

# WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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You are being invited to get involved in a new Cancer Prevention Study. The study seeks people between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer (not including basal or squamous cell skin cancer). This study will demand little of your time but may assist in finding answers to the causes and sources of cancer. The enrollment requires completion of an informed consent form, a brief written survey, provide waist circumference measurement and a small blood sample. A certified, trained phlebotomist will collect the blood. Then, after you get home you will be asked to complete a more detailed survey regarding lifestyle, behavior, and other factors related to your health. This is a very long term study and thus you will receive periodic surveys at home to complete and update your history. For information in Houston County, visit [www.cps3houstonga.org](http://www.cps3houstonga.org). Elsewhere in the country (this is open to everyone) go to [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3) or call 888-604-5888. Let us give a small amount of our blood and a small amount of our time to defeat cancer.

The Children's Christian Fellowship, Chi Rho, and Christian Youth Fellowship are involved in a fund raising project. They are participating in the Belk Charity Day Sale. For \$5.00, you can purchase a coupon that gives you \$5 off at their Charity Day Sale (it is said to rival the Black Friday discounts). The children and youth get to keep the money. Therefore, you have made a donation to the children's and youth ministries of our church and receive a discount for this sale. On Nov. 9, Belk's will be open from 6-10 a.m. You cannot get into the store without a coupon! I heard the groans when you read the times for the sale. You may purchase items at sale prices prior to the actual sale starting on Oct.18-Nov. 8. They will hold your items until Nov. 9 when you may come and pick them up during regular store hours. Belk will even hold your purchases for 2 weeks after Nov. 9. You may also buy several items and use a coupon for each. Each purchase will be rung separately. The children and youth receive your support and you get to take part in a fantastic sale at any Belk store in the country (and online for the hours of the sale). See any

youth, adult volunteer or contact the pastor or church to get coupons.

The church has many permanent funds. Each month there will be two tracked in the Sunday worship bulletin. During October, we will focus on the Computer Fund and the Property Repair and Replacement Fund. The Computer Fund provides for our computer needs, including a desk top computer, two laptops, and the printer/copier. If you have looked at the costs of computers recently, you are aware of their costs. The new copier/printer provides the church with a tool that produces about 1700 copies per month. Therefore, the church cannot use the same type of printer/copier you would have at home. We seldom think about this fund until something needs to be replaced, and as we have done this summer, exceeded the amount in the fund to buy a new printer/copier.

The Property Repair and Replacement Fund is self-explanatory. This is also a fund that is not thought about until it is needed. Look around the church at all the items that might need to be repaired or replaced. When you are able, or wish to make a special gift, remember these two funds.

The Regional Assembly for GA will be Nov. 15-16, 2013 at First Christian Church, Lawrenceville, GA. Dr. Rick Morse, Vice President of Mission Initiatives at Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation of Church Extension will be the speaker on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Dr. Stan Saunders, associate professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur will lead the Bible Study. Friday night there will be a special dinner celebrating 50 years of Camp Christian. There will be a FUNderful Day for children and a Lock-In (With a Purpose) for Chi Rho and CYF. It is a great time to meet others from around the region, get to know church leaders, and have fun and worship. Registration forms are available at the church or on-line at [www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org).

During October, we will celebrate the Children's Sabbath. This special period that begins with 40 days of prayer for children, challenges all of us to discover how many children are at risk, not only in our community, but around the world. We always

have a strong reaction when we read or hear on the news of children put at risk of suffering. One of the reasons our congregation got involved in Family Promise was the concern for homeless children, and the need for some kind of stability in their lives.

During this month, talk to the Board of Education and find out the number of children receiving food assistance, the number who may come from harsh conditions, the number of children who probably will not graduate from high school. Contact the Department of Children's and Family Service and ask how many cases of abuse they deal with each month in Houston County or in the county in which you live. Ask about the number of children who are in foster care or need to be in foster care. Go online and research the number of children in GA who go to bed hungry. Then check for the number nationally and globally. The answers you discover should make you very uncomfortable. They should disturb you greatly.

Now that you are totally depressed, what can be done about this problem? First, Pray! Ask God to guide you in being of help. Ask God to look after the little ones. Second, when God gives you a way to help, do so. Volunteer for tutoring at schools, volunteer to be a Big Brother or Big Sister. Volunteer at food banks and any place that helps children and teens. Third, pay attention to the impact of laws in our community, state and nation that will have major negative impacts on the most at risk children. Speak out to your representatives about your concerns.

Finally, don't do this only for the month of October. Make it something to which you regularly pay attention. Become an advocate for protecting children globally. Remember Jesus challenged Peter to show his love by feeding his sheep and his LAMBS.

