

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship: 11:00am

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Most of us manage to keep our homes looking neat on a day to day basis. Sometimes during stress filled times we let it slide a bit. However, when word arrives that company is coming, the clean genie goes into overdrive. Vacuuming, dusting, tidying, scrubbing, etc., etc., all must be done immediately. After all, we want to make a good impression, more so for guests than we would always do for family. This is normal. I remember Mom going into overdrive when church events were to be held at our house, when my sister and I had graduation open houses, or when she hosted family holiday gatherings. Denise and I pitched in, whenever we couldn't find a better place to hide or to be.

As a church family, we are seriously looking at a major investment in time and resources to remodel and update our fellowship hall building. We are also looking to do the work and pay for it by taking out a loan, something this congregation has rarely done. Why go to this length? Why not just make do? Why not do what we can as we can?

If this were our family home, I would agree that we do what we can as we can. However, this is God's home and we are its stewards. This place is for us, but it is also for many others to enter and find God's presence in a variety of ways. We are to be the hosts for God's guests. We have to make an extra effort.

We have all seen the rotten soffits, the leaks from the roof, the spots on the carpet from glue leaking through. We have seen how crowded it can get in the main fellowship hall as well as in the kitchen when we host events. Remember how tight it was during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation? We also know that we lose a

lot of money on energy expenses because of the older, thinner windows.

Pretend that you are new to our church; now look at the condition of the fellowship hall. Does it truly represent the people of our church? Does it show how we really feel about our God? Does it look like a place for on going ministries? Honestly answer these questions.

We already host three different outside groups in that building. We just served a Boy Scout group who were bumped from another church and they filled the place. We already do a lot of ministry in this space. Let's make it a better space for strangers to enter and become a part of the family.

Some have suggested that we wait until the economy is better. This is reasonable. However, we are a people who act from faith. Yes, we weigh all the factors so we don't make the mistakes of the poor planners in the Gospels, but we also look with the eyes of faith at what this congregation can do when we choose to do so. We have helped with disaster relief through our gifts. We have sent volunteers to work Miracle Days in Dublin and at Camp Christian. We have even exceeded our pace in Outreach giving to date over 2009. We are the people of God in this place, and we can do great things if we will exercise our faith. We can do this!

We are NOT redoing the fellowship hall for our present congregation. Yes, we will benefit from it, but we do this for the future ministry it can provide. As I said before, three groups already use the fellowship hall. From these groups we have a potential to reach out to these groups in ministry. We can also open the doors to other groups, such as the Scouts who were here in

August. We can also serve the greater community. In the 10 years I have been here, Georgia has been fortunate enough to not have a hurricane come ashore. We are at the end of the emergency escape route for people along the GA coast. We can become better suited as an emergency shelter for brothers and sisters escaping nature's threats. Our women, men, and youth ministries can also be enhanced with a better space to host district and regional events.

We do not approach this work with an idea of what we can do with the fellowship hall today, but rather how God can put it to use tomorrow. Pray about this, talk about this, listen to the leading of God about this. Then, we can step forward in faith to minister as God's stewards.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## SEPT. ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in September are: Elders: Scott Nolde & Tony Hicks and Deacons: Barbara Hicks, Nicole Hicks, Mike Hurlbert and Jerri Bosarge.



## "LAST BLAST OF SUMMER FUN"

It is time to celebrate one "Last Blast of Summer Fun". On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following church service we will have a picnic style lunch in the fellowship hall. It will be a casual day with fun for all ages. We will furnish the hamburgers & hot dogs as well as tea and lemonade. You bring the sides, fixings and goodies. Bring towels, lawn chairs & swim suits to play in the water fun. The kids are hoping to collect funds to furnish a water slide again this year with your help in donations for "Funds 4 Fun".

For those who prefer indoor fun, bring your favorite card games, guitars...whatever you would like to share. The challenge is on! As well as the water fun outside, we will have a "Bubble contest". Bring your soap Bubbles and Bubble Gum. Time to bring out your hidden talents!



## LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on August 11th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Juanita and Corey Gunnin, Gavin Edmondson, Winona Smith and Curtis Scaggs. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on Sept 8th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.

## REMEMBER OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have young members who are attending college away from home. Below are their addresses. A surprise card now and then will let them know that we have not forgotten them.

