

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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Did you know that language changes over time? The definition of words can alter and can even reverse themselves. Once upon a time, to call a person “nice” was an insult and that to say something was “awful” was a compliment. To apply the “nice” was to indicate that they were like the people from Nice, France. It was a notorious place at the time, and the people were not nice by our current definition. This is no longer the case for the city of Nice. “Awful” was meant to fill someone with awe, quite a transition for both words.

Our understanding of words can also alter. Once upon a time we called the church “the Church of Jesus Christ”. We now often refer to it as “my” church. If we think about this particular transition of meaning, it is quite sad. We have moved from thinking that the church is about doing the Will of God and made it more about doing the will of the people who take part in the activities and life of the congregation. Yes, we still read the Bible and pray. We still go to worship and give to mission work. But, so much of our time and energy is directed toward the care and nurture of those already considered part of the body of Christ.

What do “we” want to do? What do “we” like or dislike. What do “we” think needs to be done?

We are entering a time of study and reflection with the idea of seeking what God wants us to do and be. We are to pray about this, talk about this, study about this,

and most importantly, listen to God about this. House groups will be meeting to pray and consider. I hope that everyone would be part of the praying for this particular congregation of Jesus Christ that we may discover who we really are and what God would call us to do.

Everyone in the church needs to be praying, even if you no longer live in Warner Robins, please keep us in prayer. If you are here, attend one of the groups so that we can discern the call of God for the whole body of this congregation. Every voice and every heart should be part of this work. It can be a frightening time, but it can become a time for greater understanding of God working in this church.

We will become the heart, hand, feet, and voice of this manifestation of the Church of Jesus Christ at 100 N. Houston Road in Warner Robins, GA. You will be an essential part of the Body of Christ, and we need all the parts to come together for this work of discernment.

Shalom, *Darrell*

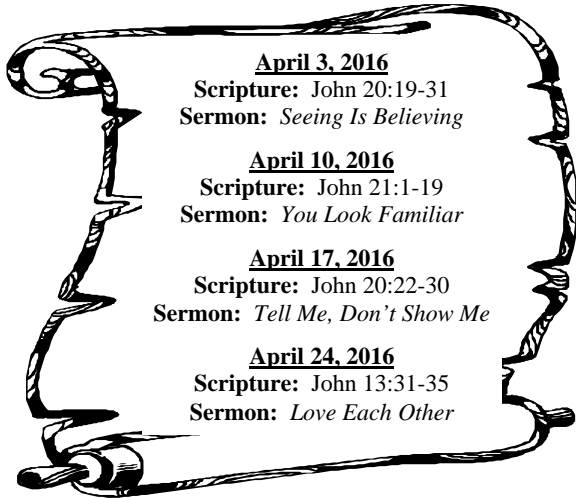
## APRIL ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in April:

Elders: David Von Almen &  
Ann Von Almen

Deacons: Savanna Gowin,  
Mike Hurlbert,  
Gidget Hurlbert &  
Wayne Scaggs.

## APRIL SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



### THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on March 9th at Golden Corral. Those attending were Carl Shaw, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Mary Jane & Chris Rogers, Josh & Heather Johnson. The usual attendees are missed & it is hoped they will start attending again. Anyone, come join us.

### DW GRACE GROUP

There were 7 ladies who attended the March 17th meeting. Mary Jane Rogers had the program. We discussed the Yard Sale to be held on April 9th. We also discussed the Spring Conference to be held on April 23rd.

### KITCHEN SUPPLIES

39 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

### BUT DIDN'T

Do you ever think at close of day  
If kindly words you meant to say—  
But didn't?

Do you ever think when day is done  
Of errands kind you could have run—  
But didn't?

Do you ever think at daytime's leave  
Of flowers gay you meant to give—  
But didn't?

Do you ever think when skies are red  
Of hungry mouths you could have fed—  
But didn't?

Do you ever think at dawn of night  
Of kind letters you meant to write—  
But didn't?

Friend, do you think at life's set of sun  
You'll think of deeds you could have done—  
But didn't?  
— Kathryn Thorne Bowsher

### "I DIDN'T HAVE TIME"

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me  
And heavier came each task;  
"Why doesn't God help me," I wondered.

He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak  
I wondered why God didn't show me.  
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day.

I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

— Unknown

# April 2016

Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

**DW YARD SALE ORGANIZING AND PRICING WILL BE ON MON., TUES. & WED., APRIL 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH FROM 9:00 UNTIL NOON. WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. \*\*\*WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ITEMS AFTER 9:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY\*\*\*.**

						1 <i>Barbara Hicks Norbert &amp; Sharon Kay Duncan</i>	2
3 <b>Cabinet Mtg. after church</b>	4 <b>Board Meeting 7:00 <i>Cassie Bell</i></b>	5 <b>Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Nicole Crofutt</i></b>	6	7	8	9 <b>DW YARD SALE 8:00-1:00 <i>Shawn Bell</i></b>	
10	11	12 <b>8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	13 <b>Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 1:00</b>	14 <b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b>	15	16	
17 <b>Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. <i>Mike Robertson</i></b>	18 <i>Dawn McReynolds</i>	19 <b>8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	20 <i>Glenda Ewert Ted &amp; Laurie Cook</i>	21	22	23 <b>DW SPRING CONFERENCE</b>	
24	25	26 <b>8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	27 <b>Prayer Shawl meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	28 <b>Bariatric Mtg. 7:00 p.m.</b>	29 <i>Juanita Von Almen</i>	30	

## **GOD'S CAKE**

Sometimes we wonder; "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong. She is failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter whether she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil;" her mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!" To which the mother replies: "yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake."

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

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