

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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Worship: 11:00am

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The key to any relationship is communication. As Christians, we are to converse with God through prayer. This conversation is two-way; we speak and we listen for God's return comments. When I counsel couples about to get married, I always stress the importance of communication, especially when children come into the picture. Two parents can easily be outnumbered by one child if they don't communicate with each other and share answers to children's requests.

As a congregation, we use a variety of methods of communication. As in most organizations, there is the "grapevine." You know how that works. Someone hears about something and calls their friend or visits with a neighbor and soon the story is all over town. We call it the calling tree or prayer chain. This works well; however, there are times, like all things, when it falls short. I enjoy the story of the prayer chain notice where a loving elderly woman called to let the next person on the list know that "Mrs. Jones was to have a vasectomy in the morning." When the person called tried to explain that this just was not possible, the caller insisted that this was the accurate information and therefore Mrs. Jones was indeed having a vasectomy. I would love to have heard how the insurance company responded.

We also use the bulletin and announcement time at the beginning of worship. The bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and sanctuary entrance help convey information to people as they come to the church for worship or other events and meetings. Inserts and handouts also assist in communicating with those attending church.

Because of technology, we have a way of reaching people all over the world by the use of our web site at www.fcc-wr.org. Photos, special music, information, and our newsletters are found there. This is a real benefit for friends and family members away from home. It also allows former members to keep track of the events going on in Warner Robins.

Our final tool for communication is the Warner Robins Disciple, which you are holding in your hand right now. Here is information about what has happened and what is going to happen at First Christian. This is a tool for us to keep up with the changes in other people's lives as well. When someone moves, the newsletter is returned and often labeled with the new address. The downside is that the person to whom it was sent misses out on that issue. We also have to put together a list of 200 addresses to maintain the bulk rate permit. Some months this gets to be a challenge. Time is invested in producing, folding, sealing, sorting and then often resorting at the post office because the handling requirements have changed since last month.

This newsletter is our primary tool for sharing the life and ministry of this congregation. We need to put it into people's hands in the most effective way available. We need your help. As responsible stewards of God's creation and our resources, we want to be more efficient. It might be possible to send out the newsletter in a variety of formats in order to utilize technology and assure that it reaches as many friends and families as possible.

We are currently exploring mailing out the newsletter first class to those who wish to receive a printed copy and also sending it out

electronically as e-mail to those who would rather view it online. Doing this could save time, paper, and money. Please let us know what you think and which format you would prefer to receive. You can write to the church at 100 N Houston Rd., Warner Robins, GA 31093, call the church at (478) 923-1536, or e-mail us at pastor@fcc-wr.org. No change will occur until the February 2010 issue of the Warner Robins Disciple.

Talk to us, so that we may keep open the best lines of communication possible.

Shalom, *Darrell*



Feed My Sheep

We have given about 230 pounds of food to the local food pantry so far in 2009. The Food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week.



Howard Jordan (health)
 Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)
 Steven, Christina & Baby Jade Baxter

NOV. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in November are: Elders Denny & Brenda McReynolds – and Deacons – Fran Rutherford, Evelyn Carroll, Melissa Hebenstreit and Mitchell Thompson.

Nov. 1, 2009
 Youth Sunday

Nov. 8, 2009
 Scripture: Mark 12:38-44
 Sermon: True Role Models

Nov. 15, 2009
 Scripture: I Samuel 1:3-20
 Sermon: Looked Down Upon

Nov. 22, 2009
 Scripture: Psalm 46
 Sermon: Thanks Giving

Nov. 29, 2009
 Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Sermon: God Is Our Righteousness

CMF BREAKFAST



Twelve people plus four tree cutters attended the Oct. 3rd breakfast. A big "Thank You" to those who stayed and helped on Church Clean Up Day. The next meeting will be on Nov. 7th at 8:00.

