



THE CALLER

WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2009



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



I hope that all of you our church respond to the call of Christ and how
will be present for to help heal hurts that are now present.
our Congregational God calls us as Christians to be about serving
Meeting this Sunday, others. We are called as Christians to open our
August 30th, immedi- hearts and provide hospitality to the stranger—to
ately after our wor- those who are marginalized by society. We are
ship service. We will called by Christ to do ministry beyond the build-
 be voting, once again, ing of our church. The church is not to be a place
 on the three choices that just takes care of us—that is not our Biblical
 from New Beginnings Mandate. Are we serving others? Are we being
 that have received the hospitable?
 most votes. Those I hope that you will be in prayer about how we
 three are: **Missioning** can be better disciples of Christ. I pray that you
Revisioning, Morph- will be gentle and kind with one another on
ing, and Relocation. Sunday. I also pray those whose hearts are
 hardened will be touched and changed by the
 Holy Spirit. Remember that God calls us to move
 out of our comfort zones, to overcome fear with
 faith and to reach out to others in the name of our
 Lord and Savior.

I hope that you will be in prayer about your vote.

In case you have not noticed, many of our church family members are upset. They are upset about the manner in which we have treated each other, and they are upset because some do not feel like we doing what God would want us to do. The vote on Sunday should not be about any one person or group of people getting their way, rather it should be about doing what God is calling us to do.

I hope that each of you will be willing to allow discussion, and will listen to others in a respectful way. The climate in our church currently is not one that helps to build up the body of Christ. Please prayerfully consider how you can help

Please keep those in prayer who are in need of healing: **Ab, Anna, Bob, Dan, Darryl Jean, Debbie, Laron, Nancy and S.C.**

As we meet together on Sunday, ask yourself if what you are doing glorifies God and helps to build His Kingdom here on earth.

In His Name-

Melissa +



**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 24

(Bible Study @ 7 pm)

Tuesday, Aug 25

(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Aug 26

(Open Schedule)

Thursday Aug 27

(Open Schedule)

Friday, Aug 28

(Open Schedule)

Saturday, Aug 29

(Open Schedule)

Sunday, Aug 30

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP



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

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 1880.00 |
| YARD CARE | - 100.00 |
| MEMORIAL | - 30.00 |
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| BUDGET GIVING | \$ 1720.00 |

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SUNDAY, AUG 23, 2009

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|---------------|------------|
| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 1495.00 |
| BUDGET GIVING | \$ 1495.00 |



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 arriving at the
church at 6:30 p.m. We are study-
ing in the book of Mark. come and
join us!



YARD CARE DONATIONS

Rex and Rowena Head \$100

In Memory of Margaret Green

From

Bob and Jean Bell

Jack and Carolyn Davis

EMAIL ADDRESS : FCCLTX@SBCGLOBALNET



WORSHIP TEAM

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

September 6, 2009

At The Table Nannett Morrison
Dan Odom

In the Pews Bill Bitting
Cindy Melis
Robbie Beightol
Pat Royder

*Homebound
Elders* Nancy Odom

*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
Robert Crockett

*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.*

AN OPEN EMAIL TO THE FCC CONGREGATION

In the book, Traveling Light, Max Lucado includes a chapter on the burden of fear called "From Panic to Peace." This has spoken to me personally in so many situations, and, I thought, perhaps, it might speak to some of you as well. I would have to include the entire chapter to do it justice. Maybe someone has a copy of his book they can share.

His emphasis:

...focusing on Jesus in fear-filled situations, not the problem at hand. He talks about Luke 22:39-44, where Jesus sweated blood because He was so afraid. But, He went to His father with His fear.

...things hurt, but Psalms 56:3, states "when I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." Don't avoid life's Gethsemane's; enter them...just don't do it alone...tears are allowed. And if you sweat blood, you won't be the first. Do what Jesus did, open your heart. He doesn't think tears are foolish or silly...He's been where you are. He knows how you feel." God didn't take away the cross, but He took the fear. God didn't still the storm, but He calmed the sailors.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God...Phil. 4:6

"Don't measure the size of the mountain; talk to the One who can move it. Instead of carrying the world on your shoulders, talk to the One who holds the universe on His. Hope is a look away. Now what are you looking at?"

**You are in my prayers,
Kelly Close**

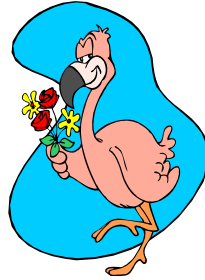


NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



August 30 will be a 5th Sunday and we will have our Hymn Sing and Bean Supper right after the meeting. Call Peggy Dickey if you have questions.

Gladys Martin has a new address.
Drop her a card of encouragement!
Gladys Martin
%Woodridge Nursing and Rehab Center
600 South Hillside Dr.
Beeville, TX 78102



| 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 |

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FCC CONGREGATION

Dear Church Family,

I hope to see each and everyone of you at Church this Sunday, and I hope that "The Vote" is NOT the only reason you come to church.

Our "Family" is currently divided, and I think we all find that division painful. The pain and division does not have to be a permanent situation. As with our personal families, we will only remain a 'family' if we LOVE each other no matter what, AND treat each other with RESPECT. That includes respecting each others opinions even when that opinion is different than our own.

We need to think about what our Church's mission is, what does Jesus expect his disciples to do. Is that mission being accomplished? What resources (manpower and physical) does FCC have? and, are those resources currently being used to meet that mission?

We need a plan for our future. Working with Destiny Christian Church is one plan that could have several different outcomes, such as we help start another church, we share facilities with a different separate church, or leads to 2 congregations merging into one. We also have several individuals that have stated they are willing and eager to work with Destiny to determine if a plan is feasible for our two groups. Some Family members want Remission and Revision, but no plan how to accomplish this has been put forth, or what resources FCC has to accomplish this have been identified. A plan does not guarantee success, but no plan guarantees no future.

A chance for agreement will happen only if we talk, share, and discuss plans with each other. Abusing Robert's Rules of Order will not lead to agreement but to further division in our Church Family.

Hope everyone makes plans to come to the congregational meeting Sunday morning. And, I hope everyone asks "What would Jesus do?" before we each cast our votes.

Yours in Christian love,
Debbie Wallace