Chris Rogers ( GA College & State University)  
His mailing address is:  
120 West Campus Drive, Apt. 1308  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Melissa Hebenstreit (North GA College & State University)  
Her mailing address is:  
NGCSU Box #5267  
82 College Circle  
Dahlonega, GA 30597

Matt Thompson (Valdosta State University)  
VSU Box 8166  
Valdosta State University  
Valdosta, GA 31698

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY November 12-13, 2010

This year's Georgia Regional Assembly will be held at Macon First on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We have the opportunity to join the St. Andrew congregation to help Macon First in hosting the assembly. Our congregation has been asked to provide child care for the weekend if registrations indicate there is a need. We have also been asked to provide and host a light reception on Saturday morning before the sessions begin. If you are interested in assisting in either of these, please contact Sara Hebenstreit, who will be serving as the Assembly contact person for our congregation.



## THE CWF GROUPS

The CWF Grace Group will resume their meetings on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 with a covered dish meal.

### Would you like to have some fun?

Come to the annual Chinese Auction after the carry in dinner on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. This is sponsored by CWF Grace Group. Start collecting some items for the auction. The items can be new, old, funny or really nice. They can be wrapped or put in gift bags. We hope you will plan to come and have a relaxed evening with lots of laughter, and some new things to take home.

## CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M group is taking the summer off and will resume their meetings in Sept.



## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next breakfast will be on September 4th at 8:00 a.m.



Sept. 5, 2010

Scripture: Philemon 1-21  
Sermon: Change of Perspective

Sept. 12, 2010

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10  
Sermon: Something of Value Lost

Sept. 19, 2010

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13  
Sermon: God Given Gifts

Sept. 26, 2010.

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## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

September 5	Gidget Hurlbert
September 12	Jo Smith
September 19	
September 26	Juliet Nolde



## Church Pantry Needs

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Large divided foam plates
- Sugar
- 16 ounce cold cups
- 39 gallon trash bags

**Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!**

**Example:**

- Church Pantry
- Local Food Pantry
- Safe House
- Hearts to Heroes

## “THANK YOU!”

The Membership Committee would like to say “Thank You” to Ann & David Von Almen for putting up the church photo boards in the Narthex.



## FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

Our church helps support our local food pantry which serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please bring a few cans, jars, or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month to help people who really need extra help during these bad economic times. Anything we give to the food pantry is greatly appreciated by the families who receive it.



## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Toilet Paper
- Lysol
- Large Zip Lock Freezer bags
- Carpet Fresh
- Book bags for children
- Copy Paper

## GOD'S PROBLEM NOW

His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, “Well, she's there”.

# September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>Kody Campbell</i>	3 <i>Tom Milliken</i>	4 <b>8:00 CMF Breakfast</b>
5 <b>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</b>	6 <b>Labor Day</b>	7 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b> <i>Elizabeth Staub</i>	8 <b>2:00 Lunch Bunch</b> <i>Ashlie Scissons</i>	9 <i>Tommy &amp; Joan Marshall</i>	10 <i>Mark Staub Imogene Bartoe Pat Gunnin</i>	11 <i>Bob Fentem Phil &amp; Jerri Bosarge John &amp; Carol Cochie</i>
12 <b>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</b>	13 <b>Board Meeting 7:30</b> <i>Kristyn Harmon</i>	14 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	15 <i>Charlotte Curry</i>	16 <b>CWF Grace 6:00 (covered dish meal)</b>	17	18
19 <b>"Last Blast of Summer" picnic &amp; water fun</b>	20	21 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	22 <i>Charlie Hebenstreit</i>	23 <b>CWF M&amp;M 7:00</b>	24	25
26 <b>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</b>	27 <i>Tom &amp; Billie Milliken</i>	28 <b>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</b>	29	30 <i>Betty Poore</i>		

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## **LABOR DAY**

**Lord on this Labor Day,  
We celebrate the work we do,  
And we thank You for the blessing of our jobs.  
We ask for those seeking employment that  
You guide them in their search for work.**

**We ask for guidance when we are confused.  
We ask for patience when working through conflicts.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.**

**We ask that You be with those whose faces  
We might never see but who work tirelessly  
Each day for the good of us all.**

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