

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship: 11:00am

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Much is happening within this church. We have finished the self-evaluation part of the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation and have now begun the journey to live into our new mission statement; We Seek to Love God by Loving Others.

We have entered into a joint project with Faith Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church to provide an after school program for children of Westside Elementary School. The program, "Path to Shine", seeks to help borderline students in early elementary school. It meets once per week while school is in session. It is a Jubilee Ministry of the Episcopal Church. We already have a list of volunteers to fill in a variety of roles in the program.

We are also gearing up to host a Fall Festival for the students, parents, and staff of Miller Elementary School. We will play games, have inflatable equipment, serve hotdogs and chips and have a good time during the October 1st event. The Fall Festival team began meeting August 24th to put it all together.

We are also trying to arrange a special worship event for the blessing of animals and involve rescue groups as well as people wishing to have their pets blessed. Having had two daughters who had pet albino corn snakes, I will bless the reptiles. (I won't handle the venomous varieties.) Watch for the date to be announced and bring your pets to be blessed.

First Christian undertook these efforts so that we could answer one question, "If our church ceased to exist, would anyone in the community notice?" We want that answer to be a resounding yes. Therefore, we have begun the process to serve our community, not just to serve ourselves. This includes seeking a college student to work with our youth on Sundays and midweek. We will also begin training opportunities for better equipping this congregation to do the work before us, to be better Disciples.

The immediate goal is to become a flexible congregation that can quickly respond to our needs and the needs of the surrounding community. We will strive to respond as Jesus taught His disciples to respond, with grace, forgiveness, and love. We do not have to be a big church to make a big impact.

Shalom, *Darrell*

CAR CITY EVENT

Family Promise will again be hosting THE Car City event. This fundraiser challenges people to spend the night in their car as many homeless people do. The event will begin on Friday, Sept. 16th, from 5 p.m. through Saturday ending at 7 a.m. There will be food, entertainment, games and featured guests Colby Dee and Jared Leland. The minimum donation is \$10 to help support Family Promise's mission to help homeless families with children. The event is at Central Georgia Technical College at 80 Cohen Walker Drive in

Warner Robins. Help a good cause and go enjoy the evening even if you don't plan on spending the night.

Our congregation's week to support Family Promise with Shady Grove Baptist Church is Sept. 11-18. If you can spend the night during that week, please let Robin Robertson or Darrell Vandervort know. You will have a place to sleep and your job is mainly that of a chaperon. You arrive around 9:00 p.m. and finish by 8:00 a.m. Couples or individuals are fine.

SEPTEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are those serving in Sept:

Elders: Charlie Hebenstreit
Brenda McReynolds

Deacons: Angela Hebenstreit
Haley Crofutt
Nicole Crofutt
Rita Youngblood

SEPTEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



DW GRACE GROUP

The DW Grace Group met on Sunday and had lunch at O'Charley's. We also discussed some upcoming events and did a little planning. The regional women's

retreat is coming up Sept. 23-25. If you are interested in joining us, please get your application in ASAP. We had ten women say they wanted to go. We would love to have more!!!

We also voted to purchase cinch sacs & fill them with school supplies & donate them to Family Promise for the school children to have supplies for school & to do homework. We will be purchasing 40 of them & Mary Ann Glover will add an additional six for a grand total of 46 sacs. Donations of school supplies to help fill the bags will be accepted. We will put a box in the Narthex for anyone wishing to participate. A list of school supplies will be available.

We are still collecting children's pillow cases for Scottish Rite Children's hospital and will be taking them to retreat. This year we will also be collecting toiletries & women's feminine supplies to put in back packs & they will go out to women veterans who are in need. If you would like to donate a back pack or supplies, please see one of the DW Grace Group. We will be collecting these until retreat time.

All in all we had a great time at lunch & have started making plans for our new year. Please come out & join us on the Third Thursday of every month for some great fellowship, devotions & fun. Stay tuned for exciting events.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

39 gal garbage bags 13 gal trash bags
Small dessert plates Kleenex
16 oz. plastic glasses Dish Soap
Spray kitchen cleaner Napkins
Divided oblong foam plates

SAFE HOUSE SUPPLIES

Cleaning Supplies Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent Fabric Softener
Glass cleaner Furniture Polish
Divided foam plates Toilet cleaners
8 oz. foam coffee cups Napkins

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Last month's Bible Brain Twister answers:

John, Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth
 Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus,
 Lamentations, Hebrews, and Peter

					1 <i>Sean Palmer</i>	2 <i>Kody Campbell</i>	3
4	5	6 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	7	8 Radio Club Meeting 7:00	9 <i>Tommy & Joan Marshall Phil & Jerri Bosarge</i>	10 <i>Pat Gunnin</i>	
11	12	13 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	14	15 DW Grace Group 6:00 meal & meeting <i>Charlotte Curry</i>	16	17	
18 Fellowship Dinner 6:00 p.m.	19	20 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	21	22 Bariatric Group Mtg. 7:00 <i>Charlie Hebenstreit Maxine McGuire</i>	23	24	
25	26	27 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	28 Prayer Shawl meeting 7:00	29	30		

Knowing Your Worth

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20.00 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still want it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE YOU. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE.

You are special. Don't ever forget it. Count your blessings, not your problems.

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