

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 12th, during the Sunday morning service. The reason for this meeting is to make a decision regarding the Hope Partnership program New Beginning. Some material was shared at the Fellowship Dinner in June. If you were not able to be at the dinner, I will share some information here.

This program is part of our denomination. You can go to www.hopepmt.org/nb for their website information. This program teaches churches how to be transformation leaders. It guides congregations in change that brings churches from institutions to sources of missions. Sort of moving from a "what was" mindset to a "what is" mindset. Another way that they express this is to move the focus of the church from member comfort to service to the community.

There are three steps to this process. The first involves interviews with church leadership, demographics of the community, review of congregational history and activities. Then they produce a 60 page report. This report guides churches with future options.

The next step is leader training for small groups and the pastor. The training will guide the leadership through the next step.

The last step is a series of house meetings of about eight people in a group. The group reviews the options and then begin work toward a vision statement. These groups meet over six weeks. When this is concluded the congregation makes a decision about what the next step should be.

Processes such as this have a price. Normally the charge is \$3,800.00. But because the whole region is working through this we are getting a break and the cost is \$2,800.00.

While a decision is required about participation by July 15, the fee is not needed until the end of the year. I want to encourage everyone to do some research and pray about this. Talk to each other about your thoughts. Then come to the congregational meeting on July 12th.

Shalom, *Darrell*

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE

The DW Grace Group met Thursday, June 18th at 6:00 p.m. for our last meeting of our year. We had 14 women present and had a covered dish dinner and installation service.

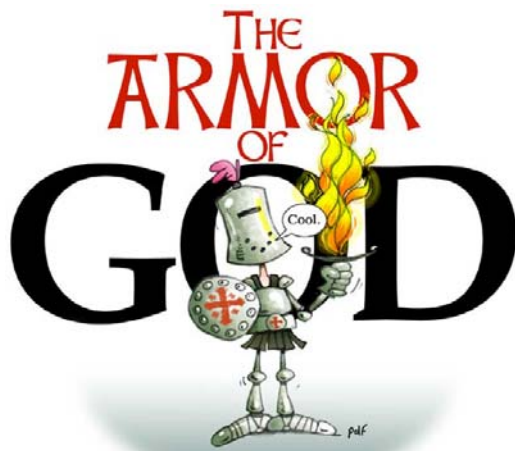
We will continue to collect pillowcases for Children's Hospital until Sept. 20th. It takes one yard of material designed for children and teens. Do not wash the material. We have a volunteer to make the pillowcases if you would like to participate, but do not sew. Just bring your material to church and give it to any DW lady.

We had a beautiful installation service presented by Jeannetta Stokes. She gave a short history of **Women's Ministry** from our beginning over 100 years ago from our earliest name Christian Women's Board of Missions (CWBM) to Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) to our current title of Disciple Women (DW). She also recalled many ladies who were very active during their lifetime and she also gave special recognition to Margaret Hicks.

We will resume meetings in September with our new officers.

Thank you for your support in our projects this past year and we look forward to more spreading of love and care for others in the coming year.

JULY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



The Armor of God

VBS 2015 was held from June 25th through June 28th. We spent the weekend learning all about the ABC's of God – Admit, Believe, Confess! Everyone learned that we have to wear our full Armor to “win against sin.” The kids had a great time making their armor. We finished out the week with a church wide picnic and games. We would love to thank everyone who gave of their time, energy, gifts, and prayers to make this a great weekend! There were twelve kids and twelve adults who attended.

JULY ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in July: Elders are John Glover and David Von Almen. The Deacons are Savanna Gowin, Jerri Bosarge, Chris Rogers and Andrea McCleese.

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Divided foam plates	Kleenex
8 oz. foam coffee cups	Dish Soap
16 oz. plastic glasses	Spray cleaners
Paper towels	

SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES

Cleaning Supplies	Dish Detergent
Laundry Detergent	Fabric Softener
Paper Towels	Kleenex
Bathroom Tissue	Furniture Spray

An Answer to “Why Go to Pray?”

A ‘holy’ person wrote to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to pray every time. “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he wrote, “and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the priests/imams are wasting their time by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to pray for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

Dear Lord,

So far today, I’m doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, acted greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But, I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think I will really need your help then. Amen.

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Juliet Nolde</i>	2	3 <i>Evelyn Hawkins</i>	4
5	6	7 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00	8 Lunch Bunch 1:00 <i>Jerri Bosarge</i>	9 Radio Club Meeting 7:00 <i>Keith Ewert</i> <i>Tony Hicks</i>	10	11 <i>Winona Smith</i>
12	13 <i>Andrea McCleese</i>	14 Cracker Barrel American Heritage Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 <i>Rita Youngblood</i> <i>Heather Johnson</i>	15 <i>Carl Shaw</i>	16 <i>John Stokes</i>	17 <i>Joetta & Denny</i> <i>Hagarty</i>	18 <i>Rev. Eddie & Sheryl</i> <i>Armstrong</i>
19 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m. <i>Fran Rutherford</i> <i>Laurie Cook</i> <i>Olen Bell</i>	20 <i>JT Stokes</i>	21 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5:30 <u>No Bible Study</u>	22	23 Bariatric Group Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 <i>Laython Willis</i>	25 <i>Wayne Scaggs</i>
26 Elder's Meeting 9:30 a.m.	27	28 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel American Heritage Girls 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00	29 Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00 <i>Dakota & Dalton</i> <i>Crofutt</i>	30 <i>Corey Gunnin</i>	31	

THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said "you have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one."

You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. Make sure you control your temper the next time you are tempted to say something you will regret later.

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