

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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I am writing this in the extreme heat of this third week of August. It is the hottest temperatures we have had this summer. High school football begins in Houston County this Friday night. The news is filled with the events in Missouri and the death of a teenager at the hands of a police officer. I will not attempt to analyze the situation and decide what happened. I don't know what actually happened and we may never truly know. I do know that there still exists a divide between people, divides of skin color, divides of nation of origin, divides of social status, and divides of hope.

We can read in several places in our Bible that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. If we are honestly loving each other as we love ourselves, we must truly hate ourselves. Rather than working together as communities, as a state, as a nation, we seem to prefer drawing lines of those on "our" side and everyone else. Those who oppose us deserve our ridicule, scorn, and even our hatred. This does not fit with the call to love one another. Nowhere in the Bible does it say to love one another, as long as they are like me. We are especially challenged to love those who are the least like me.

Fear seems to be the primary motivating factor of our world since September 11, 2001. Yes, it was tragic. Yes, it was terrible. But, let us remember how people responded in the first days after that attack. People volunteered to assist in recovery, to provide support for workers in DC and New York. Money was raised to support families and to help with recovery. We rallied as a nation. Color was not an issue; nationality was set aside except for some misguided people who decided that

vengeance was theirs to pay out, even if it was directed at innocent people.

We have let fear take over since those days. We have turned to violence toward each other, both physical and verbal. We have turned from finding security in God's presence and sought the security of weapons. We gather on Sundays and read aloud words such as "God is my rock and my redeemer", and "A mighty fortress is my God". But then we turn from them and rely on strength of arms.

We are set apart. We are to be a royal priesthood, servants of an almighty God. The followers of Jesus, who stood up to the violence of Roman occupation died only to defeat that power through God and His gift of resurrection. Rome said violence was the answer. God said "You are wrong. Love is mightier". Do we still believe this, or are we turning from God and relying on human strength? Are we followers of Christ, or hedging our bets about an afterlife by paying lip service on Sunday mornings?

I dare you to live the faith that we claim by calling ourselves Christian. Trust the love of God more than the might of human beings. We can only begin the healing in Ferguson, MO, or Israel and Palestine, or Iraq and Afghanistan, or in Washington DC, when we set aside our distrust and begin to work for solutions rather than picking fights because it will get us better coverage on the evening news. Leave the violent responses to those on the extremes. We need to build community. We need to build wholeness. We are called by God to share Shalom.

Shalom, *Darrell*

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

CCF will be off for the summer. We will begin again in the fall. Have a great summer.

SEPTEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



SEPTEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

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

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE NEWS

We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 18th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish meal before our meeting.

Pillowcases to be taken to Retreat (12th-14th) need to be brought to church no later than Sept. 7th.

Our new church cookbooks are here. They have over 200 recipes in a 3 ring binder and come with a stand that is stored inside the book. This will make reading a recipe easier. There is plenty of room to add your own favorite

recipes inside. The cost is \$15.00. They are a great bargain and would make a wonderful gift. Contact Jeannetta Stokes, Brenda McReynolds or Sharon-Kay Duncan if you would like one.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on August 13th. Those attending were Brenda & Denny McReynolds, Charlie, Sara & Jessica Hebenstreit, Carl Shaw, Juanita Gunnin and Curtis & Nadine Scaggs. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on September 10th at 1:00 p.m. Come join us!

FAMILY PROMISE

Could you consider meeting some of our needs by making an in-kind donation?

- Trash bags
- Size 5 diapers
- Twin size sheets
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing detergent
- Gift cards to purchase gasoline for the van

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SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

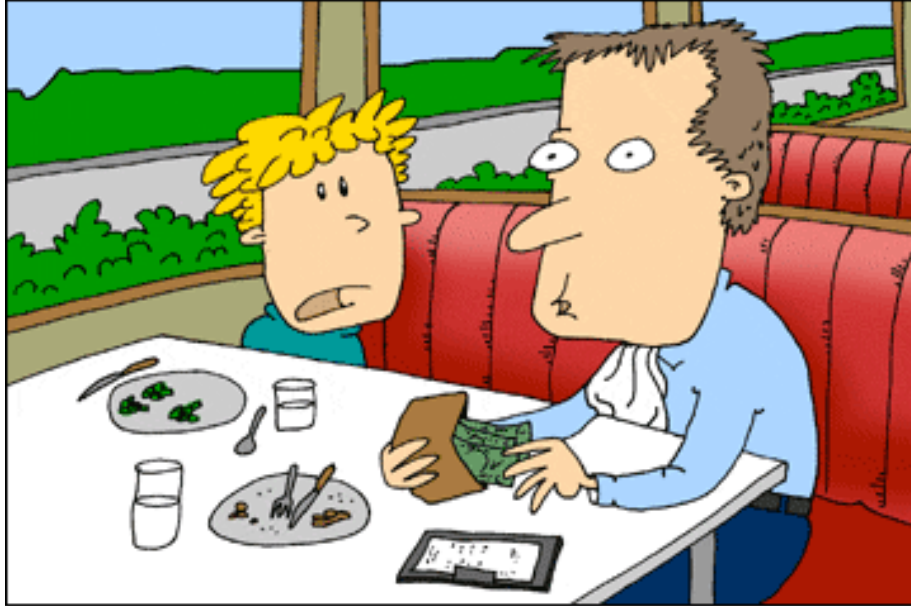
- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Trash bags
- Laundry soap & dish soap
- Laundry fabric softener
- Kitchen cleaners

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Large trash bags
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Artificial sweetener
- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Spray kitchen cleaner

September 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 <i>Sean Palmer</i> | 2 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Kody Campbell</i> | 3 <i>Tom Milliken</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Board Meeting 7:00 | 9 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Tommy & Joan Marshall</i> | 10 Lunch Bunch 1:00 <i>Pat Gunnin</i> | 11 <i>Phil & Jerri Bosarge</i> | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 <i>Charlotte Curry</i> | 16 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | 17 | 18 DW Grace 6:00 covered dish followed by meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 <i>Charlie Hebenstreit</i> <i>Maxine McGuire</i> | 23 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>Tom & Billie Milliken</i> |
| 28 Reconciliation begins | 29 | 30 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 | | | | |



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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND
GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

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