

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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Back in February of this year, I was invited to a Clergy Summit at the Museum of Aviation. At this summit we learned about the struggles taking place in the lives of the civilian work force. The Wing Chaplain and the Base Chaplain explained how the Chaplains serve the military personnel, but are limited in what they can do for the civilian workers. They also shared some of the struggles when people do not understand the work of the military chaplain.

As a result of this summit, The Robins Ministerial Alliance has been created. The goal of this alliance is to bring together faith communities to provide support not only for the military but specifically for the civilians who work on base.

The 21st Century group has created a website that lists all the programs offering help in a variety of ways and a variety of faith traditions.

A group of on-call clergy responders is being created to respond at a moment's notice to any emergency situation faced by civilian workers. These men and women will meet people on the base or where ever they need to go to offer support.

A training program is being developed to provide education for civilian employees within faith communities so that they can recognize and respond to co-workers in need. The goal is to have people already on base, who have been trained in how to contact and help provide the information, or where to acquire the information, to get people the help they need.

I am involved in this program, so watch for more information and future events that will provide the members of our congregation about the work of supporting base personnel.

On Wednesday, September 9th, the New Beginning Assessment from the Hope Partnership will be at our church to begin the process of providing us with guidance as we look to the future of our church. Mr. Jim Bane will be here starting in the mid-afternoon and will meet with a variety of people, and finally will have time to talk to a larger group of our congregation that night.

3:00 Meet at the church for a tour of the building and property.

4:00 Review the finances with the Treasurer and/or Financial Secretary.

4:30 Windshield tour of the community.

5:30 Dinner with the Pastor, Board Chair, and Regional partner.

7:00 Appreciative Inquiry Session with up to 30 church participants who are interested in the future of the congregation.

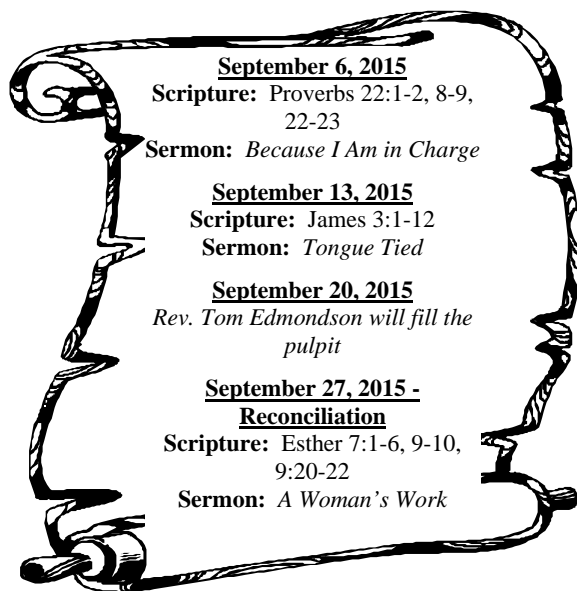
This can be a great opportunity, if we fully participate and are open to possibilities. I want to encourage everyone interested and available to take part in this program, especially the Appreciative Inquiry.

On Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Corporate Board of the Vineville Christian Tower at First Christian Church in Macon. As many of you are aware, for the past several years there has been a lawsuit in the courts involving the VCT Board. That suit was withdrawn over six months ago, and since it has not been reintroduced in that time frame, the suit is over. Even though the Christian Church Homes of Northern California (a Disciples of Christ group) bought the Vineville Christian Tower property a couple of years ago, it was necessary to maintain the VCT Board during the court case. Now that the case is finished, the Board can meet to take final actions to end the corporation.

This does not mean that we no longer have a mission with the Vineville Tower. There are still people living there who continue to need people to reach out for worship and special events. I know that for many, Macon is a long trip, yet it is no farther away than going to Perry, or Fort Valley, or Hawkinsville. We may no longer own the building, but the Tower remains a witness to the ministry of the Christian Churches of Macon and Warner Robins. Pray for the VCT Board, and dream of ways to continue the ministry at the Tower.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## SEPTEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



## SEPTEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in Sept: Elders are Charlie Hebenstreit and Brenda McReynolds. The Deacons are Dakota Crofutt, Haley Crofutt, Rita Youngblood, and Judy Barnickel.

## GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN

A four-year-old child's next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other

members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption. I was adopted." "What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy".

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what, Mom", he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson for me...."I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

Sarah, age 7, said "When my grandmother got Arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore, so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got Arthritis too. That's love".

Noell, age 7, says "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well".

Terri, age 4 says "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is ok".

Karl, age 5 says "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French Fries without making them give you any of their French Fries".

Billy, age 4 says "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other".

## CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Divided foam plates	Kleenex
8 oz. foam coffee cups	Dish Soap
16 oz. plastic glasses	Spray cleaners
Paper towels	

## 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
		<p>1</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b></p> <p><i>Sean Palmer</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Kody Campbell</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Lunch Bunch 1:00</b> <b>Hope Partnership Mtg.</b> <b>7:00</b></p> <p><i>Tommy &amp; Joan Marshall</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b></p> <p><i>Pat Gunnin</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Phil &amp; Jerri Bosarge</i></p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p><b>Cab. meeting after Church VCT Corporate Board Mtg. 3:00</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Board Meeting 7:00</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b></p> <p><i>Charlotte Curry</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p><b>Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b></p> <p><i>Charlie Hebenstreit Maxine McGuire</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p><b>Elder's Meeting 9:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <b>The Model Club</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00</b></p>			

## **A FEW GOOD FOLLOWERS**

A young woman was filling out an application for college when she came across the question: Are you a leader? She thought she had better be brutally honest, so she answered "No". She was convinced when she sent the application in that she'd never hear from them because of that answer.

But she received a letter back from the school that read: "We have reviewed numerous applications and, to date, there will be some 1,452 new leaders attending school next year. We have decided to accept your application because we felt it was imperative that they have at least one follower".

One man bought a sign and put it on his office door. The sign read: "I'm the boss". The next day he came to work he noticed that someone had put a post-it on his sign that said, "Your wife called. She wants her sign back".

We can't all be the boss. And what good are leaders without followers? In actuality, we need to be both. Sometimes we lead, sometimes we follow. We lead by example, yet we follow role models. We lead by sharing our expertise, yet we follow the wisdom of others. There are numerous courses and lessons on leadership. Yet the best leaders are also excellent followers. They know how to listen, they respect and follow great ideas from those around them, and they are humble enough to seek help when it's needed.

You may be the boss, but do you know how to follow? This world could use a few good followers.

By Steve Goodier 2003

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