

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

A brand-new year has begun. What will it become? Will it be a blessing or a struggle? Chances are it will be both. How should we approach the next 12 months?

Maybe the best thing to do in this new year is remembering the practices of Christians through the centuries. Practices that go back to the early days of our faith. Practices of prayer, meditation, focused reading of the Bible, and living compassionately.

We all pray at various times of the day. We pray at church. The typical type of pray practiced is when we ask God to act in some manner to help those hurting, or sick, or in need. This is a good practice to maintain. However, we could add another dimension to our prayer life, the practice of listening to God. Early Christians would repeat a short phrase over and over to focus their minds in order to actively listen in their prayers. Phrases like "Lord Jesus, forgive a sinner like me." Once your mind is calmed, you let your mind be open to the guidance that God may provide.

Meditation can begin in the same manner as the praying described above. It can also be accomplished by focusing on the flame of a candle and listening. In many ways, meditation is a way to pray, to open yourself to the presence of God around you. At various times during worship, I "center" myself by closing my eyes and envisioning my feet sinking into the floor like tree roots seeking the Earth God created. Then I imagine reaching upward toward God and being open to the flow of God's presence through all of us.

Focused Bible readings are different than just reading selections of passages, but rather reading small sections repeatedly. Select a special passage for you and as you read it over and again, stress the first word, then the second, and so on through the entire passage. But rather than reading it one time right after another, pause between each reading and think about the meaning of the passage with the new understanding of the focus being on a new word. Don't rush this, let each reading settle in your thoughts and understanding, then go to the next time through stressing a new word.

Finally, we come to living compassionately. This goes beyond being nice to other people. It means being aware of how everything we do has an impact on the world and people around us. As we are the stewards of all that God created, we need to act responsibly toward everyone and everything that God has made. We cannot "fix" everything and everyone. We can examine how we treat the people around us. We can examine what we throw away and waste. We can do better to respect that which God created.

Maybe these tools will impact how we review the year 2018 next January.

Shalom, Darrell.



Disciple Women Fellowship Happy New Year!!

Meeting will be held on 18 January in the Fellowship Hall.

Wishing you many Blessings.

DWF President

Elders: David and Ann
Von Almen

Deacons: The Congregation

Sunday Service Outline

1/7/18 Epiphany

Call to Worship--#737

Praise--#172 "We Three Kings"

Communion--#162 "What Child Is This"

Scripture--Gen. 1:1-5

Sermon--Light out of Darkness

Invitation--#164 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

1/15/18

Call to Worship--#765

Praise--#173 "As With Gladness"

Communion--#147 "Away In a Manger"

Scripture--John 1:43-51

Sermon--What Good Can Come From

Invitation--#150 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1/21/18

Call to Worship--#178 (Unison)

Praise--#184 "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly"

Communion--#387 "Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken"

Scripture--Mark 1:14-15

Sermon--Whose Good News

Invitation--#526 "The Gift of Love"

1/28/18

Call to Worship--#473 (Unison)

Praise--#2 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Communion--#485 "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

Scripture--Mark 1:21-28

Sermon--Don't you Know Who I Am!

Invitation--#469 "I Am the Light of the World"

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

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am	3	4	5 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	6
7 Bible Study 4pm	8 Transition Team Mtg—7pm	9 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am	10	11	12 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	13
14 Bible Study 4pm	15	16 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	17	18 DWF Mtg 7pm	19 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	20 <i>CLOGG</i> 10 am
21 Fellowship Dinner 6pm	22	23 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	24	25	26 Dirt Farmers 2:30 to 5:30	27
28 Bible Study 4pm	29	30 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	31			

Announcements: Everyone's prayers for colder weather at Christmas were heard and have spilled over to New Years Day and beyond. Reminds me of the old warning, "Be Careful What You Pray For". God can provide anything we ask for in great abundance so make sure you quantify your prayers carefully. Thank you Lord—it's been very cold long enough so you can turn off the deep freeze—at least here in the South. The Editor

January Birthdays:

- 3—Barry T. Lamb
- 7—Dale Barnickel
- 7—John Glover
- 8—Billie Milliken
- 15—Megan Von Almen
- 17— James Crofutt
- 18—Gladys Fentem
- 20—Judy Barnickel
- 24—Juanita Gunnin
- 26—Dave Lee (Lori Lamm's Husband)
- 31—Hunter Hicks

January Anniversaries:

James & Nicole Crofutt

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