

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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L.I.F.T. Conference at First Christian, Macon will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. The L.I.F.T. is sponsored by the New Church and Church Redevelopment Commission of the church in Georgia. It stands for Loving, Impactful, Faithful, Transforming, Communities of Faith. The program is designed to help churches to move forward toward what the church needs to be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Rev. Jorge Cotto, pastor of Central Christian Church in Coral Gables, FL., will be the leader of the conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone in our church.

In May we will celebrate the birthday of the church. Pentecost is considered the day that we left behind fear and moved toward the creation of faith communities that embraced walking the Way that Jesus taught them. The Apostles reached out to others to share the Good News but also shared their time and resources and encouraged everyone to do the same.

They taught each other, worked with each other, ate together, and built a faith. We are the spiritual descendants of these apostles. We are to carry on the tradition begun so long ago; but we have to do the work of the church. This is not based on coming to worship and serving on boards alone. It also involves devoting our time to deepening our understanding and practice of faith. We do this by striving to love others, to avoid judging people, to help those on the edges of our community. We do this by spending time in prayer, intentionally speaking to God and listening for God to reply. We do this by reading and studying the Word as well as resources that can provide guidance and support. We do this by volunteering to serve utilizing the gifts we possess.

We are the Church, not a building alone, but a people who reach out to lift the fallen, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and free those held captive by all the conditions and temptations that bind them. We do not do this as individuals, but rather as a community of faith. We work and walk together to assist each other to better respond to the Call of God.

On Pentecost, the Disciples stopped focusing inward on their fear of what might happen and turned outward to share their hopes and to witness to the people all around them. They realized that the promise of God through the teaching of Jesus was greater than anything that Rome could do to them. Paul summed it up when he told the church in Rome that there is no power that can be named that can take away God's love for us.

Our world is all about fear right now. We need to be more faithful than fearful. It will not always be easy, but that is the challenge of our historic faith. Members of our denomination stood between the Japanese soldiers as they invaded a mission run by Disciples in what is now Beijing during the Second World War. They were protecting women and children from men intent on abuse. They didn't use weapons, or force; they used faith in God. To this day, those missionaries are remembered and honored in China. We may not have to stand in their shoes, but maybe we can make a difference for others and for ourselves by allowing God to put us to work.

It is a tradition to give a gift to someone celebrating a birthday. Maybe we should give ourselves to the Church in service and respond to the call of God.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in May: Elders are: Juliet and Scott Nolde . The Deacons are Doreen Campbell, Gidget Hurlbert, Dawn McReynolds & Denny Ray McReynolds .

## MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



## DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE

The Grace Group met April 16<sup>th</sup> at the church with 10 ladies present. Sharon-Kay presented the worship "Telling Each Other the Truth". Our next meeting is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Our yard sale was a success with proceeds over \$550.00. Thanks so much to everyone who helped with this project.

Plans were finalized for our church Spring Retreat. We have seven ladies attending May 1st-3rd at Indian Springs State Park. The theme is "For Such a Time as This", based on the book of Esther.

We had four ladies attending Spring Conference on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Eastman Christian Church.

The dedication for the toddler playground was held on Easter Sunday during the Easter Egg

Hunt. Plans are continuing on completing the playground area for the older children.

Officers for 2015/2016 are:

President.....Mary Jane Rogers  
Vice President.....Rita Youngblood  
Secretary .....Dawn McReynolds  
Treasurer .....Brenda McReynolds  
Worship.....Sharon-Kay Duncan  
Service.....Whole Group

## LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were Curtis and Nadine Scaggs, Brenda & Denny McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds, Rita Youngblood, Juanita Gunnin 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Come join us!

## KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Coffee  
Large trash bags  
Divided oblong foam plates  
Paper towels  
8 oz. foam coffee cups  
16 oz. plastic glasses  
Bathroom tissue  
Kleenex  
Dish Soap  
Spray kitchen cleaners

## SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES

Cleaning Supplies  
Dish Detergent  
Laundry Detergent  
Fabric Softener  
Paper Towels & Kleenex  
Bathroom Tissue  
Furniture Spray

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <b>Cabinet Meeting After Church "Whole" reading 7:00</b>	4 <b>Board Mtg. 7:00</b>	5 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5-30 Bible Study 7:00	6	7 <i>Sarah Cook</i>	8 <i>Ruth Griffith</i>	9
10	11 <i>Nadine Scaggs</i>	12 Cracker Barrel American Heritage Bible Study 7:00 The Model Club <b>Mary Ann Glover</b>	13 <b>Lunch Bunch 1:00</b>	14 <b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b>	15	16 <i>Tyler Hurlbert</i>
17 <b>Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m.</b>	18 <b>Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	19 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5-30 Bible Study 7:00	20	21 <b>DW Grace Mtg. 7:00</b>	22	23 <i>Beth Bickley</i>
24	25 <i>Dale &amp; Judy Barnickel</i>	26 Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5-30 Bible Study 7:00 Tne Model Club	27 <b>Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00</b>	28	29	30
31 <b>Elder's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Darrell &amp; Marsha Vandervort</b>						

## THINGS TO PONDER

Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.

So why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future is. So, look ahead and move on.

Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax, it’s just a bend, not the end!”

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

A blind person asked St. Anthony, “Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?” He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. When you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles. It takes away today’s peace.

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