

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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This month we will celebrate Easter. Easter marks the dramatic victory of life over death, of freedom over fear, and of hope over despair.

We know the story of Easter, but we often miss the profound transformation that took place. A prophetic healer challenged the status quo of the world and the powers in charge said it will cost your life. Crucifixion was the most profound method of humiliating execution available at the time. To be hung on a cross was to erase your name and memory from all who once knew you. Those who died on the cross offended the authority of Rome and their families often refused to attend the execution because they feared that they would be seen as supporting the cause of the person killed.

Jesus died on the cross. Rome was satisfied that they had the last word. God spoke another word and life returned!

We follow someone who was executed by the state for a capital crime. We should be embarrassed. We should be ashamed. Instead, we hold to the vision that God is always the last Word and that Word is always LIFE.

During this month, we will be recruiting participants for House Groups as we move forward in the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. Yes, I know that sounds like jargon. What it means is that we are preparing ourselves for a journey we will take to discover God's mission for First

Christian Church in Warner Robins. During this month we will pray for guidance and for the willingness of all of us to listen to God and each other and ultimately make a bold decision about our future mission.

This will mean a great deal of work. We are being asked to commit about 2 hours a day for 6 weeks to meet and journey through the material with openness, honesty and most of all prayer. It is vital that we have at least 30 people participate in these House Groups. It would be wonderful to have more.

Just as the disciples' lives were transformed by the discovery of an empty tomb, so may our congregation be transformed. This is not a program to fix problems. It is to get a profound discovery of God's call for us. Fishermen, tax collectors, and all the other jobs that the Disciples had before the tomb was found empty became secondary to the Call to Mission that they discovered. Much like the Disciples, after we complete this process, we will make attempts to answer God's call. Sometimes we will fail. Sometimes we will not recognize our success, and sometimes we will be amazed at what God does through our efforts.

If you are in Warner Robins, sign up for a House Group. If you live elsewhere or cannot commit the time, pray for us as we journey toward mission.

Shalom, *Darrell*

Last month, the earthen dam that created the lake at Camp Christian gave way and the lake is gone. If you went to camp as a child, youth or even as an adult and recognize the profound experience of God that is possible in that place and would like to help restore the lake for generations attending now and in the future, you can help. If you go to www.gadisciples.org and follow the link to Camp Christian and/or The Friendship Circle, you will find ways to make gifts to help rebuild the dam and support the ministry that is Camp Christian. Just as every drop of water will add to the lake, so will all of the gifts we can provide fill the lake, and fill the lives of the children and youth with memories of a place of safety to meet God.

MARCH SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



MARCH ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in March:

Elders: Charlie Hebenstreit & Brenda McReynolds

Deacons: Rita Youngblood, Nicole Crofutt, Angela Hebenstreit & Haley Crofutt.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on February 10th at Golden Corral. Those attending were Curtis & Nadine Scaggs. The usual attendees are missed & it is hoped they will start attending again. Anyone, come join us.

DW GRACE GROUP

There were 10 ladies present at our Feb. meeting. We discussed Spring Conference which we will be hosting on April 23rd. Brenda did a very nice job on the program. Our yard sale will be held on Sat. April 9th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

KIDS NEWS

There will be a Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., Easter morning, followed by an Egg Hunt lasting till church time. Candy and plastic eggs are needed. Please see Mary Jane if you can help or donate some plastic eggs. Everyone is welcome to come to the breakfast.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

33 gal garbage bags 13 gal trash bags
 Small dessert plates Kleenex
 16 oz. plastic glasses Dish Soap
 Spray kitchen cleaners Napkins
 Divided oblong foam plates

SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES

Cleaning Supplies Dish Soap
 Laundry Detergent Fabric Softener
 Bathroom Tissue Kleenex
 Glass cleaner Furniture Polish
 Large trash bags Toddler Pull Ups
 Feminine products Toilet cleaners
 Divided foam plates Napkins
 8 oz. foam coffee cups

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		8:00 a.m. 1 Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	2	3 <i>Jeannetta Stokes</i>	4	5
6 Cabinet Mtg. after church <i>Phil Bosarge</i>	7 Board Meeting 7:00 <i>Savanna Gowin</i>	8 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	9 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 1:00	10 Radio Club Meeting 7:00 <i>Doreen Campbell</i>	11	12 REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	14	15 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	16	17 DW Grace Group 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20 Palm Sunday Carry-in Dinner 6:00 p.m.	21	22 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	23 <i>Marsha Vandervort</i>	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. <i>John Hebenstreit</i>	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 <i>Mike Rogers</i>	29 8:00a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>S-K Duncan</i>	30 Prayer Shawl meeting 7:00 p.m.	31 Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.		

Fellowship Breakfast



HISTORY OF OUR TUESDAY BREAKFAST

The Tuesday breakfast, which is open to all from the church & any friends you want to bring along, began over 30 years ago as the brain child of Rev. Ron Allton, however he missed the very first one. We met at the Country Kitchen (formally 20th Century Cafeteria). After we put them out of business we moved to a restaurant on South Davis Drive. I cannot remember the name as they did not last long. From there, we moved to Shoney's on North Davis Drive. We followed Shoney's when they moved to Russell Parkway & continued to gather there until they changed hands & eventually went out of business. The list of restaurants continued to grow over the 30 years during which time we managed to put a few more of them out of business. Putting restaurants out of business became a standing joke among the regulars. In the early years our crowd numbered 15-20 each week. Over the years attendance began to dwindle until only 4 or 5 were meeting every Tuesday for food and fellowship. The dedicated few began to grow again and now we have settled in at Cracker Barrel with an average attendance of 8 or 9 each Tuesday. For those of us who are the regulars, we are always hoping for more to come join us every Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. The conversation is exciting, the fellowship is rewarding, and the food is good. So, come on out and break bread with us.

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