



THE CALLER

WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2009



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF LANCASTER, TEXAS



My questions today to you are: "Did we further the Kingdom of God through our discussions in the congregational meeting on Sunday?" "Was our behavior appropriate for a House of Worship?"

Personally, I have never seen Robert's Rules of Order used as a gag order to stop discussion like they were used in our meeting on Sunday. Any other Disciple of

Christ church that I have been a part of has always allowed members to discuss the topic at hand prior to voting so that misinformation and concerns can be addressed. When you allow people to discuss their concerns and questions, you also give them an opportunity to correct any misinformation that they may have received. Allowing discussion is just the right thing to do. By allowing discussion you also give a sense of transparency to the decision-making process as people know the answers to questions that they had and are then able to vote intelligently.

I thought it was interesting that someone mentioned the cost factor of Destiny sharing our church, and just a little later we were asked to vote on spending over \$14,000 for repair of OUR PRIVATE DRIVE. Where are our priorities? What are our priorities?

Does God call us to only care for ourselves and our church property? Are we being good stewards of the gifts that we have received from God? Are we being good stewards of our property? Are we being good stewards of our financial assets when we do not follow the standard procedure of getting competing bids? Are we called as Christians to only care for ourselves?

We have an opportunity to partner with Destiny Christian Church in order to reach people in our community. We have an opportunity to be of service to our community.

We can choose to turn our back on this mission opportunity--and instead just focus on us. But before you make that decision, do some reading of your Bible. Check to see if our inward focus on ourselves is Biblically appropriate.

I am praying that God's will prevails at our church.

I am also praying that we become the one body of Christ. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON 8-30-09.

Please keep those who are in need of healing in your prayers.

Grace and peace-

Melissa +

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AUGUST, 30, 2009 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**



**THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF LANCASTER, TEXAS
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

750 WEST MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, TEXAS 75146

Minister - Reverend Melissa Bitting

Sunday Schedule of Services

Worship Service 10:00 am

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug 17

(Bible Study @ 7 pm)

Tuesday, Aug 18

(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Aug 19

(Lunch Bunch)

Thursday Aug 20

(Open Schedule)

Friday, Aug 21

(Open Schedule)

Saturday, Aug 22

(Open Schedule)

Sunday, Aug 23

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Prayer Meeting in Library

9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel

10:00 am - Worship Service



WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF

Disciples Men's Ministries/ Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

Dan Odom, President

Breakfast meeting is the 4th

Saturday of each month

@ 8:00 am Cooks - 7:30 am



**CMF / Disciples Men's is open to
all men of our Church**



STEWARDSHIP

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SUNDAY, AUG 16, 2009

SECRETARY ON VACATION
SEE NEXT WEEK'S CALLER



DWM HEART-TO-HEART



Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM)

Mattie Crockett, President

**DWM dismisses for July and
August and resumes monthly
meetings in September.**

**Ladies, as a member of our church, you are a
member of our Disciples Women's (DWM)
Fellowship!**

Monday night bible
study is at 7:00

p.m. If you would

like to join us for

dinner, plan on ar-

riving at the church

at 6:30 p.m. We are studying in

the book of Mark. Please come

and join us!



YARD CARE DONATIONS

Stay Tuned

EMAIL ADDRESS : FCCLTX@SBCGLOBALNET



WORSHIP TEAM

August 23, 2009

At The Table Peggy Dickey
Billy Ray Dickey

In the Pews Will Morrison
Sheila Griffin
Bill Bitting
Pat Royder

Homebound Elders Bryan Heard
Peggy Dickey
Martha Chambers

Worship Leader Debbie Wallace

August 30, 2009

At The Table Bryan Heard
Bob Green

In the Pews Sheila Griffin
Bill Bitting
Will Morrison
Pat Royder

Homebound Elders Joan McShan
Patty Peck
Mattie Crockett

Worship Leader: Debbie Wallace

HOMEBOUND ELDERS MEET IN THE
TREASURER'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP TO SCHEDULE VISITATIONS.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember in your prayers...

Gladys Martin
Benny May Fox
Cherie Fults
Jane Bolton
Bobby Crockett
Mattie Crockett
Esther Thomas
Bob and Jill Iryzk

THIS PRAYER LIST REFLECT THOSE REQUESTED THE WEEK OF THIS CALLER. OUR ON-GOING PRAYER REQUESTS ARE REFLECTED IN OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN. FOR AN ADDITION, CORRECTION OR DELETION TO OUR PRAYER LIST; PLEASE FILL OUT A PRAYER REQUEST FORM, OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 972-227-2474.



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NTA DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 10:30 AM BRUNCH

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ROWLETT, TEXAS

RSVP: MELISSA YOUNG @ Melissa.young@tx.rr.com or 972-345-9659

READY TO WIN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 9-12, FBC LANCASTER
CONFERENCE IS FREE, SPEAKER IS THELMA WELLS.

PLAN ON GOING AND BEING BLESSED.

CALL OFFICE @ 972-227-2175 and ask for Ginny to register.



NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



August 30 will be a 5th Sunday and we will have our Hymn Sing and

Bean Supper right after worship.

Get your beans soaking and desserts ready.

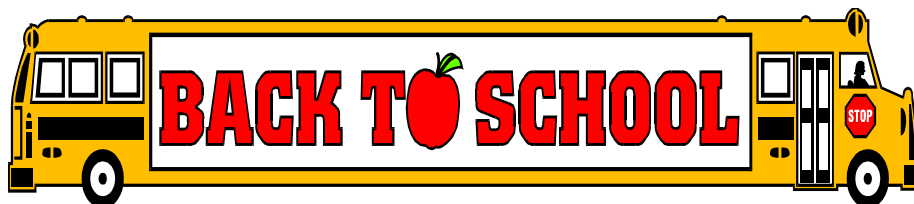


AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Marion Ripley	Aug 7
Linda Lantz	Aug 7
Hugh Mac Ashley	Aug 11
Pat Royder	Aug 12
Darrell McLaughlin	Aug 14
Lemmie Tom Hunstable	Aug 16
Tina Hansen	Aug 27
Nancy Odom	Aug 29
Breanna Beightol	Aug 31

We are collecting school supplies for West Main Elementary. This is one of the annual DWM service projects. Supplies are now on sale, so if you have an little extra change, pick up some pencils, paste, paper, folders, etc. There is usually a list describing what each student needs for each particular school. We will not meet in July and August, but we will work on our service projects. (school begins the 24th of August, get your items to the church by August 23.)

Thanks, Mattie

Disciples Women's Ministries



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING PUBLISHED IN THE CALLER EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR CALL PAT FABBY @ 214-364-1826. THANKS!!