

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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This month we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. We commemorate the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, his teachings during that last week, the commemoration of Communion, and the Death and Resurrection. We are currently in the period of Lent when we examine our actions and practices and strive to put them in balance with what God created us to be. Easter is the culmination of that journey as well as the revelation of God's Grace.

We often see the death of Jesus on the cross as the execution of God's judgment against humanity covered by the sacrifice of Christ. We think that in order to appease the anger of God. Yet the concept that God would execute His own Son as an act of punishment can create a sense of wrongness. How can a God of love kill his own Son?

What if we turn it around from an act of anger into an act of love? What if we see Jesus' willingness to face the death of crucifixion, not as our punishment, but rather as a way to demonstrate the overwhelming love that God has for us? Jesus gave His life in order for God to show that the power of Empire and the fear of death is not the final Word. Rather, God is greater than any human authority and Life is not something that transient.

By seeing Good Friday and Easter in this light, we fall into congruence with the teachings of Jesus. We become truly liberated. The truth will set you free from the power of fear and open the door to love of God, self and all of humanity. The miracle of Easter is not limited to the empty tomb of Jesus, but to the emptying of the tombs we have built around ourselves. Find the culmination of Lent in the opening of all the tombs of our lives, releasing us to be the

children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. As HE arose, so can we.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## SOUNDPROOFING FUND

Thank you for all your support on the "Sound Dampening Fund" for the Fellowship Hall. We raised all of the money needed to complete the job. The Sound panels have been ordered and shipped and the window treatment system has been ordered. Soon we will have the echo problem under control.

## DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Disciple Men's breakfast was held on March 11th at 8:30 a.m. There were 11 people attending. The next breakfast will be on April 13th, 2014, David and Ann will prepare a delicious breakfast. Come join the fellowship.

## APRIL SERMONS & SCRIPTURE

April 6, 2014

Scripture: Ezekiel 32:1-14

Sermon: *All Dried Up*

April 13, 2014 – Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21:12-17

Sermon: *Discomfort*

April 20, 2014 – Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: *The First Apostles*

April 27, 2014

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: *Believe Beloved*



## **APRIL ELDERS & DEACONS**

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in April. The Elders are Dale Barnickel (Communion to shut in members) and Jerri Bosarge (Lay Leader). The Deacons are Kyle McReynolds, Andrea McCleese, Angela Hebenstreit, and Judy Barnickel.

## **DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE NEWS**

Our annual yard sale will be Saturday, April 5 from 8:00 – 2:00. Please start saving your items to donate. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> after church service or Monday, March 31 through Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> between the hours of 9:00 to noon. Thank you for your donations.

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

Our next meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited.

## **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

## **LUNCH BUNCH NEWS**

The Lunch Bunch met on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were Darrell Vandervort, Winona Smith, Juanita Gunnin, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Carl Shaw, Bob, Gladys, Janice, Diane Fentem and Diane's friend. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on April 9th at 1:00 p.m.

## **God Said No!!!**

I asked God to take away my habit.  
God said "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.  
God said "No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary."

I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations. It isn't granted; it is learned."

I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
God said "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked God for all things, that I might enjoy life.  
God said "No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.  
God said "Ahhhh, finally you have the idea."

This day is yours. Don't throw it away.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five year old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by", his brother said. The boy fumed, "The one Sunday I don't go, He shows up."

On Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the Children's Sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?" "I know!" a little boy exclaimed. "PANTYHOSE!!"

# April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	2 <i>Barbara Hicks</i> <i>Norbert &amp; SK Duncan</i>	3	4	5 <b>DW Yard Sale</b> <b>8:00-2:00</b> <i>Nicole Crofutt</i>
6 Chi Rhoi/CYF 4:00	7 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 7:30	8 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	9 <b>1:00</b> <b>Lunch Bunch</b>	10 DW Grace Group 7:00	11	12
13 8:30 MEN'S BREAKFAST PALM SUNDAY Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	14	15 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Glenda &amp; Keith Ewert</i>	16 <i>Debra Scaggs</i>	17 MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7:00 <b>Stephanie Postell</b>	18 <i>Dawn McReynolds</i>	19 <i>Dave &amp; Pam Palmer</i>
20 EASTER SUNDAY Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Glenda Ewert</i> <i>Ted &amp; Laurie Cook</i>	21	22 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Ann Glover</i> <i>Cathrina Lawson</i>	23 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Debbie Thomas
27 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	28	29 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Juanita Von Almen</i>	30			

## **THINGS I LEARNED FROM THE EASTER BUNNY**

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.  
There's no such thing as too much candy.  
All work and no play can make you a basket case.  
A cute tail attracts a lot of attention.  
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.  
Some body parts should be floppy.  
Keep your paws off of other people's jelly beans.  
Good things come in small, sugar coated packages.  
The grass is always greener in someone else's basket.  
To show your true colors, you have to come out of the shell.  
The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.

May the joy of the season fill your heart,  
**AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

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