

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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It is July 21<sup>st</sup> as I write this article. It has been a month of fun and opportunities. There is much work ahead of us as a congregation, but God will walk with us.

On the other hand, it has also been a month too full of tragedy. People killed for no reason by terrorists, by those charged with upholding the law, by those whose anger has led them to the taking of life. How do we, as Christians, respond to all that has happened and unfortunately, may continue to happen? Currently, people are demanding that sides be taken to decide who is right and indicating who is wrong.

But what about a course based upon the message of the Gospel? Could we find wisdom to confront the problems we face? It is my prayer that it will be so.

Terrorists do not act rationally. By definition, they only act in order to create fear and confusion. Whatever their cause, it is only a smoke screen for the real goal of disrupting life as most of us live it. The motivation is that if we are afraid enough, we will change how we live our lives and begin to distrust everyone we meet and thus become the people we never wanted to be and the very people demonized by the terrorists.

We still live in a world where people are judged by their skin tone, their speech, their nationality, their gender and on and on ad nauseum. Most of us are unaware when we do judge. We respond to triggers taught to us by our culture when we were young.

Unless we have experienced that “judging the book by its cover,” we can live in ignorance of it taking place. We can no longer act as though people of color, from First Nation people, to Latino, and to African Americans, no longer are victims of prejudice. Yes, there are people of every nationality, skin hue, and language who are criminals, disturbed, violent, even evil. But Not All people.

The same is true of the brave men and women who don a uniform to protect and serve. The overwhelming majority respect the citizens they serve and treat them with dignity. But as in all professions, the only ones who grab the headlines are the ones that make bad choices and continue to make bad choices. Let us not demonize the people who daily do their jobs and never cross the line into violence just because we see others in the news doing terrible things.

Jesus taught his disciples to love and forgive. He challenges us to seek the heart of the person without judging the actions of that person until we see the full story of their life. We need to center ourselves in the stories of how Jesus received those that others wanted to cast aside. We need to hear over the blasting voices of media, the compassionate words that Jesus spoke to those rejected.

The greatest temptation in society today, is to believe the deception that is “us against them”. We claim to be all created in the image of God, yet we buy into the idea that our “image” is better than another person’s

image. We need to remember the words from Amos, "Seek Justice (for everyone), Do Kindness (to everyone), and to Walk Humbly with God (all of us together)."

Step away from the noise and confusion of our modern media, and listen for the still, small voice of God.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## **AUGUST ELDERS & DEACONS**

Listed below are those serving in August:

Elders: Dale Barnickel & Irv Shaw

Deacons: Dawn McReynolds

Denny Ray McReynolds

Jerri Bosarge

Doreen Campbell

## **AUGUST SERMONS & SCRIPTURE**



## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR EVENT**

The Christmas in July vendor event was a huge hit. We had 16 vendors with a wide variety of items for sale. The vendors had fun showing off their wares and met lots of new people and contacts were made. The women's group sold cookbooks and baked foods. We even had free samples of some of the recipes in the cookbook. The money earned will go to help with our multiple

missions. If you missed it, we have been asked to do another event. We will be discussing it at the next DWF meeting. Thanks to all who attended and volunteered to make this a great event.

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

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"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! HAVE A GREAT DAY. Remember "It is health that is real worth and not pieces of gold and silver.

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---Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

---You forget names....But it's OK because some people forgot they ever knew you!


## **KITCHEN SUPPLIES**

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

## **SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES**

Cleaning Supplies    Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent    Fabric Softener  
Glass cleaner    Furniture Polish  
Divided foam plates    Toilet cleaners  
8 oz. foam coffee cups    Napkins

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	<b>Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Robin Robertson</i> <i>Taylor Hicks</i>	3	4	5 <i>Shawn &amp; Cassie Bell</i>	6 <i>Angela Crawford</i>
7 <i>Denny &amp; Brenda McReynolds</i>	8	<b>Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Christopher &amp; Meghan Von Almen</i>	9	10	11	12
14	15	8:00 a.m. <b>Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	16	17	<b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b> <i>Ben &amp; Doreen Campbell</i>	18 <i>Chuck Hebenstreit</i>
21	22	<b>Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Sara Hebenstreit</i>	23	24	<b>Bariatric Group Mtg. 7:00</b> <i>Irv Shaw</i>	25 <i>David Von Almen</i>
28 <i>Mike &amp; Mary Jane Rogers</i>	29	8:00 a.m. <b>Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	30	31 <b>Prayer Shawl Group 7:00</b>	<b>"Be so busy enjoying your life that you have no time for hate, regret or fear".</b> <i>via recoveryexperts.com</i>	

## **Bible Brain Twister by John Kezer**

**I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of the 17, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are the names of 17 books of the Bible in these sentences.**

**(Answers will be in the Sept. newsletter)**

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