

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



# **WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)  
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Monthly Newsletter

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## **Pastor's Page**

Here we are at the end of another year. We are in the full-on Christmas pressures loaded upon us by our jobs, our friends, our family, and most often by ourselves. The point of the season is to remember that this time of year is not about us at all. It is about discovering that infant hope within each of us.

Shepherds and Magi didn't travel to feast on wonderful delights or to trade gifts trying to impress each other. They didn't fill their days with event after event. They arrived with what little they had and gave thanks for what they discovered.

We need to join them on this journey this month. With all that is occurring in our world, we need to travel with shepherds and Magi again.

We need to discover the awe of all that God has created. We may not have a fantastic star shining in the sky, but we can go out on a clear night away from the lights of cities and stare up into the night sky and see the wonder of all that God laid out. We can seek the bright lights among the stars and rejoice and be amazed.

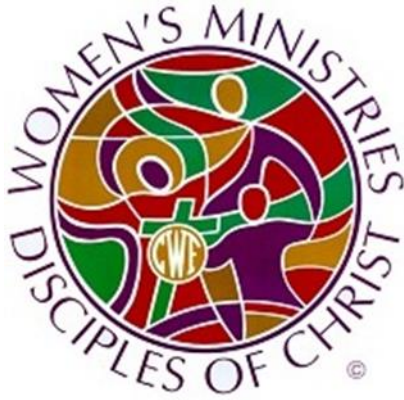
Take time to sit quietly as the shepherd did before the angels started singing. To rest in the presence of God. Then sing carols or listen to the others sing and recall the angels singing to the shepherds.

We need to wander around our community and find the grace and hope in people around us. We need to spend time with our neighbors sharing joys, comforting pains, and living in the love of our neighbors.

With all the pain that surrounds us, we need to remember that the point of the season is not about spending money. It is about recognizing the infant Jesus in each person. It is about treating everyone as we should see them, as the image of God before us. We need to step away from the fear, anger, hatred, and partisanship that modern society encourages.

May your holiday season be blessed. May the New Year be filled with hope and promise. But most of all, may you be the blessings, the hope and the promise for the people around you. May you bear the image of God clearly through the end of 2017 and into 2018.

Shalom, Darrell



## Disciple Women Fellowship

We are so happy to announce that we packed 45 shoe boxes this year for operation Christmas Child. Angela has sent several of them with a special tracking code so we can see where our boxes land. We will keep you updated.

We want to say a special thanks to everyone who came out and supported our annual Christmas Bazaar and yard sale. THANK YOU!!!!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas event. Mary Ann Glover is hosting at her home (555 Kewanee Dr., Byron GA 31008 (call 478 9565817 if you get lost). We will have a cover dish dinner followed with lots of fun and games. Everyone is asked to bring food to share. We will be doing our second annual Fuzzy Socks exchange. Everyone is asked to bring a new pair of fuzzy socks stuffed with holiday goodies to exchange. (No more than \$10 total)

We look forward to seeing everyone there. December 14 @ 6:30 pm.

If you need directions please let us know. If you need a ride, there is a ride share from the church front parking lot at 6 pm. Meet there and ride.

We will be sponsoring stockings for the kids at the Salvation Army Safe House. Please purchase a stocking and fill it with age appropriate child items and place a small wrapped gift on top for the mother. Sharon-Kay has the list of children and ages. We need all stockings delivered by the 16th.

We wish you all a Happy New Year and a VERY Merry Christmas.

Wishing you many Blessings.

DWF President

**Elders:** Charlie Hebenstreit, John Glover

**Deacons:** Mary Ann Glover

### **Sunday Service Outline**

**12/3/17** Hanging of the Greens

Call to Worship--#120

Praise--#119 "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Communion--#425 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Scripture--Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon-- Grace

Invitation--#200 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**12/10/17**

Call to Worship--#123

Praise--#125 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

Communion--#402 "According to Thy Gracious Word"

Scripture--Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon--Hope

Invitation--#638 "In the Bulb There Is A Flower"

**12/17/17**

Call to Worship--#126

Praise--#128 "One Candle Is Lit"

Communion--#321 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Scripture--Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon--Justice

Invitation--#651 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

**12/24/17** Christmas Eve

Call to Worship--#131

Praise--#136 "Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming"

Communion--#295 "In This Very Room"

Scripture--Luke 1:26-38

Sermon--Love

Invitation--#148 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**12/31/17** New Year's Eve

Call to Worship--#157

Praise--#143 "Joy to the World"

Communion--#145 "Silent Night"

Scripture--Luke 2:8-20

Sermon--Rejoice

Invitation--#153 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

### **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

# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	2
3 Human Rights Week Hanging of the Greens Bible Study 4pm	4	5 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am	6	7	8 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	9
10 Bible Study 4pm	11	12 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm	13	14 Radio Club Mtg 7pm DWF Mtg at the Glover's—6:30	15 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	16
17 Fellowship Dinner 6pm Bible Study 4pm	18 Bariatric Group Meeting 7pm	19 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	20	21	22 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	23
24/31 Bible Study 4pm	25 Merry Christmas	26 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm	27	28	29 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	30 Happy New Year

**Announcements: It's true—there will be a 2018! All the doom and gloom talk is over-stated and over-rated. God is in charge so take a deep breath and enjoy the ride. Blessings to all and may Jesus shine through you in 2018 and beyond. The Editor**

**December Birthdays:**

3—Pam Palmer  
7—Gavin Edmondson  
8—James Hicks  
11—Jennifer Lamm  
14— William Griffith  
18—Olivia Gowin  
18—Matt Thompson  
23—Kyle McReynolds  
31—Haley Crofutt  
31—Austin Hurlbert  
31—Hunter Hicks

**December Anniversaries:**

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