

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



WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE

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Pastor's Page

Marsha, Kathryn Peters, and I traveled to Springfield, TN to see the total eclipse in August. Springfield is north and west of Nashville and we were out in the country north of the city. Near where we were staying was a church and we sought permission to watch the eclipse from their parking lot. The pastor's family welcomed us along with a mother and college aged son from New York City and a family from northern Mississippi. We shared in conversation, laughter, music, and watermelon. Then we reached totality. In awe we sat around looking at the ring of the sun's corona visible around the moon. As we watched, the moon continued its journey through space and a small bit of the sun appeared and the ring of light was turned into a ring with a bright gem on the ring. These words pale in the effort to describe the event. All of us were overwhelmed by the experience. We were united with generations past who looked to the sky in fear due to the onset of night in the afternoon of the day. We witnessed an event displaying the amazing work of God.

In August, we were all able to watch the overwhelming experience of the dismaying work of human beings. We witnessed the destructive energy of hatred released in Charlottesville, VA. Groups with a history of hatred toward anyone who looks or believes differently than they do, gathered in VA and expressed their views that some of our brothers and sisters are less deserving than those marching. Nazism is destructive and antithetical to our faith. The KKK claims to be Christian, yet espouses the belief that anyone not "white" deserve to be second to themselves. Historically, the KKK is a homegrown terrorist group by the modern definitions used today.

How do we as Christians respond to these groups? Do we take to the streets to physically battle against them? Do we declare war on them? NO!

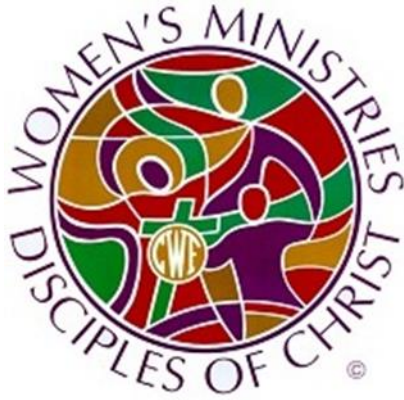
We should stand in opposition to these groups. But we should be standing in *loving opposition*. Not with hateful language of the Neo-Nazis, the KKK, the Alt-Right but with the language of faith. The faith that prays for those who hate. The language that speaks love for everyone, especially if they do not look or sound like the rest of us. The language of Jesus who told us to turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to forgive too many times to count, the language that led to the Cross.

As Christians we should stand between those who hate and those whom the hate groups see as targets. We will teach love to overcome the hatred they learned during their lives.

The excuse for all of this was centered around the removal or destruction of statues of Southern Civil War leaders. The Civil War represents the story of Cain and Abel played out on a national level. We fought because some had repented of their sin of buying and selling human beings and others had not. I am aware of the "State's Rights" argument. But it was the focus on the State Right to own human beings to provide the workforce to compete with the industrial states. This is not to say that these statues should be destroyed. It means they should be utilized as a national lesson of the price that was paid for the decision to see people of color property, not brothers and sisters. This lesson should reflect upon the history of this nation even before it became a nation and include who we failed to see our brothers and sisters who lived here before Europeans arrived. We must acknowledge the sin of the prideful belief that my way is superior to any other way that I don't like or understand.

We, as Christians believe in love and forgiving grace. We must not limit this practice to our words, but put them to work in our lives.

Shalom, Darrell



Disciple Women Fellowship

The DWF met on Thursday August 17 for a great fellowship and fall planning session. We had some great food and laughs. We are focusing on our outreach ministries this year.

The regional women's retreat is September 23-25. Registration ends August 30. If you are interested in going you can register online at gadisciples.org

If you are planning on doing any pillow cases we need those as soon as possible. Nadine does a great job making our pillow cases! Thank you Nadine!!! We send these every year to retreat.

We had fun planning some fall events! We will be having our annual yard sale, bake and Christmas bazaar in November. There will be more details soon. Then we have decided to do the shoe boxes for Christmas this year. Angela Crawford will be heading up this project so stay tuned for more details. We will also be doing our Salvation Army stockings for the safe house.

