

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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School's out, vacations begin, what's next? The beginning of summer is often a time for a pause in all that has gone on this year. A time to sit back, reflect and look to what's next. At some point this month, we will make a bold decision about the future mission of this congregation. We will have finished the house groups, shared their visions with leadership and then built a consensus for the congregation to consider and select.

We have four graduates from high school who are using this time to prepare for what is next. There will be college for some, work and then training for others. There is a college grad in our family of faith already into her graduate program to make ready for her next step. In the time line of our congregation, we are daring to step forth into a new direction. At the time of this writing, I don't know what it will be. But that is alright, because I know that whatever it is, God will guide us.

The world teaches us to be afraid, to let fear dictate how we react and how we make decisions; fear people who are different, fear the scarcity of resources, fear the unknown of tomorrow. As disciples of Jesus, we are to live in faith, the opposite of fear. Courage is not the opposite of fear. Faith is. We have faith that God will guide us. We have faith that Jesus walks with us. We have faith that there is no power in all of God's creation that can separate us from the Love of God.

Society may call this foolishness, but then we are to be fools for God. There once was a son of a wealthy merchant who argued with his father about the needs of the community. The father, in anger, told the son if he didn't like the way he provided for the family, he was welcome to surrender everything he had received as the father's son. Tradition tells us that he took off all of the clothes his father had purchased and walked out of his father's house the way he had entered the world. He is credited with the creation of a community that encouraged men and women to work together to help the people around them, to spend time in prayer and worship, and to live on the simple things that they could grow and make on their own. We know this man's name; it was Francis from the town of Assisi.

Do not fear because you lack what modern society says you must have and protect. What we truly need is to trust and have faith in God to provide us what is truly needed and that we can accomplish great things when we walk in faith.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## JUNE ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in June:

Elders: Charlie Hebenstreit &  
Brenda McReynolds

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

## JUNE SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



### THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on May 11th at Golden Corral. Those attending were Curtis & Nadine Scaggs. All those not present were missed.

### DW GRACE GROUP

The DW Grace Group met on May 19th. Those present were: Rita Youngblood, Billie Milliken, Jeannetta Stokes, Brenda McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds, Lois Crawford, Angela Crawford, Judy Barnickel & Sharon-Kay Duncan. We shared our joys and concerns. We voted on next year's slate of officers: President – Jeannetta Stokes; Vice President – Judy Barnickel; Secretary – Dawn McReynolds; Treasurer – Brenda McReynolds; & Worship – Sharon-Kay Duncan.

### Christmas in July

DWF Grace Group is partnering with women who own their own business to provide a fun Vendors fair. These talented women will be sharing their unique products. Here is a list of a few: Thirty One, Premiere Jewelry, Pampered Chef,

02, Mary Kay, Avon, Scentsy, Tupperware, It works, Essential oil and more.

Come join us on July 16th from 9:00-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas in July. Shop now while there is lots of summer sales and register to win free products and prizes. You will be glad you did!

### 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

### SPEECHES ADVICE FROM GRADUATON

1. Put the alarm clock in the bathroom (and keep the door open).
2. Do one thing at a time. Give each experience all your attention.
3. Spend more time listening.
4. Make yourself clear.
5. You educate yourself.
6. Learn to draw, or play the cello, or to tap dance.
7. Keep a journal.
8. YOU WILL BE MORE LIKE YOUR PARENTS THAN YOU IMAGINE.

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Denny Ray McReynolds</i>	3	4
5 <i>Tom Poulnot</i>	6	7 <b>Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Corey &amp; Pat Gunnin</i>	8 <b>Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 1:00</b>	9 <b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b> <i>Randy &amp; Beth Bickley</i>	10	11 <i>Denny &amp; Dawn McReynolds</i>
12	13	14 <b>Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Andrew Hebenstreit</i>	15 <i>Nicole Hicks Charlie &amp; Sara Hebenstreit</i>	16 <b>DW GRACE 6:00 (Covered Dish)</b>	17 <i>Carter Nolde</i>	18
19 <b>Father's day</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m.</b>	20 <b>SUMMER BEGINS</b>	21 <b>8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Kathryn Peters</i>	22 <b>Prayer Shawl meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	23 <b>Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	24	25 <i>William &amp; Ruth Griffith Dale &amp; Judy Barnickel</i>
26	27 <i>Chris Rogers</i>	28 <b>8:00 a.m. Breakfast Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	29	30 <i>Denny McReynolds</i>		

## THE GIFT

A young man was getting ready to graduate from school. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son & told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young man opened the box & found a lovely, leather-bound Bible. Angrily, he raised his voice at his father & said "With all your money, you give me a Bible?" and he stormed out of the house, leaving the holy book.

Many years passed & the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home & a wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and had willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately & take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness & regret filled his heart. He began to search his father's important papers & saw the still new Bible just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible & began to turn the pages. As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... **PAID IN FULL.**

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected.

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