

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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We have several things coming up in the months ahead. There will be opportunities for fellowship, for worship, and for growth in our faith. Please take part in all that you can.

The first event is the Regional Cluster meeting, to be held on Thursday, October 30th from 6:30-8:00. This event is an opportunity for our Cluster group to meet together, not as just clergy, but as anyone who wishes to come. We are the host. There will be a meal, so having to fix dinner isn't a valid excuse. During the gathering, we will meet and hear from Rev. Denise Bell, our Regional Minister and from the rest of the Regional Ministry team. This team includes Pam Van Dusen, the administrative assistant; Stephen Westbrook and Katie Gibson, co-directors of YAC (Youth Activities Council); Terressa Anderson, director of the camping program; Rev. Allen Rogers, director of New Church Development; and Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert, director of Women's ministries. The congregations who are part of our cluster are Columbus, Central Christian, Griffin First, Damascus, Macon First, St. Andrew, Newnan, Liberty, and Williamson.

This is an excellent opportunity to see the church beyond just Warner Robins or Macon. It is an opportunity to build connections similar to what the Disciple Women have developed through their retreats and spring gatherings. We are not a single congregation sitting in the middle of Georgia. We are part of a Regional Church that goes from Rome and Cherry Log to Valdosta and Waycross. Ask some of the youth who attend Camp or the Youth Retreat at Epworth where some of their friends live and they will name places all over the state. We have congregations that worship in English, Zo, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish.

Please reserve October 30th on your calendar for an evening of fun, fellowship and learning. Let us gather around the table as the Christian Church in Georgia.

On Sunday, October 5th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. The focus of the service will be the Lord's Table, as it always is, but today we focus upon Communion around the world. We will recognize that Communion is celebrated throughout all the world.

On Sunday, October 19th, we will mark the Children's Sabbath. This service will call attention to the needs of children around the world, and here at home. We will have some fun and share the child-like joy that we are challenged to practice.

The next opportunity for fellowship and coming together as the Christian Church in Georgia and beyond will be the Regional Assembly in Sandersville at First Christian Church. Sandersville has had a difficult struggle over the past several years. They started a renovation of their sanctuary and on the week it was to be dedicated, there was a fire that destroyed a portion of the newly refurbished sanctuary. Plans were drawn up and implemented to make repairs, and then their pastor passed away. They brought in an interim to oversee the restoration from the fire damage and the restoration after the grief of the congregation. They have a new pastor and want all of Georgia to come and see how they have responded to all these hardships.

If that isn't encouragement enough, Rev. Dr. Mary Donovan Turner, the Carl Patton professor of Preaching at Pacific School of Religion will lead worship and do the Saturday morning Bible Study. Some of the older members may remember when she served in

Warner Robins. Here is a chance to see her again and renew old acquaintances.

Need more? Our new Regional Minister will be formally installed on Saturday by the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. Here is another chance to meet our Regional minister as well as meeting our General Minister. After the installation there will be a reception so you can have a chance to speak with them.

One more reason to attend, there will be child care available, but there will also be an opportunity for youth in middle and high school to participate in a lock-in at Camp Christian and then meet with Sharon Watkins Saturday morning. Nursery care is free. Cost for the children's activities for K-5 is \$5.00 per child, and the lock-in is \$30.00. Attendees to the lock-in are to bring bedding, towels, toiletries comfortable clothes and snacks to share.

All of this will take place between Friday, Nov. 14th starting at 5:30 and ending in the mid-afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 15th. I have applications available and they can also be found at www.gadisciples.org. Follow the links to the Regional Assembly.

Have you ever been asked, "What church do you attend?" The look and words that follow are usually, "Yeah, but which one?" or "Which Christian Church?" They don't know who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Sometimes, neither do we. This is part of the reason that our denomination is called the best kept secret in the life of the American church.

The general church has asked all congregations to participate in a study called "Who We Are—Our Identity." There will be videos and discussion, a sermon, and a book study available. The book to read and discuss is Sharon Watkins' new book, **Whole**. The general church would like us to do this before the General Assembly next summer in Columbus, OH. The book is available from Chalice Press and Sharon will donate all the proceeds from the book sales to Disciples Mission Fund.

In December, there will be sign-up dates for beginning the study after the first of the year. We will meet on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings for one hour. We will commit to meet for 4-6 weeks. This is an opportunity for all of us to get a deeper sense of who we are in the religious life of our country and the unique voice we have to offer to other people. Let us come together in the new year to study, discuss, and expand our understanding of our church.

Shalom, *Darrell*

OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in October: Elders are Dale Barnickel and Jerry Bosarge. The Deacons are Judy Barnickel, Angela Hebenstreit, Kyle McReynolds, and Andrea McCleese.

