



# THE CALLER

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2009



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



Yesterday, the congregation voted to continue our conversations with Destiny Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – including working out the details for a contract between Destiny and our church, so that they will be able to share our building. The goal is for Destiny to form another Disciples of Christ congregation here in Lancaster in addition to their

current congregation in Cedar Hill. Personally, I think that Destiny Christian Church is an answer to our prayers.

We need also need to think about ways to come together as the body of Christ. There were sharp words spoken yesterday, and I hope that we all will work on learning to be more patient in our responses to each other. Perhaps all of us need to act like Jesus is sitting beside us when we are meeting together and discussing issues that are emotional for some.

Destiny has the ability to reach the community that surrounds us. They are a younger congregation, and they have a real heart for missions. I hope that you find the prospect of them coming to share our church very exciting! I certainly find it exciting.

The question that we should be asking ourselves about Destiny coming and sharing our church facility is: What would Jesus do? What does being a faithful disciple of Christ call us to do?

Thank you to Anna for getting the ladies of our church tickets to “Menopause”. It was very, very funny, and it was great to get to spend quality time with our church family. I don’t think that I have laughed that hard in a long time.

Please also remember to be looking for Silent Auction items for the Division of Women’s Ministry Bazaar. The 24<sup>th</sup> of October will be here before you know it. Remember that Mattie will be setting up for the Bazaar on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She needs help and will be at the church by 10:00 a.m. and would love to have some help in getting the Bazaar set up.

Remember those this week that are in need of prayers for healing: Ab, Anna, Bob, Dan, Laron, Nancy, and S.C. Please also keep our church in your prayers as we seek to follow the will of God. Remember that with God, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Grace and peace-

Your minister-

Melissa +



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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, Oct 12**  
(Bible Study 7 PM)

**Tuesday, Oct 13**  
(Open Schedule)

**Wednesday, Oct 14**  
(Open Schedule)

**Thursday Oct 15**  
(Open Schedule)

**Friday, Oct 16**  
(Open Schedule)

**Saturday, Oct 17**  
(NTA Women's Meeting)

**Sunday, Oct 18**  
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, OCT 11, 2009

TOTAL GIVING	\$ 1998.00
LAWN CARE	-200.00
<b>TO BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1798.00</b>
<b>CASH GIVING</b>	<b>\$3.00 TO PIG</b>



Oct. Lawn Care Donations  
Nancy Sewell  
Rex and Rowena Head

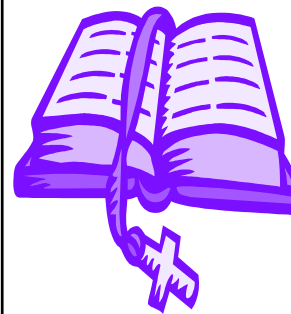


## DWM HEART-TO-HEART



**Disciples Women's  
Ministry  
(DWM)**  
**Mattie Crockett,  
President**

**Our next meeting will be  
our Bazaar, Saturday,  
October 24.**  
**Ladies, as a member of our  
church, you are a  
member of our Disciples  
Women's (DWM)**



**Bible Study on  
Monday nights.**  
**Bring your own  
supper and meet at  
6:30 and the study  
begins at 7:00.**

EMAIL ADDRESS : FCCLTX@SBCGLOBALNET



## WORSHIP TEAM

October 11, 2009		October 18, 2009	
<i>At The Table</i>	Mattie Crockett Joan McShan	<i>At The Table</i>	Billy Ray Dickey Peggy Dickey
<i>In the Pews</i>	Shelia Griffin Dee Mullenix Will Morrison Marion Ripley	<i>In the Pews</i>	Marion Ripley Shelia Griffin Dee Mullenix Will Morrison
<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Patty Peck Mattie Crockett Joan McShan	<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Mattie Crockett Billy Ray Dickey Nannett Morrison
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Debbie Wallace	<i>Worship Leader</i>	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...

Bob Koster, Coke Coker, Jim Duncan

Carless Baker, Irby Norrell, Laron Robinson, Gladys Martin,

Mildred Knight, Maryann, Monica , Elizabeth Macey, Jana Robinson.

