

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship: 11:00am

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Wow! In 2011 we got a lot done. We finished the Fellowship Hall, sent our largest groups in many years to Camp Christian and to Youth-a-palooza, supported our Christmas family and provided a lot of canned goods for the Salvation Army and the Christian Social Ministries food bank. So what can we do this year?

Here is one thing that began last year that we can put into action this year. During 2011, several people talked about planting a garden to provide fresh vegetables to the food banks that we help. We talked about how big, location, and other details. The board accepted the idea, and we had hoped to put it together this year.

In November I was told about a young man seeking to build a community garden for his Eagle project for the Boy Scouts. We got together and he is drawing up plans for four raised beds for the front yard of the church. The beds would be about 6'X12'. Our "Seeds of Hope" gardens would be out front to make it easier to tend as there is a water supply out front. It also makes it more visible for security as well as promotion of the idea of gardening for others. We would plant vegetables that would be tolerant of our dry climate and do well in full sun. Different groups in the church from children to adults could take turns caring for the crops and harvesting them as they ripen.

This would be an outreach ministry of our church. Helping a Boy Scout achieve his Eagle, feeding the hungry in our community and challenging others to do the same.

Another challenge before us began during the early summer and resulted in a program at the November Fellowship Dinner. The organization, Family Promise, came to Warner Robins to guide a desire to minister to the homeless in

our county. The way Family Promise would be set up here in Warner Robins is to get churches to agree to host and/or support the care and sheltering of four homeless families with children in this county. Carolyn Schomer reported in November that according to the Houston County Board of Education, there are 315 homeless families with school-aged children in our county.

Family Promise would provide week long housing in a church for overnight, a center where the families could come during the day to bathe, go to school and receive the guidance and support needed to get back into safe and affordable housing. Host churches would supply overnight accommodations in the church for four families. Support churches would be partnered with a host church to provide transportation, preparation of breakfast, participating in evening and overnight fellowship and participating in special activities. This commitment would be for seven consecutive days not more than four times per year. We would make a one year commitment.

If we were to do this, we would need one person to act as coordinator. Others could volunteer as drivers, cooks or spend a night at the host site, volunteer at the Day Center, serve on Network Committees, such as Recruitment, Transportation, Day Center, Finance, Publicity.

This is an opportunity for us to truly practice Hospitality as described in Matthew 25:31-46. Prayerfully consider this and if you would like to be involved, please let me know. We need to make a decision about this soon so that we can start serving those most in need.

Shalom, *Darrell*

CCF

CCF has met twice and both meetings were successful. The first meeting the children made Christmas and get well cards, Christmas presents for their parents and grandparents, delivered Christmas baskets to shut-in members, had stories read to them and watched a Veggies-tale movie. The second meeting they finished their presents for their parents and grandparents and then had a birthday party for Jesus. They had brought presents for the family that the church had adopted. They ate a cake for Jesus and of course, ate some candy and drank some punch.

At our meeting on January 15th we planned for the Chili Cook-Off meal held on January 29th. This is the main fundraiser for the children, and we hope everyone who attended enjoyed it.

Mary Jane Rogers

CMF BREAKFAST & WORK DAY

We will be having a workday after the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The main purpose of this workday is to clean up and put things away after the remodeling of the fellowship hall. The church nursery and Sunday School office need to be brought back to usefulness. We also have some items that need to be recycled so I need someone with a pickup truck to come help us. Habitat for Humanity is now collecting electronics for recycling at the Macon ReStore and we need to recycle the two old copiers in the Sunday School office. So, if you have a truck that we can load these copiers on to transport them to the Macon ReStore, please come for breakfast and help us move these items out of our way. Thank you all and see you on Saturday, February 4th at 8:00 a.m.

"Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

Robert Heinlein

FEBRUARY ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in February are: Elders: Irv Shaw and Jerri Bosarge. Deacons: Mike Hurlbert, Sean Palmer, Angela Hebenstreit, and Ted Cook.

