

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

December can be a real challenge. Many of your neighbors and friends may invite you to a holiday party, there may be an event at work, there will be family get-togethers, how to do all of that within 24 days? Plus, you may have to travel to be with children or parents so what to do about pets, weather, fly or drive, etc. No wonder this can be a very stressful time of the year. Thank you, Madison Avenue.

Remember, that all of this pressure is a product of advertising and our willingness to buy into it. Even the nonsense of taking Christ out of Christmas by saying "Happy Holidays" is created. We allowed that to happen when we responded to "Black Friday" on Thursday afternoon, not by recognizing the variety of faiths in our community and wishing them a holiday greeting that doesn't isolate them.

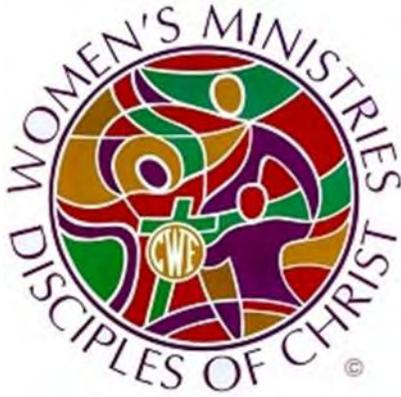
In the story of the birth of Jesus, no one who comes to see the infant rush out to spend a lot of money on gifts for Mary, Joseph, and the baby. The Wise Men brought gifts, but it took them nearly 2 years to find them. Fortunately, the gifts wouldn't spoil or be outgrown.

We can still share gifts, but we don't have to go crazy trying to outdo last years gift that was given to you. My sister gave me a gift valued at \$????, so I have to spend more. My children need more gadgets and gizmos that take them away from spending time with people. It is about spreading joy, not fortunes.

Try selecting gifts that are guided by your heart, not advertising. Share gifts that have a depth of meaning, not the depth of a bank account. Let your love for the recipient be the reason for the gift, not the desire to outdo someone.

Take back the meaning of Christmas from the advertisers, the marketers, the broadcast people, and the spinoff products of TVs and movies. Let hope, joy, and love be gathered higher than the pile of gifts under the tree this year. Make the prime event on your calendar this year be a Christmas Eve service. Invite friends and families and share the best gift you can ever give, you!

Shalom, Darrell Vandervort



Disciple Women Fellowship

Hello All,

The colder weather has helped us get in the holiday spirit and we're all looking forward to our annual holiday party that will be at Mary Ann Glover's house this year. It starts at 6pm on the 13th and if anyone needs directions—give her a call at 478 956-5817 or 478 972-9558 (cell).

Thanks to all the hard work by our ladies, and even a few gentlemen—we had a successful yard sale and bizarre earning over \$300! A big Thank You to all!

Part of the earnings will be used to sponsor a child's trip to camp through our friends at Hospice. It gives us all great joy to share our blessings and we hope to do more in the future.

As in the past, we are stuffing stockings for the safe-house. Sharon-Kay is heading up this effort and has a list of children's ages and mother's names. All stockings must be in by Sunday, 16 Dec.

As we come to the end of another year, we look forward to celebrating the birth of our savior Jesus Christ and know that through Him, we are prepared to meet the challenges of the coming new year.

Blessings and Merry Christmas—Jeannetta

Elder: John, David & Ann

Deacon: As available

Sunday Service Outline

12/2/18

Call to Worship--#120

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

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

Scripture--Jer. 33:14-16

Sermon--Justice and Righteousness

Invitation--#159 "There's a Song in the Air"

12/9/18

Call to Worship--#137

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

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

Scripture--Luke 3:1-6

Sermon--All Life

Invitation--#161 "I Wonder as I Wander"

12/16/18

Call to Worship--#123

Praise--#128 "One Candle is Light"

Communion--#386 "We Come As Guests Invited"

Scripture--Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon--Will Not Be Afraid

Invitation--#170 "How Great Our Joy"

12/23/18

Call to Worship--#131

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

Communion--#387 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

Scripture--Luke 1:39-45

Sermon--Believe

Invitation--#167 "Go Tell it on The Mountain"

12/30/18

Call to Worship--#157

Praise--#144 "Joy to The World"

Communion--#393 "One Bread, One Body"

Scripture--Col. 3:12-17

Sermon--What to Wear

Invitation--#145 "Silent Night"

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

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Congregational Mtg during today's service</i>	10	11 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm	12	13 DWF Mtg and Party 6 pm Radio Club 7 pm	14	15
16 Fellowship Dinner 6pm	17	18 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	19	20 Bariatric Group Mtg 7pm in Library	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 	26	27	28	29

Announcements: The congregational meeting on 9 Dec is your chance to have a say in the future of your church. Those who attend can choose between the few options church leadership has come up with, or offer one of their own. In any event, critical decisions will be made and we hope you will be there to help us.

Thank you—the Editor

December Birthdays:

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

December Anniversaries:

None on my list

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