*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.*

*Dear Christian Friends:*

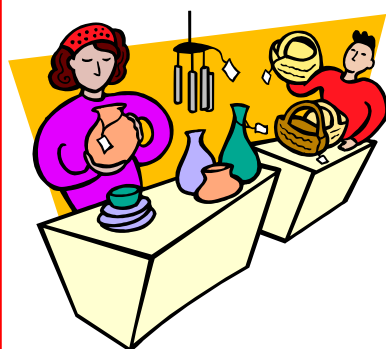
*Thank you for all your prayers during the loss of Neil's wife, Gina. The power of prayer is awesome. May we continue to pray for Neil and his precious daughters to grow stronger in faith.*

*Love,  
Lynis & Mike*

Members of FCC,

You all are such a blessing to us. Thank you so much. Each of Mattie and Anna's church friends who expressed kindness to us - may they receive a blessing in return. They were so great and faithful to pray for us and send good wishes. A special thanks goes to Rev. Bitting for coming to the hospital and praying for us there. She is one of a kind - a keeper for sure. Thanks to her so much.

Evelyn and Jim Duncan

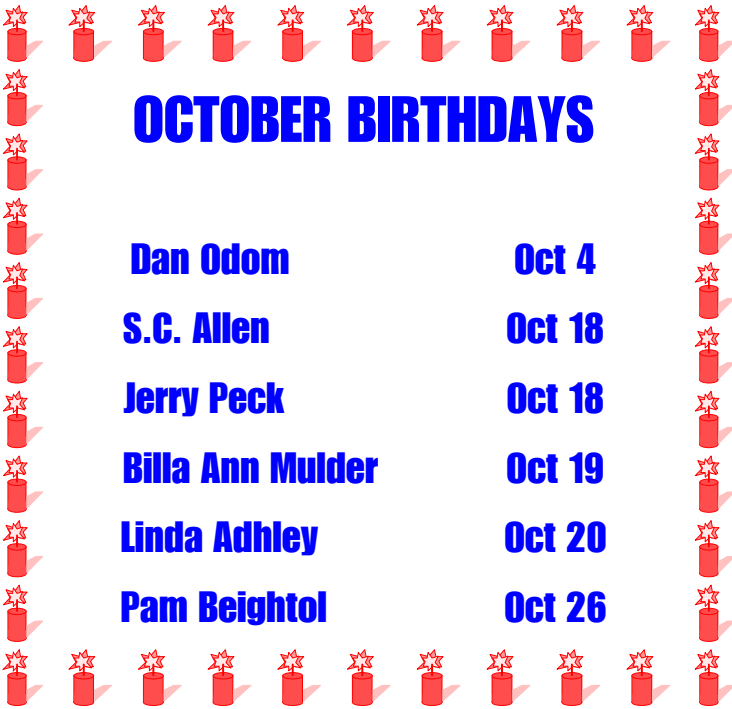


Our **ANNUAL BAZAAR** is two weeks away. This year it is on Saturday, October 24th. We are still needing items for the silent auction and bakery items. Set up will be on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23. This is your chance to really get involved with your church. There are many ways and several times when your help will be needed. Get out there and sell those raffle tickets! Mark the date and plan to be an "active" participant. Don't think *Someone Else* will do it!

Contact Mattie Crockett and show your support for FCC.



## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS .....



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Dan Odom</b>	<b>Oct 4</b>
<b>S.C. Allen</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>
<b>Jerry Peck</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>
<b>Billa Ann Mulder</b>	<b>Oct 19</b>
<b>Linda Adhley</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>
<b>Pam Beightol</b>	<b>Oct 26</b>

**NTA Disciples Women's Ministry  
General Meeting presenting  
Rev. Nita Allen  
"The Fragrance of Prayer"  
Saturday, October 17, 2009  
10:00 a.m. registration  
10:30 a.m. brunch  
Richardson, TX  
More Info on Bulletin Board**



Lunch Bunch  
Wednesday, Oct 21  
11:30 a.m at Ojeda's  
on North Hampton  
in Desoto.

### Obituary

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "**Someone Else can work with that group.**" It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this year, remember -- **we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.**

**Matthew 19.30:** But many who are **first will be last, and the last will be first.**