

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

Rev. Darrell Vandervort, Pastor

Shirley Thompson, Pianist

January 2019

Pastor's Page

It's a New Year! New years can bring new things into our life's and some of the new things can be good even if we don't think so at the beginning. As you may know or will read elsewhere in the newsletter, changes are coming to First Christian.

The congregation decided that in order to maintain the presence of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Warner Robins, the church needed to make a radical change. The decision was to seek a Planter (Pastor/Developer) to come and create a new congregation. This means that if the decision succeeds, First Christian may cease to be and become something completely different, but will continue the story begun in April, 1957.

The Planter will serve the existing congregation 25% of the time and devote 75% to building a new church. The new church will be able to utilize the existing facilities and resources to help get started. In most cases, a Planter is given a budget to use for starting a new church and has 3 years to reach a self-sufficient capability. All the resources will help support this new vision.

This also means that I will be leaving as the pastor of First Christian. I will remain in the area in a new job outside traditional pastoral ministry. I will be available for the Planter as she or he need, but will not interfere in any way. During any gap between my last Sunday and the arrival of a Planter, I will fill the pulpit and be available for congregational needs.

I encourage everyone to pray for the new work beginning in Warner Robins and the life of this congregation. I encourage everyone to support and encourage the Planter when he or she arrives. This is NOT the death of First Christian, it is the rebirth of what God will build on the foundation created so long ago.

Shalom, Darrell Vandervort

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December 10, 2018

Dear Members,

After much discussion on the future life of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Warner Robins the congregation in a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9, 2018, made the motion to work with the Regional and General Church to use a Planter (pastor/developer) to try to develop a new church start. The motion was approved by the members present and voting.

Another motion was made to extend a 60 day notice to Rev. Darrell Vandervort, who has no training as a pastor/developer, beginning December 9, 2018 and ending February 7, 2019. The motion was approved by the members present and voting. Darrell agreed to work on a week-by-week basis if the Planter is not in place by February 2019.

During the discussion the current membership agreed to assist in this endeavor and also help in the financial support of the new church start. The rest of the support will come from the Regional and General Church. The Planter will be sent from the General Church.

A new church start brings in a pastor/developer, now called a Planter, to begin the development of a new Christian Church Disciples of Christ in the Warner Robins area. This Planter would devote 75% of his/her time in the development of the new church and 25% supporting the pastoral needs of the members of the existing congregation.

Please join me in prayer for our congregation and our community.

David Von Almen
Chairman of the Board

Elder: John Glover
Deacon: Mary Ann Glover

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 Styrofoam Coffee Cups, Napkins

January 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am Bible Study 7pm Model Club 7pm | 9 | 10 Radio Club 7 pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm | 16 | 17 DWF Meeting at 7 pm | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Fellowship Dinner 6pm | 21 | 22 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm Model Club 7pm | 23 | 24 Mtg with Re- gional Church Reps Time: TBD Bariatric Group - 7pm in Library | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Bible Study 7pm | 30 | 31 | | |

Announcements: This is an abbreviated but very important newsletter due to a major change in the path of this church home. It's also late because we were out of town from the middle of December through the first week of January. I wish you all a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year!

The Editor

January Birthdays:

3—Barry Lamb
7—John Glover
8—Billie Milliken
15—Megan Von Almen
17—James Crofutt
18—Gladys Fentem
20—Judy Barnickel
24—Juanita Gunnin
26—David Lee

January Anniversaries:

4—James & Nicole Crofutt

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