

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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It's hard to believe that I am writing an article for the April newsletter. We are in the midst of Spring and of course, we all know what happens toward the middle of the month. Yes, it will be Easter. Oh, you thought I was going to mention something about April 15th. No, Easter is more important. Easter is the day we commemorate the amazing distance God went to assure us of His Grace and Love through the willingness of Jesus to give his life and return to demonstrate a life beyond what we can measure.

Now we are challenged to live into the level of Love and Grace by striving to be like Christ. What does that look like? It looks like the stories from the Gospels that you have heard before. There are the stories of Jesus talking to people that defied what was considered appropriate, such as speaking to women of dubious reputation or people considered as sellouts or morally corrupt. There are also the stories of Jesus granting forgiveness to people who many believed undeserving of forgiveness, such as adulterers and handicapped people who had presumably sinned at some time, or the stories of Jesus feeding the hungry, even if they could have fed themselves and the stories of Jesus praising the least important people in society, people like widows and children.

In our world today, these ideas may defy modern measures of how we should live. Instead of sitting in judgement of others, we are called to love. Instead of amassing a wealth of things, amass a wealth of giving

away to those most in need. We are encouraged to convert our tools of destruction into tools that provide food for the hungry.

I realize that we live in a world where this sounds like a pipe dream, yet nowhere in the teachings of Jesus does he say we are only expected to behave this way when everything is perfect. HE dared us to live this way in the real world. We are to love all of our neighbors, not just the ones who are like us. We are dared to forgive as God has forgiven us, because God forgave us when we hadn't asked for it.

Let us live Christ-like in joyful response to the wonder of Easter morning. It is the only way to honor the one whose name we claim.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## LENTEN FOCUS

This month we are continuing the Lenten focus of gathering items to share with the residents of Elberta Nursing Home at the end of April. We are gathering socks, lotions, aftershave lotion, hats, hair clips, ribbons, and bottled water for the staff. On the last Sunday of the month we will share in a service of worship and blessing and prepare these gifts to be delivered to the Home as a part of the service. After the service, anyone who wants to participate with this can go to Elberta to help deliver the gifts of love. I hope you will help us accomplish this mission and will participate

in the effort to show our love for our neighbors at Elberta Nursing Home.

On April 13th, we will have a Maundy Thursday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. We will mark this event with worship and communion. Please come and recall the night that for us as Disciples of Christ is the heart of our worship, the Lord's Table.

On Easter morning, April 16th, we will have an Easter Egg hunt and Fellowship breakfast. Because Easter is the third Sunday of the month, when we usually have a Fellowship Dinner, we will shift to the morning with an Easter Egg hunt for the Children and invite everyone to bring something for Breakfast. It doesn't have to be as elaborate as our evening meals, but bring fun to share for breakfast. Afterward we can all journey to the Sanctuary and celebrate the Risen Christ.

## APRIL ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in Dec:

**Elders:** David Von Almen &  
Ann Von Almen

**Deacons:** All of us

## APRIL SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



## KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Foam coffee cups	Paper Towels
39 gal garbage bags	13 gal trash bags
Small dessert plates	Kleenex
16 oz. plastic glasses	Liquid hand soap
Spray kitchen cleaner	Napkins
Divided oblong foam plates	

## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry Soap	Dish Soap
Glass Cleaner	Toilet Cleaner
Cleaning supplies	Furniture Spray
Divided Foam Plates	Fabric Softener
8 oz. Foam Coffee Cups	Napkins

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please submit content you would like published in the May newsletter to Sharon-Kay no later than 7:30 p.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

# April 2017

Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

**Easter is more than just eggs and candy. It is also about peace, love and family. Easter symbolizes the renewal of life. Wishing you and your family the renewal of life, love & happiness. Easter teaches us the meaning of faith and what it is to feel the Lord's blessing in our lives.**



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<i>Barbara Hicks</i> 2 <i>Norbert &amp; Sharon-Kay Duncan</i>	3 <b>Transition Team Meeting 7:00</b>	4 <b>Breakfast 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	5 <i>Nicole Crofutt</i>	6	7	8	
9	10	11 <b>Breakfast 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	12	13 <b>Radio Club Meeting 7:00</b>	14	15	
16 <b>Fellowship Breakfast Easter Sunday</b> <i>Debra Scaggs</i>	17	18 <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Dawn McReynolds</i>	19	20 <b>DW Grace Group 7:00</b> <i>Glenda Ewert Ted &amp; Laurie Cook</i>	21	22	
23	24	25 <b>Breakfast 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	26 <i>Prayer Shawl Mtg. 7:00 pm</i>	27 <b>Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>	28	29 <i>Juanita Von Almen</i>	

**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR HOME WITH HAPPINESS & UNWAVERING FAITH THIS EASTER. MAY THIS EASTER FILL YOUR HOME WITH PEACE, JOY & PLENTY OF COLORFUL EASTER EGGS.**



## The 7-Ups of Life

Wake Up – Decide to have a good day. “Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice & be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24

Dress Up – The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

Shut Up – Say loving things & learn to listen. God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3, “Gossip betrays confidence, avoid men who talk too much.” Proverbs 20:19 “Listen to advice, accept instruction and in the end you will be wise.” Proverbs 19:20

Stand Up – For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. “Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good.” Galatians 6:9-10

Look Up – to the Lord. “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength” Philippians 4:13

Reach Up – For something higher. “...press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

Lift Up – Your Prayers. “Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything.” Philippians 4:6

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