

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

Another General Assembly has come and gone. This year the energy of the event was even higher than in the last few with the focus on electing Teresa Hord Owen as the newest General Minister and President. This was accomplished during the Sunday night worship service. For the first time, the Assembly opened its business session in the middle of worship. We approved the order of business and held the election of the new GMP.

All the sermons were excellent, including during the Sunday night service when the sermon was divided between three people, Henry Brewer-Calvert (son of James and Betty Brewer-Calvert of Decatur, GA and candidate for ministry), Rev. Jae Young Rhee, the pastor of the Ghent, OH congregation, and Rev. Mary Lou Kegler, Regional Minister of Canada (talk about a large region).

The general theme of all the messages was the Assembly theme of ONE. It was recognized that this theme was not about total agreement in all matters but rather calling all of us back to the unifying reason we exist as a church. We were reminded of one of the original themes of Disciples, found at #521 in the Chalice Hymnal, "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity." This is attributed to Rupertus Meldenius. Rupertus was a 16th Century Lutheran pastor in Germany, yet his words became a powerful call for Disciples.

This statement acknowledges that we will never really achieve total agreement. Yet, it calls us to be unified in our core, that we are students or more accurately, Disciples of Jesus. We are to follow his teachings and actions as the core of our religious practice. The interpretations and theologies that developed over the course of centuries fall into the liberty area and along with the rest of life today is in the charity area.

Love God with all we are. Love each other, not only in words but in actions and attitudes. Seek justice, do kindness, and walk humbly with God—God is the judge, not humanity. This should be our core of unity. We can differ in how that is played out on a day by day basis. As individuals, we are at liberty to decide how best we live into this core accepting that we may not always choose the same methods, and understanding that differences are not divisions, but only the rich diversity that inspires others to follow the essential core.

During the Assembly, we recalled and repented from the actions of the past that assumed European superiority over the "savages" of the New World and denied them recognition as another civilized culture. We repented from the denial of welcoming to other branches of humanity merely because of degrees of melanin in their skin. We repented our converting our role in God's Creation from stewards into owners. We repented from reversing the order of Meldenius' statement and making absolute agreement as the only essential.

For our congregation in Warner Robins, we need to look at this and discover how we live and act in our essentials and make use of the variety of ways we can turn them into actions that will bring in the diversity of our community into a core who love God with all that they are, and seek to show love to all of humanity.

Shalom, Darrell



Disciple Women Fellowship

The DWF met on Thursday the 15th of June to have a carry-in dinner and installation of new officers. The food was good, the fellowship fun and the devotion helped us all to reflect on our stewardship. Thank you to Sharon-Kay for the devotion. Angela and Lois did a wonderful installation service. We would like welcome Angela, Mary Ann, Shirley and Judy to their new positions. We extended Brenda Mc Reynolds a big thank you for her years of service. She has lead our group faithfully for many years and is taking a much needed break.

We are beginning to plan our new year but will be taking the rest of this month and next off. We will meet again in August for a carry in dinner and devotion. We invite everyone to join us each month on the third Thursday of each month.

Have a great summer everyone!!

Blessings,

DWF President

Elders: David VonAlmen and John Glover

Deacons: Nicole and Ha-ley Crofutt

Sunday Service Outline

8/6/17

Call to Worship--#268 (Unison)
Praise--#64 "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"
Communion--#485 "Diverse in Culture, Nation"
Scripture--Amos 5:21-24
Sermon: Justice
Invitation--#668 "For the Healing of the Nations"

8/13/17

Call to Worship--#279 (unison)
Praise--#67 "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Communion--#399 "O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near"
Scripture—Luke 4:5-13
Sermon—Worship
Invitation--#277 "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

8/20/17

Call to Worship--#764
Praise--#90 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
Communion--#395 "Seed, Scattered and Sown"
Scripture—Ps. 119:97-105
Sermon—Reflection
Invitation--#259 "Spirit of the Living God"

8/27/17

Call to Worship--#698 (unison)
Praise--#99 "O, How I Love Jesus"
Communion--#393 "One Bread, One Body"
Scripture—Ps. 27:1-14
Sermon—Beauty
Invitation--#561 "It Is Well with My Soul"

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

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 7pm	2 CLOGG Car Show Mtg 7-8:30pm	3	4 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	5
6	7 Trans Team Mtg 7pm	8 Breakfast—Cracker Barrel 8am Model Club 7pm Bible Study 7pm	9	10 Radio Club Mtg 7pm	11 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	12 Inside Clean-up Day 9-12
13	14	15 Breakfast—Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm	16	17 DW Grace Group	18 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	19 Parents Night Out 5:30—10:30
20 Fellowship Dinner 6pm	21	22 Breakfast—Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm	23	24 Bariatric Group-Meeting 7pm	25 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	26
27	28	29 Breakfast—Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm	30	31		

Announcements

On Saturday, August 12, 2017, there will be a cleaning day at the church. Everyone is invited to come and help vacuum, dust, mop, and do clean-up around the church. This will be cleaning inside the church. We will start at 9:00 and hopefully be done by 12:00.

On Saturday, August 19, 2017, we will hold a Parent's Night Out for parents of children that attend Parkwood Elementary. We have set a limit of 30 children and will play games, provide hotdogs, chips and drinks. Parents will RSVP before the event and sign permission forms with phone numbers when they drop off their children. If you would like to help, please sign up on the form in the narthex. We will host the children from 6:00-10:00 PM.

August Birthdays:

1 Sue Kidd
2 Taylor Hicks
2 Kathy Lawson
2 Robin Robertson
6 Angela Crawford
17 Janie Phillips (Tom's sister-in-law)
20 Chuck Hebenstreit
23 Sara Hebenstreit
26 David Von Almen
30th Corey Gunnin

August Anniversaries:

5 Shawn & Cassie Bell
7 Denny & Brenda McReynolds
9 Christopher & Megan Von Almen
18 Ben & Doreen Campbell
27 Tom & Linda Gilmer
28 Mike & Mary Jane Rogers

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