



THE CALLER

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2009



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



Last Sunday, the Church Board voted to bring the following to the congregation this Sunday: if approved, by the congregation, First Christian will continue conversations with Destiny Christian Church and construct a contract outlining the agreement between our two churches. The agreement would be for Destiny Christian Church

to be able to share our facilities in order to start a new Disciples of Christ church in our community. I hope that each of you will prayerfully consider what God is calling us to do as a faith community and as faithful disciples. Destiny Christian Church is a Disciples of Christ church. They are mainly African American and would be able to reach those in our surrounding community. This would be an excellent opportunity for us to be able to help another Disciple of Christ church and would benefit us through our church's increased visibility in the community at large.

Church was built from nothing by Phil and currently has about 150 members. The vote this Sunday is a chance for us to say 'yes' to missions. It is also a chance for us to 'choose life'. Please be in prayer about this vote and be listening for the voice of God.

This Sunday, I will be returning to the lectionary and will be preaching on Mark 10:17-31. It is the story of the rich man who came to Jesus and asked: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' response is that even though the rich man has kept the commandments, he must now give away his possessions and money to the poor--then he will have treasure in Heaven. Please read this scripture and see if it cannot help to form your vote this coming Sunday.

Please keep those in need of healing in your prayers: Ab, Anna, Bob, Dan, Jane, Martha, Mattie and Nancy.

Please also keep our church in your prayers. Pray that we will unite as the one body of Christ to do that which will further God's Kingdom here on earth.

REMEMBER THERE IS A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

Grace and Peace-

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, Oct 5
(Bible Study 7PM)

Tuesday, Oct 6
(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Oct 7
(Open Schedule)

Thursday Oct 8
(Open Schedule)

Friday, Oct 9
(Open Schedule)

Saturday, Oct 10
(Open Schedule)

Sunday, Oct 11
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
Called Church Meeting After 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 4, 2009

TOTAL GIVING	\$2321.00
LAWN CARE	-200.00
TO BUDGET	\$2121.00



PLEASE HELP KEEP THE PRAYER LIST
CURRENT BY LETTING THE OFFICE
KNOW WHAT NAMES NEEDS TO BE
REMOVED.



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.**



Lawn Care Donation
Nancy Sewell

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WORSHIP TEAM

October 4, 2009		October 11, 2009	
<i>At The Table</i>	Bob Browne Debbie Tarpley	<i>At The Table</i>	Mattie Crockett Joan McShan
<i>In the Pews</i>	Marion Ripley Shelia Griffin Dee Mullenix Will Morrison	<i>In the Pews</i>	Shelia Griffin Dee Mullenix Will Morrison Marion Ripley
<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Nancy Odom	<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Patty Peck Mattie Crockett Joan McShan
<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.*



Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, Oct 21

11:30 a.m at Ojeda's

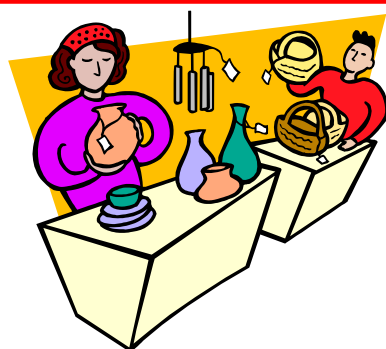
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**There will be a called
Congregational Meeting , Sunday,
October 11, immediately following
service. Please put this event on
your calendar and plan to attend.**

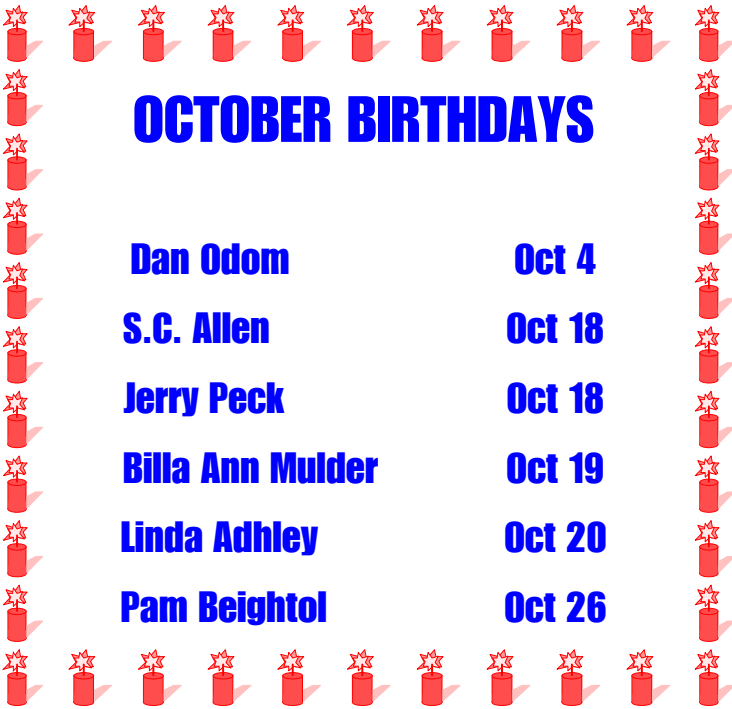
Thank you

Pam Beightol



Our **ANNUAL BAZAAR** is one month away. This year it is on Saturday, October 24th. We will be 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 chances where you will be needed. Mark the date and plan to be an "active" participant. Don't think Someone Else can do it!

Contact Mattie Crockett and show your support for FCC.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Every act of kindness we do touches another's heart. Every bit of goodness we share makes the world a better place. Every choice for love we make brings us and those around us closer to God.

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.
- Kahlil Gibran

**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

**United Disciples Christian Church 601
E Main St. Richardson 972-235-3583**

SEE INFO ON BULLETIN BOARD

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**.