

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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On the afternoon of Palm Sunday, a wonderful worship service was held at our church. Revs. Eddie and Sheryl Armstrong put together an ecumenical service focusing upon the last 7 statements of Jesus from the cross. It featured 7 different speakers from all around middle GA and representing diverse denominations and ethnicities. The Trumpets of Zion from Macon and the choir from the Marshallville AME church performed. Following the service, everyone was invited to share in a fish fry. What a way to start Holy Week.

It is Tax Day as I write this column. In spite of the time of Holy Week and Passover, the news is about senseless violence. This is not about weapons; it is about the belief that the only method to draw attention to a person's pain or problems is to strike out violently and end the lives of people around you. A student stabs his classmates, an aging clansman shoots at people at a Jewish community center and retirement housing area. The latest and unfortunately not the last time we will mourn for people going about their normal routine only to be killed to make a point.

Yet, as Easter draws near, maybe there is a lesson to be learned. Rome decided that a point had to be made in regard to the sense of religious nationalism that seemed to be focused around a Nazarene. A beating and a public execution for treason against Rome would teach the people. Violence was the answer to the problem before the authorities in Jerusalem and Rome. But God said NO! Life was the proper response.

God's love is greater than any crisis before us and God grants life even in the face of violent death. Those victims of violence should not be memorialized with the escalation of violence

upon violence, but rather with Love and Grace. Seek out the reasons and frustrations that lead people to strike out at others. Bring them out of isolation and separation back into the community that works together to create wholeness, shalom.

Justice should be served, but we must never allow justice to be a further act of violence. Communities should come together to support the grieving, embrace the family and friends of the person who has destroyed lives and pray for and forgive (refuse the desire for revenge) the attacker. This is not an easy thing to do. It requires walking hard roads and being looked at as a fool or a coward. It requires us to take up our cross and walk. We do not need to change the world, we only need to change ourselves and share that change with one more person. It is the Christ-like thing to do.

Shalom, *Darrell*

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our April breakfast had 12 in attendance, and we gave the new window treatment the sunshine test. The window shades did the job they are designed to do. Our next breakfast will be May 4, 2014. This will be the last breakfast before the summer break as Ann and I will be out of town the first Sunday in June and the CCF is hosting a "Father's Day Breakfast" on Father's Day Sunday. We hope all fathers will attend. So, be sure to mark your calendars for the May breakfast, and as the Jedi say, "May the 4th be with you!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS IN WARNER ROBINS

Fran Rutherford – 500 hours

Judi Cooper – 1,500 hours

Winona Smith – 8,500 hours

MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



May 4, 2014

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Sermon: *From Fear to Love*

May 11, 2014

Scripture: John 10:1-6
Sermon: *Open and Transparent*

May 18, 2014

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Sermon: *Who Do You Love?*

May 25, 2014

Scripture: John 14:15-21
Sermon: *Seeing Things*

MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in May. The Elders are John Glover (Communion to shut in members) and David Von Almen (Lay Leader). The Deacons are Doreen Campbell, Savanna Gowin, Wayne Scaggs, and Chris Rogers.

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 April 10th. Those attending were Darrell Vandervort, Winona Smith, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, and Carl Shaw. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on May 14th at 1:00 p.m.

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE NEWS

The Grace Group met April 10th at the church with 13 ladies present.

Our yard sale went really well. We had a profit of \$405.29.

We had four ladies attend Spring Conference at St. Andrew in Macon. The theme for the day was "Learning and Sharing Hospitality". There were four speakers with different aspects of the theme. The main speaker was Amanda Moore from Koinonia Farm in South GA. Koinonia welcomes thousands of guests each year, sharing morning chapel, meals, coffee, and fellowship with those who visit. The farm history includes being a forerunner to the Civil Rights Movement and efforts that gave birth to Habitat for Humanity and now works to feed the hungry, both physically and spiritually. Amanda had various products to sell that the farm produces – candy, coffee, nuts, and even fresh eggs. It was very interesting to realize we have this ministry within a couple of hours from us.

Our program was sharing experiences from our Women's Retreat at Indian Springs. It was a wonderful, spiritual, sharing, and relaxing weekend despite the rainy weather.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

Happy Mother's Day!

How many cares does a mother's heart know?

How many joys does a mother bestow?

How many heartwarming things has she said?

How many tears has she secretly shed?

How many kindnesses day after day?

How many prayers has she prayed for another?

Nobody really knows – except a mother!

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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4 8:30 Men's Breakfast	5 Board Meeting 7:30	6 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	7 Sarah Cook	8 Ruth Griffith	9	10 Janice Fentem	
11 CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Nadine Scaggs Mother's Day	12 Mary Ann Glover	13 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	14 1:00 Lunch Bunch	15 DW Grace Group 7:00 p.m.	16 Tyler Hurlbert	17	
18 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	19	20 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	21	22	23 Beth Bickley Steve & Sue Kidd	24	
25 CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Dale & Judy Barnickel	26 Memorial Day	27 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	28	29	30	31 Darrell & Marsha Vandervort	

Some ways to say “I Love You” to Mom

- Give her a special chest for keepsakes from her grandchildren.
- Make a permanent date to catch up- a telephone call on Sunday or a weekly visit.
- Frame some of the kids’ artwork for her to display in special places in her home.
- Ask her to teach you how to crochet, knit or anything you want to learn from her.
- Start your own “Book of the Month” club with Mom. Select one book a month, commit to reading so many chapters a night. Then discuss the book together
- Plan a night out together or get manicures together or visit a museum.
- Surprise her with a “Happy Mother’s Day” banner to show that you love her.
- Volunteer to help her with a project she wants to do.
- Ask her to help you trace your family tree. Then record the special memories & in the chronological sequence of events.
- Frame a favorite photo of the two of you from your childhood. Include a card saying, “Thanks for being such a great mom to grow up with.”
- Create a family recipe together and then pass it down to your children.
- Write a nostalgic or humorous account of your parents’ relationship. Then present it to her as a special gift.
- And, **always** kiss her hello and goodbye – and never leave her without **saying**, “I love you, Mom.”

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