

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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I bought my copy of Turbo Tax for 2012 this week. It's time to get prepared for Tax Day. Gather up all the income paperwork, W-2, 1099's, etc. Collect all the interest statements; what a laugh. Compile the deduction receipts, medical, mortgage, higher education, etc. Sharpen pencils, pull out the calculator and check its batteries. There's so much to do to prepare for a single day in April.

There is another day for which we are to prepare. This year it is at the end of March—Easter Sunday. On February 13, 2013 we start the preparation for Easter with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. During Lent we are to spend our time in self-examination. Seriously examine how well we have been living up to the claimed title of Christian. Do we pray enough? DO we really love our neighbor? Do we feed, clothe, visit, and extend fellowship to the people on the edges of our society as Jesus did?

On Ash Wednesday, many people give up something they enjoy (do not confuse Lenten sacrifice as another shot at meeting your New Year's resolutions) and devoting the resources or time spent in that enjoyable activity in more closely following the Way of Christ. People donate to those in need, give time to help at food pantries or shelters, increase the time they spend in prayer and the study of the Bible. Any or all of these can become tools in our preparation.

Easter is often portrayed as the end reward of our faith, but Jesus didn't teach his disciples to do things so that they could get into Heaven; rather, Jesus taught them to act as though the Kingdom of God was NOW in the world. Behave as if this were the Heavenly Realm on earth. Our faith is not to be in a future reward but to prepare us for living in the present

Kingdom of God that is all around us. He taught that we were to be ambassadors for the rule of God now. Love God with all that you are and love others as we love our selves!

In an effort to trick Jesus, he was asked if the people in Israel should pay taxes to Caesar. He told them to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. Thinking of all the time and work put in to preparing your taxes to meet the April 15 deadline, how does that time and energy compare with all that you do in meeting the requirement to return to God what has always belonged to God?

Shalom, *Darrell*

OUTREACH: HEIFER INTL

At the end of 2012, our congregation made a gift of \$350 to Heifer International. This is the program that helps impoverished areas around the world develop self-sufficient communities by providing livestock, or training that is shared from the individual on to their community. This year we are providing chicks, rabbits, honeybees, trees, and sheep to communities around the world. With this gift we have done more than provide a person with a meal. We have provided them with a way to produce their own meals.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had 19 attendees at the January 5, 2013 breakfast. The next breakfast will be held on Sunday February 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Debbie Thomas is going to co-teach with Robin Robertson, so the children's Sunday School class will be every Sunday beginning in February.

CCF NEWS

The CCF had it's first New Year's lock-in in December, and the children had a wonderful time. Some of them wanted to have another lock-in the next weekend. The CCF will be meeting about twice a month. Please join us. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Our February meetings will be Feb. 3rd and Feb. 17th.

FEBRUARY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in February. The Elders are Irv Shaw and Jerri Bosarge. The Deacons are Andrea McCleese, Sean Palmer, Angela Hebenstreit and Ted Cook.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Wednesday, January 9th at The Golden Corral. Those attending were Darrell Vandervort, Carl Shaw, Bob, Gladys, Janice & Diane Fentem, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs and Winona Smith. If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering before, try it. The food is good and the fellowship is great too. Their next get together will be on February 13th.

DW GRACE NEWS

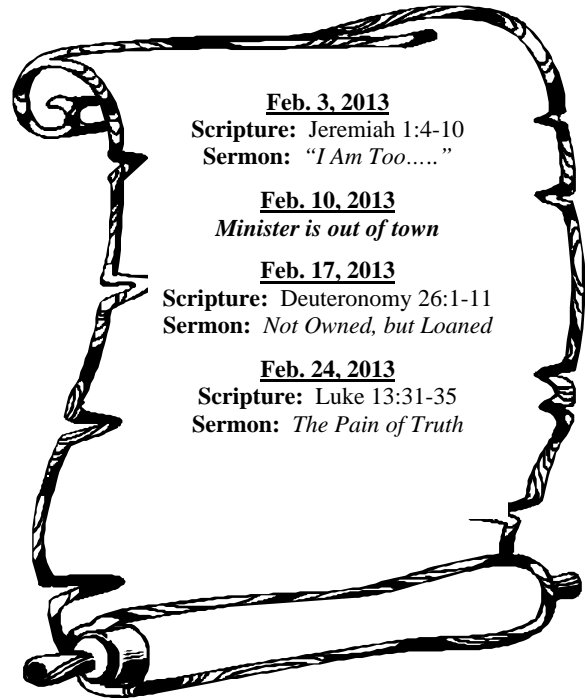
The Disciple Women's Grace Group met Thursday, December 13th at Brenda McReynolds home for our Christmas party. Nine women were present. We enjoyed eating finger foods, two Christmas stories read by Brenda and visiting with each other. Christmas stockings were collected and taken to the Safe House for the children and their mothers. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th. Our meeting begins at 7:00. All ladies of the church are invited.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Andrea McCleese became a member of FCC on December 9, 2012. She is 15 years old and attends Northside High School. She is a Sophomore and enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to music. One of her hobbies is sewing. She is interested in going into the healthcare field when she graduates. She has

three brothers and one sister. She was born and raised in Warner Robins, GA.

FEB. SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

12 oz. Solo cups
8 oz. coffee cups
Paper towels
Oblong divided plates
Dessert plates
Sugar
Dish Soap
All purpose spray cleaner
(409, Glass Plus, Clorox etc.)
Large zip lock bags
Quart zip lock bags
Tall Trash bags

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Dishwashing Detergent
Dishwasher Detergent

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Ben Campbell</i>	2
3 8:30 CMF CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Lori Lamm</i>	4 CABINET & BOARD MEETING 6:45 & 7:30	5 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Mike Hurlbert</i>	6	7 <i>Gidget Hurlbert</i>	8 <i>Theresa Nolde</i>	9 <i>Jessica Hebenstreit</i>
10 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <i>Geo. & Betty Poore</i>	11	12 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	13 1:00 Lunch Bunch Golden Corral ASH WED. 7:00	14	15	16 <i>Curtis & Nadine Scaggs</i>
17 CCF 4:00-6:00 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	18	19 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Mary Jane Rogers</i>	20	21 DW GRACE Group 7:00	22 <i>Tony & Barbara Hicks</i>	23
24 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	25	26 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	27 <i>Brenda McReynolds</i>	28 <i>David & Ann Von Almen</i>		

RULES FROM GOD FOR 2013

- 1. Wake Up!!** Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
- 2. Dress Up!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lords looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
- 3. Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3
- 4. Stand Up!!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good." Galatians 6:9-10
- 5. Look Up!!** To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
- 6. Reach Up!!** For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6
- 7. Lift Up!!** Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead **PRAY FOR EVERYTHING.**" Philippians 4:6

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