FEB. SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The children's Sunday School class has ended for the time being. We are looking for a teacher and we hope to find someone soon. The children still have the Children's Moment and Children's Church and two Sunday's a month the children have CCF meetings.

Jeannette Stokes & Mary Jane Rogers

CWF GRACE GROUP

We met on Thursday, January 19th. Eight ladies attended. After our business meeting, Winona Smith gave our study/worship on the Beatitudes. The name of this lesson was on The Third Beatitude "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth". Winona also read an article called "Deer Crossing" to us. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Lois Crawford. Our next meeting will be on February 16th at 700. This will be our quarterly covered dish meal. All ladies in the church are welcome to join us.

Our church donated 17 pairs of pajamas and three pairs of slippers to the Safe House in Dec. for their Pajama Party. This project will be an on-going outreach during the year as the Safe House will continue to need new or slightly used pajamas for incoming families. The Pajama container will remain in the Narthex for the pajamas for girls, boys & ladies from size newborn to Women's sizes. Thank you for your continued support for the Safe House.

We will be serving our annual Valentine's Day meal on Sunday February 12th after church. The menu will be meatballs, green beans, corn casserole, salads, bread, desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. The cost is the same as last year's prices: \$6.50 adults, children \$3.00 and families \$15.00. There will also be a door prize.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is getting ready to up-date the church directory. Please give any changes or additions (phone numbers or email addresses) to Mary Jane Rogers or Sharon-Kay Duncan before February 5th.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch group met at the Golden Corral on January 11th. Those attending were: Bob, Gladys, Diane and Janice Fentem, Darrell Vandervort, Carl Shaw, Corey Gunnin, Juanita Gunnin, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs and Winona Smith. This year began with 11 people coming out for good food and great fellowship. They will meet again on February 8th.

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Paper Towels
8 oz. coffee cups
Toilet tissue
Large divided plates
Dessert plates
Soup bowls
Aluminum foil
Dish soap
Hand soap
Glass cleaner
Kitchen spray cleaner
13 Gallon kitchen trash bags
39 Gallon trash bags

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Dishwasher Detergent
Cleaning Supplies
Bathroom Tissue
Paper Towels

A HEART TO HEROES THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE TROOPS

Below is a thank you letter from one of our Army troops stationed in Afghanistan sent to Myra Foskey with Hearts to Heroes. She sent it to me for our newsletter.

"Dear Myra,

My name is SPC Roberts and I have the honor of serving with CH (chaplain) Olson as his assistant while here in Afghanistan. CH Olson and I would like to thank you so much for the care package (s) that you participated in sending. Everything is awesome that you sent and well needed. So much that it's too much to list here. All of the items will be given out to whoever may need something, whenever they need something. As the CH and I travel the battlefield, we see soldiers who often don't have anything or just waiting for their package to come in. We are delighted to give what they may need while in the field to get them by. It is citizens, church groups, organizations, schools, and neighbors like you along with our family that keep the morale and welfare up and going. You guys are awesome, awesome, awesome. We love you and we thank you again for the support and please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Hope you have/had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPC Brett D. Roberts Chaplain Assistant
CPT Mark J. Olson (Chaplain) US Army"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Ben Campbell</i>	2	3 <i>Rebecca Kidd Lori Lamm</i>	4 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Work Day
5 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Mike Hurlbert</i>	6 Cabinet & Board Meetings 6:45 & 7:30	7 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Gidget Hurlbert</i>	8 1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral <i>Theresa Nolde</i>	9 <i>Jessica Hebenstreit</i>	10 <i>George & Betty Poore</i>	11
12 CWF Valentine Dinner Noon Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	13	14 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	15	16 CWF Grace 7:00 at church <i>Curtis & Nadine Scaggs</i>	17	18
19 MIDDLE GEORGIA WORSHIP GATHERING <i>Mary Jane Rogers</i>	20	21 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	22 <i>Tony & Barbara Hicks</i>	23	24	25
26 "Feed My Sheep" Sunday	27 <i>Brenda McReynolds</i>	28 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>David & Ann Von Almen</i>	29			

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