

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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During this month we will celebrate a holiday that challenges us to remember those who gave their lives in defense of this nation. As a Boy Scout and later a member of a marching band, I attended many Memorial Day Parades and ceremonies at a cemetery in town or in front of the monument to the soldiers who fought in war. There was always a large group of people who would gather and listen to speeches and prayers, but I do not recall ever hearing names of any individual who gave their life for this nation. Families might visit graves to add flags or flowers, but unless your family had someone in the category, we marked the day for a vast unnamed multitude of individuals. Maybe we need to take time to put names to those whose sacrifice made a difference. Maybe we should expand our personal list to include those who gave their lives for making our nation greater outside the wars that have been fought.

During this year's Clergy Summit at the Museum of Aviation, we watched a clip from the movie "We Were Soldiers." The clip didn't show any of the battles or the soldiers heading to war. Instead, the clip dealt with a cabbie pulling to the home of Mel Gibson's character. His wife is alone since the soldiers were deployed and had just learned that the military was using cab drivers to deliver Western Union telegrams announcing the death of a soldier. When his wife saw the cabbie she yelled at him because she thought the cabbie was delivering news that her husband was

dead. Instead, he wanted direction to another family because he knew she was the Major's wife and would know where his soldiers lived on base. Instead of telling him, she took the telegram and said she would deliver it because no one should just be given this news by a lone cab driver.

This was the moment when the change in how death notifications were made in the military. The courage of a woman demanded that this type of news never be delivered without someone investing time and presence to a family receiving this type of news.

As we prepare for picnics and parades and gatherings at cemeteries, let us take time to invest ourselves to stand with people who lose loved ones, not only in the military, police, or fire services. We need to be willing to set aside our discomfort to spend time with people in grief, to sit, to babysit if needed, to prepare food and deliver it, and any other tasks that need to be done.

In our community, as a military community, we need to not wait for deaths. We need to pitch in and help families left behind during deployments. Young families trying to get children to and from school, work, clean the house, take care of the yard and upkeep of the home, and have a space of time to take care of themselves, need people to step up and sacrifice their time and provide assistance. What a much better way to honor Memorial Day. What a great way to remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives by not leaving it to a single day

and in some cases maybe an hour or so of Memorial Day.

“When you did this for these.....you did it for me.” Jesus’s words still demand we act.

Shalom, *Darrell*

MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in Dec:

Elders: Dale Barnickel &

Deacons: All of us

DW GRACE GROUP

The ladies met on April 20th. We discussed our vendor fair, which was a great success. We discussed that to have a better turn out for the vendors we need to not be in competition with major festivals like this year.

The slate of new officers were discussed & approved. We will have our installation in June.

The June meeting will be at 6:30 with a carry in dinner & then the installation of officers. We decided to change to a dinner meeting every other month & to take off July & come back in August because of changes with church & school calendars.

We had a great many thank you cards & letters to share. The Women’s Regional Ministry was grateful for the donations to the Camp Gala. The Prayer Shawl Group shared several thank you notes for the prayer pals and shawls. This ministry continues to grow & touch others. Because May is National Mental Health Awareness, we have partnered up with another local group to reach out. We have the prayer pals that will be added to thermal totes donated by local Thirty-One consultants & their customers. These will be going to the local Children’s hospital in their behavioral health unit. We will be gathering these through the end of May. There will be a

special dedication in June. If anyone wants to help either with purchasing supplies for making the prayer pals or the thermal totes, please see Jeannetta Stokes.

There was no new business & we concluded our meeting with some great snacks provided by Heather.

MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Liquid Hand Soap
- Paper Towels
- 39gal Garbage Bags
- 13gal Trash Bags
- Small Dessert Plates
- Kleenex
- 16oz Plastic Glasses
- Dish 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
- 8oz Foam Coffee Cups
- Napkins

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Sarah Cook</i>	8 <i>Ruth Griffith</i>	Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	9 <i>Janice Fentem</i>	10	Radio Club Meeting 7:00 <i>Nadine Scaggs</i>	11 <i>Mary Ann Glover</i>	12 13
14	15 Transition Team Meeting 7:00	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Tyler Hurlbert</i>	16	17	DW Grace Group 7:00	18	19 20
21 Fellowship Dinner 6:00	22	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Beth Bickley</i> <i>Steven & Sue Kidd</i>	23	24	Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m. <i>Dale & Judy</i> <i>Barnickel</i>	25	26 27
28	29	8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Greg Holmes</i>	30 Prayer Shawl Mtg. 7:00 <i>Darrell & Marsha</i> <i>Vandervort</i>	31	TO BE BETTER OFF Let's TURN off the news, open UP our Bibles, Help those in NEED , LOVE our neighbors, maybe then we would all be better OFF .		

WHO NEEDS LOVE?

The world is overflowing with people who need love, who have run out of hope, longing for someone to let them know they care. We are those who must care! We must reach out to one another with a love that defies all worldly wisdom and understanding. We must love as Jesus loved us. This love will be used to work miracles; this love will bring glory and honor to our Heavenly Father; this love will show the world that we are truly His disciples. Have a Christ Centered Day!

Unique Talents

Our culture sometimes pushes us to be something that we're not, but this is a good reminder that each one of us is unique with our own talents. We should treasure the things that we're good at and do those things well. You can honor God by putting your talents to good use. Do them with passion, kindness and vigor.

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