Robins. I'm happy to have made my commitment to God and look forward to the plans that He has for me."

MARCH SERMONS & SCRIPTURE

March 3, 2013

Minister is out of town

March 10, 2013

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon: *Reconcile*

March 17, 2013

Minister is out of town

March 24, 2013 Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 22:14-27

Sermon: *The Great Servant*

March 31, 2013 Easter Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: *Too Good to be True*



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

12 oz. Solo cups	8 oz. coffee cups
Paper towels	Dish Soap
Oblong divided plates	Sugar
Dessert plates	Tall trash bags
Large zip lock bags	Quart zip lock bags
All purpose spray cleaner	

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Toilet Paper	Laundry soap
Cleaning Supplies	Dish detergent
Fabric Softener	Paper towels
Dishwasher detergent	

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00 CMF Breakfast Chi Rho/CYF <i>Jeannetta Stokes</i>	BOARD MEETING 7:30 <i>Mitchell Thompson</i>	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 (World Religions)	<i>Phil Bosarge</i>	<i>Savanna Gowin</i>	8	9
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Doreen Campbell</i>	11	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral <i>Del Von Almen</i>	14	15	Camp Christian 50th Anniversary Gala
CCF 4:00-6:00 <i>Evelyn Caroll</i>	<i>Viirginia Hebenstreit "103"</i>	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	20	DW GRACE Group 6:00	22	<i>Marsha Vandervort</i>
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Palm Sunday <i>John Hebenstreit</i>	25	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00	Maundy Thursday 7:00 <i>Mike Rogers</i>	29	30
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Easter	31					

Why Go To Church?

A church attendee wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now", he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But, for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting their time by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today"!

When you are **DOWN** to nothing...God is **UP** to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical **AND** our spiritual nourishment!

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me"?"

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