

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Pastor's
Corner

On March 5, 2014, we will enter the season of Lent. Lent is usually known as the time before Easter when we are to give up something. We often give up something that we don't really need, or something we will be healthier without. While this is not a bad way to mark the time of Lent, it is off the mark of the season. Lent challenges us to acknowledge the brokenness of our relationship with God. In repentance and contrition we are to focus upon ways of accepting the restoration of congruence in our relationship that God offers through the life of Jesus.

In our American society we are convinced that we are more than capable of overcoming challenges with our own individual effort or pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. That is the way we settled this continent, isn't it? The first colonial arrivals to North America were saved from the harsh conditions of the New World by the native population that already lived here. Families gradually moved west in groups for protection and mutual support. Even today, no one accomplishes success without having encountered teachers, mentors, and others who helped to create the person that child became. Why is it so hard for us to acknowledge that we might need the assistance of our Creator to overcome the gap we have created between humanity and God?

So this Lent, if you give up something that uses your time, spend that time in reflection and starting practices that will deepen your relationship with God. Use the time to study, to pray, to serve others. If you give up something that requires you to spend resources, dedicate that same amount of resources to a cause that reflects the challenge that God gives us, by loving God and loving our brothers and sisters.

While you do these things, don't make a big deal of it. Do not do it to receive praise but rather because you should have been doing these things all along. The biggest challenge of taking on this practice is to not limit it to Lent, but rather to make it a habit that goes on from this point forward. Very rarely do we follow the doctor's advice of losing weight and once the doctor has seen us reach the desired weight, we go out and put all the pounds back. Nor should we take steps to be more devoted to the way of our God only for 40 days. Jesus told his disciples that no greater love can someone have than to lay down their life for another. No greater devotion and love can we show than to lay aside something that will make us more Christ-like.

Shalom, *Darrell*

OUR DESIGNATED FUNDS

We are highlighting two designated funds in our Sunday bulletin. The two funds are the VBS Fund and the Christopher Bedgood Fund. The VBS Fund helps pay for special needs during the Vacation Bible School events that we do every year. These gifts are used during the weekend overnight experience of VBS. The children and adults who participate have a special time. It has been reported that VBS can teach as much as a full year of Sunday School. It is worth the support. This year VBS will be held on June 6-8.

The Christopher Bedgood Fund was started to memorialize a child who died from a brain tumor. His mother wanted to do something for children and presented our church with a gift to provide scholarships for children and youth who want to attend summer camp at Camp Christian, but cannot afford the half the church does not cover. Summer camp is a powerful

God event for children, youth, and the adults who volunteer. Money should not prevent a child from experiencing this blessed time.

Gifts can be made to any of our special funds at any time simply by indicating the amount and the fund to which you wish to give.

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Disciple Men's breakfast was held on February 9th at 8:30 a.m. There were 5 people attending. The next breakfast will be on March 2, 2014, David and Ann will prepare a delicious breakfast. Come join the fellowship.

MARCH SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



MARCH ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in March. The Elders are Charlie Hebenstreit and Brenda McReynolds. The Deacons are Dawn McReynolds, Denny McReynolds, Jr., Dakota Crofutt, and Nicole Crofutt.

SPRING WORK DAY

Our annual Spring work day is coming up on Saturday, March 22, 2014. We need everyone to come out and help us get the grounds and buildings ready for the Easter season. We will be working inside and out on cleaning, trimming, painting and just general fixing. Plans

are to begin at 9:00 a.m. and work most of the day. Lunch will be provided.

A list of projects:

- Trim shrubs
- Prime the new wood around the new doors on the Sunday School Wing
- Prime the new doors on the Sunday School Wing
- Clean the kitchen
- Clean the sanctuary
- Polish the wood trim on the pews
- Remove the items left from last year's VBS
- Clean off the sidewalks and the area under the breezeway

If you cannot be at the work day but would like to take on one of these projects, just let David Von Almen know which project you want and when you can get it finished.

Let's work together to make our property look like we really appreciate what we have!

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE NEWS

Disciples Women met February 20, 2014 with 12 ladies present. The program was "Mary of Bethany" presented by Judy Barnickel.

Spring Conference for our area will be April 12th at St. Andrew in Macon. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program ends about 2:00 p.m.

We are planning a weekend Retreat for ladies of our church March 28-30th at Indian Springs State Park. If you are interested, talk with Jeannetta Stokes or Dawn McReynolds for details and the cost.

Our next meeting will be March 20th at 6:00 p.m. for our quarterly covered dish dinner and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited.

Our annual yard sale will be April 5th. Please start saving your items to donate.

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
39 gallon trash bags
Large bottles of liquid hand soap
Oblong divided foam plates
Small dessert plates
Dish soap
Spray cleaner

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Paper towels
Bathroom tissue
Trash bags
Laundry soap
Laundry fabric softener
Dish Soap
Kitchen cleaners

QUIZ FOR KIDS (AND ADULTS)

(Circle correct answer)

1. Jesus was baptized in this body of water?
(Jordan, Galilee, Mediterranean, Nile)
2. God used this to divide the sea before the Israelites?
(Earthquake, strong current, strong wind, invisible wall)
3. This sea is almost 1300 feet below sea level?
(Red Sea, Dead Sea, Caspian Sea, Sea of Galilee)
4. Elijah drank from this river during a drought?
(Jordan, Kidron, Cherith, Tigris)
5. The Nile River was turned to blood on this plague?
(First, Third, Fifth, Eighth)
6. The only disciple recorded as having walked on water?
(John, Thomas, Judas, Peter)
7. How many times did Naaman wash himself in the waters of the river Jordan?
(3, 5, 7, 10)

8. Jesus caused a herd of swine to rush into which sea?

(Sea of Galilee, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Dead Sea)

9. Due to the flood, Noah was in the ark approximately how long?

(1 month, 40 days, 6 months, 12 months)

10. Paul was shipwrecked, only to be bitten by this animal?

(a serpent, a lion, a scorpion, a wasp)

11. In Revelation, this river is dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East?

(Euphrates, Tiber, Red Sea, Nile)

12. The land given to Abraham lay between these two rivers?

(Jordan and river of Egypt, Jordan and Euphrates, river of Egypt and Kidron, river of Egypt and Euphrates)

13. The fish which swallowed Jonah was in this sea?

(Salt Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Galilee)

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

Due to the bad weather on February 12th, the lunch at the Golden Corral was canceled. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on March 12th at 1:00 p.m.

March 2014

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| 2 8:30 MEN'S BREAKFAST Chi Rhoi/CYF 4:00 | 3 BOARD MEETING 7:30 <i>Jeannetta Stokes</i> | 4 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Mitchell Thompson</i> | 5 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Phil Bosarge</i> | 6 | 7 <i>Savanna Gowin</i> | 8 | |
| 9 CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 | 10 <i>Doreen Campbell</i> | 11 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | 12 1:00 Lunch Bunch | 13 <i>Del Von Almen</i> | 14 | 15 | |
| 16 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 | 17 | 18 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | 19 | 20 DW Grace Group 6:00 p.m. | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Marsha Vandervort | 24 <i>John Hebenstreit</i> | 25 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | 26 | 27 | 28 Mike Rogers | 29 <i>Sharon-Kay Duncan</i> | |
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“SCRIPTURE”

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, **“STOP! ACTS 2:38!”** (Repent and be baptized, in the name of the Lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, **“Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture at you.”** **“SCRIPTURE?!”** replied the burglar, **“She said she had an AXE and TWO 38’s!”**

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