



THE CALLER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2009



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



Martha is doing well after her surgery and should be able to go home Tuesday. I also visited Jim Duncan, Evelyn Duncan's husband, while I was at Baylor on Monday. Jim is doing better and may also get to go home Tuesday. Bob Koster is also doing better after the initial treatments. Please continue to hold all of those in need of healing in your prayers: Ab, Anna, Bob,

other person is casting out demons in the name of Jesus, they are to affirm that person's good works.

In the prior week's lectionary, the poor disciples had been arguing over whom was the greatest, and now this week they are concerned about someone else having THEIR power. Perhaps you can think of present day situations in the church that parallel these stories in the lectionary. I certainly can.

Please remember the celebration and luncheon that Oak Cliff Christian will be having this Sunday, October 4th, to celebrate 119 years of ministry. All of you have been invited; however, if you are going to the luncheon, they need your reservation by Tuesday, September 29th.

Remember if you need me urgently during the day, please feel free to call my cell 214 212-6099 or page me at 972 356-0750. I am always available to provide pastoral care during any of your times of need.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS---PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th.

Grace and peace-

Melissa +

Dan, Martha, and Nancy. I hope that all of you are holding our church in your prayers and are listening for the voice of God to direct our faith community. It is important at this time that we remain open and still ourselves to listen for the voice of God. God is always creating and doing a new thing; however, we can resist and delay God's creation.

This past Sunday in church we talked about the "us vs. them" mentality. "Us vs. them" is rampant in so many areas—our politics, our schools, our business, our community, our nation, and even our churches. God calls us, as Jesus called His disciples, to eliminate the boundaries that "us vs. them" establish. Jesus calls us to realize, much like His disciples, that others can do good in His name. For you see, for Jesus the concern is not who has the power, but what they do with it. He told His disciples when an-



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept 28
(Bible Study 7PM)

Tuesday, Sept 29
(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Sept 30
(Open Schedule)

Thursday Oct 1
(Open Schedule)

Friday, Oct 2
(Open Schedule)

Saturday, Oct 3
(NTA Women's Conference)

Sunday, Oct 4
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 Board 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, SEPT 27, 2009

TOTAL GIVING	\$ 1003..00
TO BUDGET	\$ 1003.00



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)**



Well, we took a little break,
but now its time to get back
into the swing of things.
Bible Study has resumed on
Monday nights. Bring your
own supper and meet at
6:30 and the study begins
at 7:00.

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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...

Lynis, Mike and Neil Stringer

Bob and Sheila Koster

Coke Coker

Jim Duncan

*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.*

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS

ILA PECK AND KATHERINE GRIFFIN

FROM

JERRY AND PATTY PECK

There will be a called board meeting this coming Sunday, October 4, immediately following service and a called Congregational Meeting , Sunday, October 11, immediately following service. Please put these events on your calendar and to make sure you attend.

Thank you,

Pam Beightol



Our **ANNUAL BAZAAR**

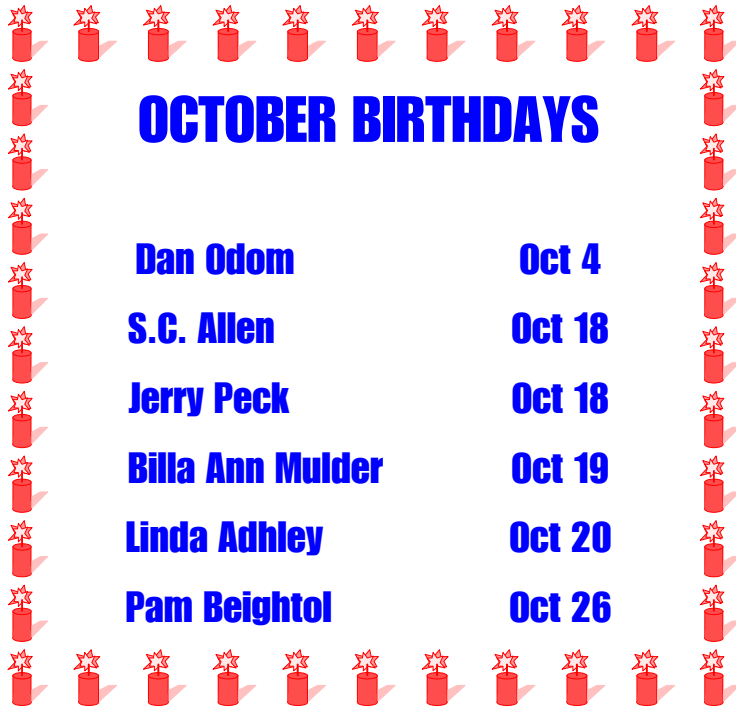
CALLING
ALL CHURCH
MEMBERS

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.

Contact Mattie Crockett and show your support for FCC.



NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



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

Do you go to church?

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

It is hard
 To forget
 To apologize
 To save money
 To be unselfish
 To avoid mistakes
 To keep out of a rut
 To begin all over again
 To make the best of all things
 To keep your temper at all times
 To think first and act afterwards
 To maintain a high standard
 To keep on keeping on
 To shoulder blame
 To be charitable
 To admit error
 To take advice
 To forgive
 But it pays!

GOSSIP

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice.
 I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives.
 I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.
 The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.
 I flourish at every level of society.
 My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and face.
 To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.
 I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.
 I topple governments and wreck marriages.
 I make innocent people cry in their pillows.
 My name is Gossip.

A Recently Spotted Bumper Sticker:

"If going to church makes you a Christian, does going to the garage make you a car?"

PROVERBS 8:21

²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.