

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Welcome to October. I write this in September and already there have been Christmas items available for sale at Cracker Barrel. Thanksgiving isn't far off either. The age old question, "What do you want?" will be asked many times. Of course, there are always people willing to volunteer their desires without being asked.

I read this passage this past week in "Christian Century." Can you guess when it was written? "What concerns us is that we should get richer all the time, to have enough for extravagant spending every day, enough to enjoy a lazy life under their patronage; while the rich make use of the poor to enjoy a crowd of hangers-on to minister to their pride....The laws should punish offenses against another's property, not offenses against a man's own personal character. No one should be brought to trial except for an offense, or threat of offense against another's property, house, or person; but anyone should be free to do as he likes about his own, or with his own, or with others, if they consent." "Christian Century," August 19, 2015

This sounds like something people say today. Or maybe back in the late 1800's. Would you believe that this quotation is from St. Augustine's book, The City of God. It creates this statement as the defense of a wealthy Roman citizen in the last days of a dying empire.

We need to be aware of anything that places property as superior to other human beings. This can be seen in areas where plants that give off toxic fumes or just bad smells are located in communities where poverty is high and political capital is low. If we don't want

something in our neighborhood, why should we settle for it going into **someone** else's?

We are to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas in the coming months. These celebrations should call to mind not our success, but rather, as Christians, our responsibilities to our brothers and sisters who suffer from the lack of what we take for granted. Remember, Jesus was asked, "When did we ever see you hungry, thirsty, naked, or oppressed? You do remember his answer, I hope.

Look around this month. How many times do you see Jesus in need? How many times can you look away?

Shalom, *Darrell*

OCTOBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE

October 4, 2015

Scripture: Hebrews 2:5-12
Sermon: *Who's in Charge?*

October 11, 2015

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16
Sermon: *To Boldly Go....*

October 18, 2015

Children's Sabbath

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45
Sermon: *Bizarro World*

October 25, 2015 -

Scripture: Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Sermon: *Understanding God*



OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in Oct.: Elders: John Glover and David Von Almen. Deacons: Jerri Bosarge, Chris Rogers, Andrea McCleese, and Savanna Gowin.

DW GRACE GROUP

The Grace Group met on Sept. 17th. This meeting was a carry in dinner and organizational meeting. We discussed the work being done on the playground and what we would like to do next. We discussed and decided our next project would be the nursery. There were twelve ladies present for our meeting.

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I am filled with these things. There, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Good Sunday School Lesson

How does a “quarter” (25cents) become a powerful message? Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in a new city. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area.

When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, “You’d better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.” Then he thought, “Oh, forget it, it’s only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a ‘gift of God’ and keep quiet’.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, “Here, you gave me too much change”. The driver, with a smile, replied, “Aren’t you the new preacher in town?” “Yes” he replied.

“Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I’ll see you at church on Sunday.”

When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, “Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.”

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how many people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard—and remember—You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself ‘Christian’.

Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

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

SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES

Cleaning Supplies	Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent	Fabric Softener
Paper Towels	Kleenex
Bathroom Tissue	Furniture Spray
Toilet cleaners	Glass cleaner
8 oz. foam coffee cups	Plastic glasses
Large trash bags	Toddler Pull Ups
Napkins & divided foam plates	

October 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

God puts each fresh morning, each new chance of life, into our hands as a gift to see what we will do with it.

				1 Christopher Von Almen	2	3
4 Cab. meeting after Church	5 Board Meeting 7:00	6 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	7	8 Radio Club Meeting 7:00	9	10
11	12	13 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	14 Lunch Bunch Cracker Barrel 1:00	15 DW Grace Group 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. Jannet Thompson	19	20 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	21	22 Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24
25 Elder's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Norbert Duncan	26	27 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 The Model Club	28 Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00 Ann Von Almen	29 Angie Hebenstreit	30 Madison Robertson	31 Curtis Scaggs

Five Fingers of Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty”.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need our prayers day and night. We cannot pray for them too much.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless who have no beds to lie in.

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