Nov. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Nov. 1	Juliet Nolde
Nov. 8	Ruth Griffith
Nov. 15	Nicole Crofutt
Nov. 22	Gidget Hurlbert
Nov. 29	Jo Smith

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS



The Lunch Bunch met on Oct. 14th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. We missed several of our regulars and hope they will be back with us soon. Those in attendance were: Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Winona Smith & Carl Shaw. We will meet again on Nov. 11th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Come on out and join the group.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

- 8 oz. Coffee cups
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Creamer
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap Refills
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- Bagged Ice
- Juice Boxes for kids
- Oblong foam divided plates
- Multi surface cleaners (409, Clorox spray)




CFW GRACE GROUP

The CFW Grace Group met at 7:00 on Oct. 15, 2009. The program was given by Lois Crawford from the CFW periodical "Just Women" and entitled "Love the One You're With (Yourself)"

On October 18th, after the fellowship dinner, we had our annual Chinese Auction. Those who

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Randy Bickley Darrell Vandervort Youth Sunday ChiRho/CYF 4:00</p>	<p>2 Cabinet & Board Meeting 6:45 & 7:30</p>	<p>3 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>4 Choir Practice 7:00</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Regional Assembly Lois Crawford</p>	<p>7 8:00 Men's Breakfast Regional Assembly</p>
<p>8 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Kris Campbell</p>	<p>9 Levi Cook</p>	<p>10 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Model Club 7:00 Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>11 Lunch Bunch 2:00 Choir Practice 7:00</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Joan Marshall</p>	<p>14 Ethan Thompson</p>
<p>15 Lillian Staub Judy Cooper Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scott Nolde</p>	<p>18 Choir Practice 7:00 Tommy Marshall</p>	<p>19 CWF Grace 7:30</p>	<p>20 Kyle Campbell</p>	<p>21 CWF Bazaar/Bake Sale and Yard Sale 8:00-2:00</p>
<p>22 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Chuck & Angie Hebenstreit</p>	<p>23 Phyllis Fitzpatrick</p>	<p>24 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>25 Choir Practice 7:00</p>	<p>26  Savanna Scissons</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 "Feed My Sheep Sunday" ChiRho/CYF 4:00</p>	<p>30</p>					

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attended had a very laughter-filled evening. A big "Thank You" goes to David Von Almen, our auctioneer. We made \$200.00. The kids had such an exciting evening and CWF appreciates everyone who participated.

We will have our Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale & Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The doors will open at 8:00 and close at 2:00. Yard sale items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Nov. 15th through Nov. 18th. We do not accept computers, large appliances, exercise equipment or large furniture. Please make sure everything you donate is clean and that it works.



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M (Mary & Martha) Group has resumed meeting and will continue to meet every 4th Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. (not Thanksgiving) in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are welcomed. We gather for fellowship, prayer & spiritual growth.



OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you checked out our Library in Room 2? You can find some good reading on the shelves.

First of all, a special "Thank You" to all the people who have donated books and other material to our Library.

The books are found under different categories marked on the edge of the shelf. For instance, Warner Robins Church History, Disciples of Christ, Bibles, Bible Reference (these help when studying the Bible), Youth, Children, and several other categories.

The largest category is listed as General Reading where you can find some great reading. Some books found under this category are: The Shack by William P. Young, The Lost Boy by Dave Pelzer, No Wonder They Call Him Savior by Max Lucado, Priscilla and Aquila by Lois T. Henderson and many more.

We also have some cassettes, videotapes, and DVDs. Among these are Veggie Tales for the children.

Checking out material from the Library is sort of self-service. We ask that when checking out material, please sign your name on the card in the back of the book or tapes and place the card in the wooden box beside the Return Box. When returning the material, drop it in the Return Box.

Check it out and enjoy.

Nadine Scaggs, Librarian



HALLOWEEN PARTY

We had a great time at this year's Halloween Party. We started off the night with a great potluck dinner of warm & tasty food. The kids got to trick or treat from the teenagers. Then we all gathered in the fellowship hall to carve pumpkins, dance to DJ Chris Rogers' tunes, and participate in the cake walk. Outside of the fellowship hall there was a friendly fire to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Many people dressed up this year. We had Dr. Seuss' Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Bickley) and Pumpkin Head (Duncan). Michael Jackson came back to visit (Jessica Hebenstreit) and there were younger heroes to protect us like a Transformer, X-Men, and a Pokemon trainer. We also had Darth Vader, Blue, a princess, and many more characters. The cakewalk earned \$57.80 for the CCF Fund. Thanks to all who came, brought food, cakes and helped make this party a great time of fun and fellowship.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Laundry detergent
- Dish detergent
- Plastic glasses – 8 oz.
- Wash cloths & Bath towels
- Plastic silverware
- Dishwasher detergent
- Toilet paper
- Kleenix, small boxes
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizers
- Household cleaners

The Buzzard, The Bat and The Bumblebee



If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.



The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.



A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides of the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up. Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, but Faith looks up!



Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator Jesus Christ who loves us.

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