

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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On May 12, Mother's Day, the Chi Rho/CYF will lead worship. Please make an effort to come and support our young people as they share their talents in worship.

If any of our church family will be graduating this year, please let me know by phone (478-718-8724) or email (pastor@fcc-wr.org) so they may be honored this month. I would like to recognize any graduates on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

On Pentecost, the former disciples, now Apostles came out of hiding and fear and began to share the Good News that God cares for all people, not just the wealthy and successful power brokers. These fishermen, tax collectors, hired helpers, radicals, men, and women went out into the world they had feared and at once wished to be violently changed and began traveling and teaching and preaching.

We are now the ones to be "sent out" to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. To quote the prophets about justice and righteousness for the powerless and to work for a time when swords are converted to plows and everyone will be free to rest in their own space confident that there is food for the family. To love others as we have been loved by God. To do all of these things knowing that people will think we are crazy, or peace-niks, or radicals. To do all these things even we have to sacrifice our comfort, our security, our life.

Jesus dared the Disciples to take up their cross and follow. This is not a reflection of

some ache or pain that we experience. It is not some hardship or discomfort through which we must pass. Rather it is the willingness to put our very lives on the line to change the world that sees people as commodities and tools; that measures a person's value by how much they are worth or by what they can offer to me; that releases the individual of being my brother's and my sister's keeper.

The Spirit of Pentecost upset the Apostle's comfort zones; in fact, it blew their comfort zones apart. Their comfort zone became service to others. Look at Paul, how comfortable was his life? He was shipwrecked, beaten, stoned, ridiculed, jailed, and finally executed. All because he said that all power is God's and that those who wield power in this world must answer to God and that everyone, regardless of where they are from are to be welcomed and not judged.

We have passed through the season of Lent, where we examined our walk with God to see if we are on the right path. We have rejoiced through the Grace-filled gift of Easter. Now is the season to roll up our sleeves and set to work preaching the gospel in all we do, and only when necessary resort to the use of words. When you feel that Divine prodding to get out of the recliner and do, get up and go. When your vision is opened by the Spirit to see the excess, give it away. When you hear the call for justice and righteousness, answer it. We ARE disciples! We are Disciples of Christ!

Shalom, *Darrell*

DISCIPLES MEN'S BREAKFAST

We had 13 attendees at the April 7th men's breakfast. The next breakfast will be held on Sunday May 5th at 8:30 a.m.

MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in May. The Elders are Jerri Bosarge and _____. The Deacons are Sean Palmer, Andrea McCleese, Ted Cook and Angela Hebenstreit.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering before, consider attending, enjoying good food and fellowshiping with friends you may only see on Sundays. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral at 1:00 p.m. on May 8th.

MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



DISCIPLES WOMEN - GRACE GROUP

The Grace Group met Thursday, April 18th with seven ladies present. The spring yard sale went really well with proceeds, after expenses, of \$415.56. We really appreciate the support of the congregation and the great items you continue to donate. Through your support and our monthly offerings we continue to be able to support the following each month:

Our church roof fund
Christian Church in GA (DMF)
Cherished Children Daycare
Family Promise of Houston County
Fresh fruit & vegetables for Safe House

So thanks for your generosity. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Bazaar, Bake Sale, & Yard Sale in November.

Also, through our individual, over and above, pledges we support our Regional Women's Ministries each month.

Judy Barnickel presented the program titled "Friends". Our next meeting will be May 16th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited.

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Dishwasher Detergent
Cleaning Supplies
Bathroom Tissue

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet Paper
Dessert Plates
Coffee (Regular)
Trash bags (13 gallons & 39 gallons)
Glass & Kitchen cleaner

May 2013

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Please remember:

Hearts to Heroes items
Our church pantry items
Safe House items
Food for the Food Pantry

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5 8:30 DMF Breakfast Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 CCF 4:00-6:00	6 BOARD MEETING 6:45 & 7:30	7 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Sarah Cook</i>	8 The Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 1:00 <i>Ruth Griffith</i>	9	10 <i>Janice Fentem</i>	11 <i>Nadine Scaggs</i>
12 Mother's Day Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Mary Ann Glover</i>	13	14 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	15	16 DW GRACE Group 7:00 <i>Tyler Hurlbert</i>	17	18
19 Pentecost Sunday Chi Rho/CYF	20	21 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	22 Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00	23 <i>Beth Bickley</i> <i>Steven & Sue Kidd</i>	24	25 <i>Dale & Judy Barnickel</i>
26 Chi Rho/CYF	27	28 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	29	30 <i>Greg Holmes</i>	31 <i>Darrell & Marsha Vandervort</i> 1st night of VBS sleep over	

Life is Like Coffee

A group of college alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old college professor. Conversation soon turned to complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups: porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite. He told his guests to help themselves to the coffee.

After everyone had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said, "If you noticed, all the nice looking cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it's just more expensive, and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then you began eyeing each other's cup. Now consider this...Life is the Coffee. The jobs, money and the position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain LIFE. And the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the *Coffee*.

Savor the coffee, not the cup! The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything!

Live simply
Speak kindly
Care deeply
Love generously.

The richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least. Life is like Coffee".

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