In addition, we will be sponsoring 2 children for Camp Wings. It is \$150 per child to sponsor or you can volunteer to be a camp buddy. This is a great camp for any kids ages 6-16 who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you know a child or are interested in volunteering, see Jeanetta Stokes for more details.

We look forward to a great year and as always, all women of the church are welcome to join us. This year we are not only focusing on our outreach ministries, but our spiritual growth. Come join us for some great Bible lessons and fellowship.

Wishing you many Blessings.

DWF President

Elders: John Glover & Charlie Hebenstreit

Deacons: Mary Ann Glover and Rita Youngblood

Sunday Service Outline

9/3/17 Labor Day Weekend

Call to Worship--#81
Praise--#112 "Holy Ground (x2)"
Communion--#403 "In Remembrance of Me"
Scripture--Matt. 16:21-26
Sermon: All In
Invitation--#658 "Restless Weaver"

9/10/17 Children's Sabbath

Call to Worship--#268 (Unison)
Praise--#115 "There's Something About the Name (x2)"
Communion--#398 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"
Scripture—Romans 13:8-14
Sermon—Where is the Waldo Christian
Invitation--#477 "Pass it On"

9/17/17

Call to Worship--#551 (Unison)
Praise--#253 "Spirit Come Dispel Our Sadness"
Communion--#386 "We Come as Guests Invited"
Scripture—Romans 14:21-35
Sermon—The Richness of Diversity
Invitation--#568 "Tis' the Gift to Be Simple"

9/24/17

Call to Worship--#682 (unison)
Praise--#254 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Communion--#411 "For the Bread, Which You Have Broken"
Scripture—Matt. 20:1-16
Sermon—Do I Have What I Need?
Invitation--#546 "Amazing Grace"

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

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	2
3	4 Trans Team Mtg 7pm	5 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am Bible Study 7pm	6	7	8 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	9
10	11	12 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm Bible Study 7pm	13	14 Radio Club Mtg 7pm	15 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	16
17 Fellowship Dinner 6pm	18	19 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm	20 CLOGG 7-8:30	21 DW Grace Group	22 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	23 Health Fair 9-12 (See Announcements)
24	25	26 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm Bible Study 7pm	27	28 Bariatric Group Meeting 7pm	29 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	30 Wedding

Parents Night Out-Fun for all!

In keeping with our church mission "We seek to love God by loving others"; on August 19th, 2017 our church sponsored a Parents Night Out. We partnered with Parkwood Elementary School and opened our church to any parent who wanted to leave their children with us from 6 to 10PM. We hosted 9 children for this event. Mary Jane Rogers was in charge of food and fed them hot dogs with all the trimmings for supper. Sara Hebenstreit was in charge of activities and really used her imagination in coming up with entertaining games for our energetic crowd. Their favorite seemed to be bouncing balloons around with pool noodles! To settle them down as the night went on the Barnickels provide us with the movie "Lion King" and of course—we all had popcorn.

As parents began to arrive some of our guests were not ready to go and others said, "It was the most fun party we have ever been to!" I think it is safe to say that all who participated were enriched by the experience. Many others, I have not named, helped in making this event a success and my thanks go out to each of them.

If you have ideas on other ways to reach our community and share God's love; please share your ideas with the Transition Team.

Announcements: On Saturday, September 23, from 9:00-12:00 we will be hosting a Health Fair in the Fellowship Hall. Houston Healthcare, Walgreens, and others will be here to provide education, blood pressure screening, flu shots, and guidance for those on Medicare among other things. Please share the word about this event and please help us provide this opportunity for this area of Warner Robins.

On Saturday, October 7, from 11:00-1:00 there will be a Cluster Gathering for Disciples in Warner Robins and Macon to meet at the Regional Office and participate in a discussion about the work and mission of the Regional Church. I hope we can have a good sized group willing to go to Macon and share in the framing of the Regional Mission for 2018.

September Birthdays:

1 Sean Palmer
2 Kody Campbell
10 Pat Gunnin
13 Kristyn Embrey Harmon
15 Charlotte Curry
22 Maxine McGuire
22 Charlie Hebenstreit
30 Betty McGuire

September Anniversaries:

9 Tommy and Joan Marshall
11 Phil & Jerri Bosarge

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