Shalom, *Darrell*

#### **DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The next Men's Breakfast will begin again on Sunday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. David and Ann will have a delicious breakfast to enjoy and fellowship with friends.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Children's Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 10:00.

#### **OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS**

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in October. The Elders are Juliet Nolde and Randy Bickley, The Deacons are Nicole Crofutt, Wayne Scaggs, Laurie Cook, and Chris Rogers.

## **CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP**

CCF will meet on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00.

### **OCTOBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE**



### **LUNCH BUNCH NEWS**

The Lunch Bunch met on September 11th at the Golden Corral. Those attending were: Carl Shaw, Juanita Gunnin, Bob, Gladys, Janice and Diane Fentem, and Winona Smith. Bob Fentem was celebrating his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering, consider attending, enjoying good food and fellowship with friends you may only see on Sundays. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### **DISCIPLES WOMEN - GRACE GROUP**

The Grace Group met Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> with 10 members and two guests present. The covered dish meal was at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Winona Smith presented the program – Kindred Sisters – Women of Faith. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We invite all ladies of the church to join us.

We have 7 ladies attending Women's Retreat this year. We will be in charge of the Boutique. Also, Dawn McReynolds will be leading a relaxation group in making jewelry and Jeannetta Stokes will be leading a relaxation group in crocheting and sharing information on the prayer shawl ministry. We are looking forward to a really great Retreat this year.

Our annual Bazaar/Yard Sale/Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please go shop the Belk Charity Sale early and then come and shop with us!

We are getting new DW Grace shirts to wear to our different functions to represent our group and church. Thanks to Dawn for making the effort to get the shirts made for us.

### **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. They meet at 7:00 and have fellowship with each other while they crochet shawls and lap blankets for those who appreciate a tangible sign of being cared about. At present, there are currently about seven members. If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, we have patterns to share and someone who will teach you. We have made about 15 shawls or lap blankets. See Jeannetta Stokes or Juliet Nolde if you have extra yarn that you would like to donate to the cause.

### **HEARTS TO HEROES PROJECT**

#### **A LETTER FROM THE TROOPS**

"I'm not sure if there is a way to thank you for everything that you sent us. Being the Senior Specialist here and this being my third deployment (1<sup>st</sup> to Afghanistan), I understand a little more about how care packages like the ones we just received can bring a smile to my fellow soldiers out here. This is the first deployment for most of my team and when I walked through our office with three boxes to my small area they seemed bland and stuck in a rut. When I placed the boxes out for them to see what WE ALL got...the motivation, smiles, and jokes all came back as if we were back at our home station. And the COFFEE, thank you so much. Every time we try to buy coffee here they have run out or it's some kind of excuse why they haven't stocked it, and the frustration on not having some is now gone! I know you spent a lot of money sending and buying these boxes of awesomeness (as some of the soldiers put it) but not one thing will be wasted. Well, I must get back to work and again THANK YOU again. Everyone is happy and this wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for you."

SPC Gonzalez, Marc A.

### **SAFE HOUSE NEEDS**

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

### **CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS**

Paper Plates  
Paper Towels  
Long Divided Foam plates  
Trash bags (13 gallons & 39 gallons)  
Glass & Kitchen cleaner  
Liquid hand soap (refill size)

### **CHRISTIAN HUMOR**

- There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the Postal Clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments", answered the lady.
- Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning".
- While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

**Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.  
Caution: Do not step in exhaust.**

- A father was approached by his young son who told him proudly. "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth".

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm <i>Christopher Von Almen</i>	2 <i>Mike &amp; Gidget Hurlbert</i>	3	4	5
6 DM's Breakfast 8:30 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 CCF 4.00-6:00 Bible Study 7:00	7 Board Mtg. 7:00	8 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	9 Lunch Bunch 1:00 <i>Steven Kidd</i>	10 <i>Scott &amp; Juliet Nolde</i>	11	12
13 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00	14	15 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	16	17 DW Grace Mtg. 7:00 <i>Greg Ladzinske</i>	18 <i>Jannet Thompson</i>	19
20 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00	21	22 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	23 <i>John &amp; Jeannetta Stokes</i>	24	25 <i>Norbert Duncan</i>	26
27 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00	28 <i>Ann Von Almen</i>	29 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm <i>Angie Hebenstreit</i>	30 Prayer Shawl Mtg. 7:00	31 <i>Curtis Scaggs</i>		

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## **BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS**

**Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble.  
It is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.**

**Why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small?  
Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE.  
So, look ahead and move on.**

**Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn but it takes  
years to write.**

**All things in life are temporary. If life is going well enjoy it; it will not last  
forever. If life is going wrong don’t worry, it won’t last forever either.**

**Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond!  
If you get a diamond, do not forget the gold!  
Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold.**

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