

**Mission Statement: We Seek to Love God by Loving Others.**



# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE

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Monthly Newsletter

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## Pastor's Page

Last year during the month of June and July, instead of following the Lectionary as the basis for Sunday's messages, I focused upon our Disciple understanding of being church. This summer I want to share similar understanding from a book by Diana Butler Bass, Christianity for the Rest of Us:

This book, published in 2006, is about the author's journey around churches to see how they are moving from a "come to us" mentality to a "we are called to serve" as a way of defining the church's mission for today. She begins the book talking about the change in the neighborhood church. Once upon a time, most members of the church lived near the actual church, in the neighborhood. Now the reality is that few people live within the neighborhood of the church building. It is also true that the neighborhood around the church is often very different from what was there when the church began.

This is very much true for our congregation. As part of our re-visioning, we are looking to learn about our neighbors and how we can best reach out as people of faith to serve as Christ served.

In the second part of her book, Diana Butler Bass highlights 10 signposts of renewal. I want to take this summer to look at these signposts and how we can grow in these areas. The areas upon which she focuses are Hospitality, Discernment, Healing, Contemplation, Testimony, Diversity, Justice, Worship, Reflection, and Beauty. We will look at these through the summer, despite the school calendar, August is still part of the Summer.

In June, we will look at Hospitality, Contemplation, and Testimony. Hospitality is more than just how we treat our guests, but a Biblical principle that expects hosts to treat guests like beloved family. Contemplation is not a focus upon seeking the correct answers to life challenges but a way to deepen our faith by spending time listening for the voice of God in Scripture and prayer. Testimony is not limited to the court room, but rather how we witness to the world the impact of the Grace of God in each of our lives.

### Announcement

Pentecost is Sunday, June 4. Please wear something red for worship that morning. I will be returning from our trip to celebrate our anniversary. Once again, Tim Trussell-Smith will fill the pulpit. This will be the last time he will be with us before he is ordained as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in First Christian, Sandersville on June 25. Welcome him again, and encourage him as he begins to seek God's guidance into his ministerial future.





## Disciple Women Fellowship

The DWF met on Thursday May 18. This months meeting was about looking forward to the new year starting in August. We will have our carry in dinner next month starting at 6:30 followed by our installation of new officers and program. Mrs. Lois Crawford will be doing our installation. Please come join us for lots of great fellowship and food.

We spent much time this month in reflection. Sharon-Kay Duncan had a great mediation for us. Scripture reading Ephesians 2:4-9. The reading called us not to worry about what all Christian works we "should" be doing but to reflect on the things we can and want to do for our church and the community. We need to do things because God called us to do them not because someone else thinks we should do them or because "that's what Christians do." When we seek Him first and know what His will is the answers become simple.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

As we look forward to the starting of a new season in DWF, we left with many things to reflect on. One is our "WHY". Why do you do the works you do? Why do you choose to come here to worship? Why do you give to the places you do? Why? When I did Performance Improvement Studies for a healthcare company and we were always looking for the root cause of a problem/issue. The answers were never found in the first Why's but usually in the last. The real issue comes to light after we peel away the layers and answer that WHY question at least 5 times!

So as the women have been challenged... I challenge all of us to look deeper into our Faith and ask yourself... WHY?

(If you would like to see our devotion in more detail we will be glad to share the full thing with you. Please let Sharon-Kay or myself know. )

Blessings,

DWF President

### **Elders:**

Charlie Hebenstreit and

**Deacons:** All of us.

### **Sunday Service Outline**

#### **6/4/17 Pentecost Sunday**

I will be out of town for our anniversary. Tim Trussell-Smith will preach

Call to Worship--#235 (Unison)  
Praise--#248 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"  
Communion--#416 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"  
Invitation--#253 "Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness"

#### **6/11/17**

Call to Worship--#728  
Praise--#526 "The Gift of Love"  
Scripture—Mark 6:30-44 and Lk. 6:32-34  
Communion--#419 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"  
Sermon—Hospitality  
Invitation--#589 "Lord, I Want to Be Christian"

#### **6/18/17 Father's Day**

Call to Worship--#758  
Praise--#259 "Spirit of the Living God" X3  
Scripture—Luke 11:1-  
Communion--#420 "I Come with Joy"  
Sermon—Contemplation  
Invitation--#575 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

#### **6/25/17**

Call to Worship--#240  
Praise--#480 "I Love to Tell the Story"  
Scripture—I Cor. 15:1-11  
Communion--#425 "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Sermon—Testimony  
Invitation--#357 "We Call Ourselves Disciples"

### **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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Denny McReynolds, Jr.	3
4 Tom Gilmer	5 Kyla Embrey Tom Poulnot  Transition Team Meeting 7pm	6 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am  Bible Study 7pm	7 Corey & Pat Gunnin	8 Randy & Beth Bickley  Radio Club Meeting 7pm	9	10
11	12	13 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am  Bible Study 7pm	14 Andrew Hebenstreit	15 Nicole Hicks Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit  DW Grace Group	16 Carter Nolde	17
18 Fathers Day  Fellowship Dinner 6pm	19	20 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am  Bible Study 7pm	21 Kathryn Peters	22 Bariatric Group Meeting 7pm	23	24 David Palmer
25 William & Ruth Griffith	26	27 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm Chris Rogers	28	29	30 Denny McReynolds, Sr.	

**Are you willing to take an honest look at some of the reasons why people are not coming to your church?**

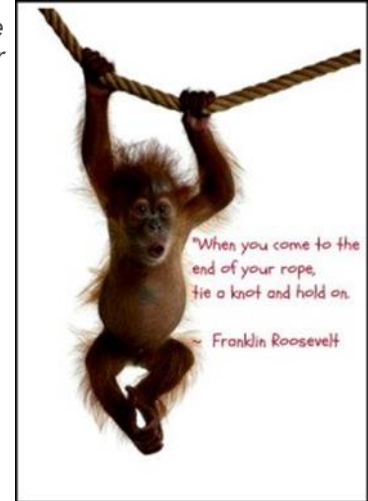
*Several years ago I wrestled with the question of what was wrong with much of the church that stood for purity. I came to the conclusion that in the flesh we can stress purity without love or we can stress love without purity, but that in the flesh we cannot stress both simultaneously. In order to exhibit both simultaneously, we must look moment by moment to the work of Christ, to the work of the Holy Spirit. Spirituality begins to have real meaning in our moment-by-moment lives as we begin to exhibit simultaneously the holiness of God and the love of God. Francis A. Schaeffer, (The Church Before the Watching World)*

Are you dealing with apathy and ineptitude? Is your church on the path of self-destruction and ineffectiveness? Are people lining up for war in various factions and sides while conflict and discontent are running amok? Are some people gossiping while others are being ignored? Is Christ outside knocking on your door, but not getting in? Instead, have you replaced Him with what you think is relevance and attractiveness to the Gospel...

Quoted from the Website: Churchleadership.org

"There are moments when troubles enter our lives and we can do nothing to avoid them. But they are there for a reason. Only when we have overcome them will we understand why they were there."

~ Paulo Coelho



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