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE NEWS

The Grace Group met Sept. 18th at the church for our first meeting of 2014-2015. We had ten ladies present.

We had five ladies attend the Women's Retreat, Sept. 12-14. There was fun, fellowship, great food and a chance to recharge our batteries with attention to reconnecting to ourselves, others, and most importantly, to God.

We delivered 25 more pillowcases, for a total of 273 this year. We give a big thank you to Charlotte Curry and Nadine Scaggs for their great efforts on this project.

We really appreciate the response to our cookbooks. Jeannetta Stokes and Sharon-Kay Duncan really worked over and above to get them to press. If you don't need one for yourself, they will make a great gift and are a bargain for \$15.00. See Jeannetta or Sharon-Kay to purchase one.

We are going to fill backpacks in October for the homeless as a service project. We have a list of items to include in the backpacks – mainly basic everyday needs: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, band aids, etc. If you would like to be a part of this outreach in our community, this is something you could do with a friend or church member to cut down on the cost. See Brenda McReynolds for details and a

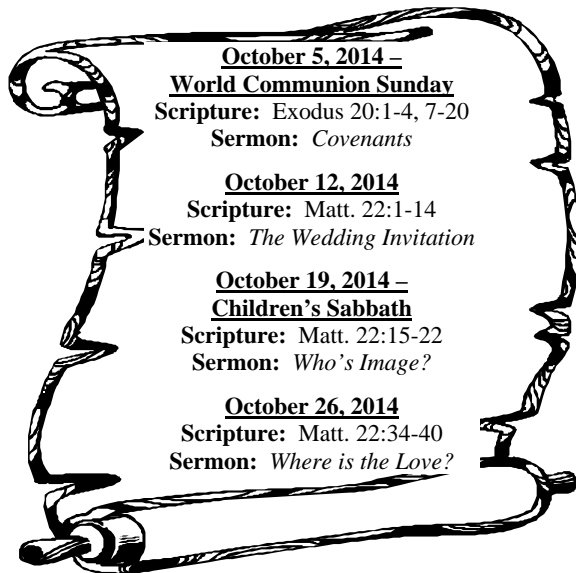
list of the items needed. These would need to be turned in no later than October 19th.

Our Bazaar, Bake Sale and Yard Sale will be November 8th. More details in the next newsletter.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on August 13th. Those attending were Brenda & Denny McReynolds, Darrell Vandervort, 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 October 8th at 1:00 p.m. Come join us!

OCTOBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



SHED YOUR SHELLS

Shrimp, which wear their skeletons on the outside of their bodies, have been known to discard their shells as many as 26 times during a lifetime. They shed their shells to accommodate their growing bodies.

Perhaps we human beings can take a lesson from the shrimp. Do we have some shells that need discarding? It may be a good idea to examine our lives and shed a few shells occasionally. The growing person is constantly shedding his shells.

Is it time to shed our shell of pessimism and cynicism? It is more fun to be an optimist. The pessimist is limited by doubts, confined by fears and restricted by uncertainty. The optimist is

freed by faith, stimulated by hope and encouraged by confidence.

Perhaps it is time to shed our shell of indifference. Truly, none of us is an island, and whatever affects my neighbor surely affects me. I will never be completely fulfilled and properly nourished until every person in the world is well fed.

Is it time to shed our shell of lethargy? What the world needs now is greater enthusiasm for life.

Perhaps it is time to shed our shell of selfishness. The generous person is the joyous person. The giving spirit is the beautiful spirit.

Shed your shells and live more abundantly!

William Arthur Ward...from ReWard Yourself!

HEARTS TO HEROES LETTER



"Ms. Foskey,

This is Tim Blum. Thank you so much for the care packages! My shop was overjoyed to receive all the food and toiletries! I hope you don't mind I shared!"

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Christopher Von Almen</i>	2 <i>Mike & Gidget Hurlbert</i>	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday	6 Board Meeting 7:00	7 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	8 Lunch Bunch 1:00	9	10 <i>Scott & Juliet Nolde</i>	11 <i>Dakota Mimbs</i>
12	13	14 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	15	16 DW Grace 7:00	17 <i>Greg Ladzinske</i>	18 <i>Jannet Thompson</i>
19 Children's Sabbath	20	21 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	22	23 <i>John & Jeannetta Stokes</i>	24	25 <i>Norbert Duncan</i>
26	27	28 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Ann Von Almen</i>	29 <i>Angie Hebenstreit</i>	30 Regional Cluster Meeting 6:30-8:00 <i>Madison Robertson</i>	31 <i>Curtis Scaggs</i>	

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TWO BOYS

Two little boys, ages 5 and 7, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the 5 year old in the morning, and the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?"

The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

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