

The Christian Chronicle

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A great crowd gathered to hear Jesus speak. They had traveled many miles and listened all day to the words of wisdom from Jesus. Now it was late and people were getting hungry. The disciples suggested that Jesus send them away so they could go to nearby communities to find something to eat. Jesus challenged the disciples to feed them instead.

Have you ever had unexpected guests arrive right at mealtime and had to scavenge through the pantry and fridge to put together enough to feed everyone? We did that on many occasions when the kids were home and one or more friends showed up and stayed. It was a pleasure to care for 4, 5, 6, 7, or more kids and make sure they got something nourishing, if not fancy.

Our congregation understands this. That is why we often set up meals to be delivered to members after hospital stays or the loss of loved ones. This is why no one goes away hungry from a Carry-in Dinner or Finger Food Luncheon after church. It is not always a fancy meal, but there always seems to be more than enough. We understand that Jesus wants us to share food and drink with those around us. We are to feed the sheep and lambs.

On December 1, 2007 we will have an opportunity to do just that. That Saturday is the date of the Warner Robins Christmas Parade. Rather than spending money to

enter a float in the parade, the Board thought it would be better as a church to offer refreshments to the people gathering to be in the parade and to those gathering to watch it. Ann and David Von Almen have in the past offered coffee and hot chocolate to those around the church. We want to be more intentional this year.

Therefore, I want to ask everyone who is interested to donate coffee or cocoa or powdered lemon aid (in case it is still in the 80's in Dec.) or give cash gifts so that we can buy cups and supplies. I want to invite anyone who wants to help to be at the church early that Saturday to help prepare and give away the drinks. We are NOT selling these drinks; this is a gift to the community gathered around our church during the parade. There is a perk, being the first Saturday, the Von Almens will be hosting the men's breakfast at 8:00 a.m. If you let them know you will be there, I know they can feed all who want to participate.

It will not be loaves and fishes, but a warm drink on a cold morning (or a cool drink on a warm morning) can be a real blessing. Acts of kindness and hospitality in the name of First Christian Church will demonstrate the presence of Jesus among us.

Shalom, *Darrell*

NOV. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled for the month of Nov. are: Elders – Randy Bickley & Lois Crawford and Deacons – Beth Bickley, Chris Rogers, Gidget Hurlbert and Nicole Crofutt.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK-A-THON

On Sunday, Oct. 14th, a walk was held to raise awareness and announce that our community would work to help those who have attempted suicide, contemplated ending their life, or lost family and friends to this problem. According to the information shared during the walk, there are more deaths due to suicide than to cancer, aids, and heart attacks combined.

Many times, misunderstanding about depression and its treatment cause people not to seek the help that they need. Mental health, like physical health, should never be neglected. Finding someone to talk to, finding a doctor who understands and can treat depression, accepting the reality that depression is a disease like any other disease and that it can be treated, are ways to reduce these numbers.

The local walk raised over \$3000.00 to be used for education and awareness of this silent killer in our midst. You can help by encouraging people to seek help from medical professionals, by being supportive of those being treated for depression, and by sharing stories if you have fought depression in the past.

Thank you for your support as I walked.

Darrell



CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF monthly breakfast was held on Saturday, Oct. 6th at 8:00. Six attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Ann and David Von Almen and also enjoyed fellowship together. They will meet again on Nov. 3rd. Every man is invited to come, eat & share in the fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The new children's classes began last month. Nicole Crofutt is teaching the Middle Elementary children.. Juliet Nolde is teaching the Preschool-Kindergarten children. All children are welcome every Sunday, and the teachers can adapt for ages not specifically in those age ranges. The curriculum being used is called "HeartShaper" by Standard Publishing. It teaches traditional Bible stories with exciting interactive activities.

We have an adult class that studies the Bible, the meanings of the text and how it applies to us today. A new adult class with Gidget Hurlbert leading it started on Oct. 21st. It meets in Room 2. Rev. Darrell leads the pre-teen/teenagers class. They always have a good time.

Sunday School starts at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, and everyone is welcome! You can join at any time. Let's learn together.



NOVEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

Nov. 4	Laurie Cook
Nov. 11	Ashlie Scissons
Nov. 18	Jo Smith
Nov. 25	Margaret Hicks & a youth

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

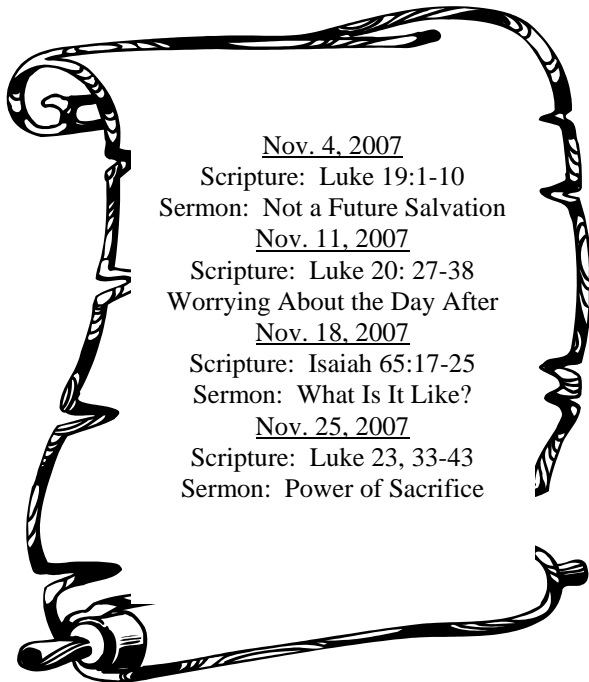
Please welcome Ruth Griffith to our church family. She was born in Bluffton, Indiana on May 8, 1942. She moved to Warner Robins in 1973. She is married to William Griffith who made a career in the Air Force for 20 years. They have one daughter, Peggy, who lives in Haynesville, GA and a

20 yr. old grandson, James, who is in college. They also have a four year old, 4# Chihuahua dog, named Squeaky, who rules the house with an iron thumb.

Ruth has many talents. She loves to knit, crochet, does plastic canvas, needlepoint, bead work and loves to cook. She recently had hand surgery and is in therapy at the present. She can't wait to get back to her handwork.

She also loves to cook. She grows dwarf citrus trees lemon, lime, tangerine and Venus orange trees and says the fruit is delicious.

We welcome you, Ruth, to our church family.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Lysol spray
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Rash Cream
- Laundry Soap
- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned food (no Kidney Beans)

- *A lawyer
- *A carpenter
- *An electrician

*These are optional, of course

Thank you again for all you do for our shelter and the victims we serve.

Safe House Staff



HALLOWEEN PARTY COME ONE-COME ALL

Everyone is invited to a Halloween Party for all ages! This will take place in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Oct. 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be games, fun, food and fellowship.



Feed My Sheep

Our church helps support the local food pantry with non-perishable food items each month. The food pantry helps about 90 families each week. As of this newsletter we have given about 271 pounds to the food pantry. We gave 60 lb. in August. Thank you for your support in our church's mission project.



LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Oct. 10th at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those present were: Carl Shaw, David Von Almen, Bill & Imogene Bartoe, Winona Smith, Keith & Glenda Ewert and Lonnie & Margaret Hicks. The next meeting will be on Nov. 14th at Ole Times Country Buffet at 2:00 p.m.





CWF GRACE GROUP

The CWF Grace Group met on Oct. 10th. Nine ladies attended the meeting. The title of the program was "Inviting Others to the Table", which was given by Winona Smith. Refreshments were provided by Billie Milliken. Our next meeting will be held on Nov. 14th at 7:30 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited.

November 2007

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 Randy Bickley Darrell Vandervort	2	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast
4 Fulfilling the Kingdom Potential meeting	5 Board Meeting 7:30	6 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Lois Crawford	7 Bible Study 7:00	8 Kris Campbell	9 Levi Cook Howard & Grace Jordan Regional Assembly	10 Regional Assembly	
11 Lonnie Hicks, Jr.  Veterans Day	12 Hilary Hunt	13 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Model Club 7:00 Joan Marshall	14 Lunch Burich 2:00 Bible Study 7:00	15 CWF Grace 7:30 Judy Cooper	16	17 CWF Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale 9:00-2:00 Scott Nolde	
18 Baby Shower for Nicole Hicks After church Tommy Marshall	19	20 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Kyle Campbell	21	22  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 Phyllis Fitzpatrick	24	
25 "Feed My Sheep" Sunday	26	27 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Savanna Scissons	28 Bible Study 7:00	29	30		

Why God Allows Pain and Suffering

This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen. It's an explanation everyone will understand.

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine loving a God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and un-kept. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber, and I just worked on you."

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." The barber replied, "Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God too DOES exist! What happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world." Author Unknown

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