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September 13 , 2011

Activity Schedule

Sunday, September 18

9 a.m. Praise Service
 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Wednesday, September 21

11 a.m. Prayer Group
 1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. Adult Game Day
 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Chi Rho (Middle School)
 7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. CYF (High School)
 6:30 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal
 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 25

9 a.m. Praise Service
 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Traditional Service

Wednesday, September 28

11 a.m. Prayer Group
 1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. Adult Game Day
 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Chi Rho (Middle School)
 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m. CYF (High School)
 6:30 p.m. Faithful Men Rehearsal
 7:10 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Disciples Women's Ministries (DWM)

1st Tuesday of the month
 Day Group 9:45 a.m.
 Night Group 7 p.m.

Lovin' Stitches

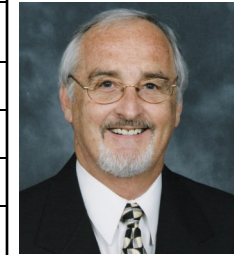
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Parlor

CASA VIEW CHRISTIAN CALLER

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The Road *Les* Traveled



Over the last ten years, it has been said often that the terrorist attacks of 9/11 brought America together. And I suppose that was true, at least for a while and at least in a limited context. But in light of our current partisan bickering over economics, health care, and taxes, and our polarity on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and numerous other issues, we don't seem "together" at all. Despite the famous Latin phrase that appears on the Seal of the United States, *e pluribus unum* (out of many one), sometimes it is difficult to

think of ourselves as a truly "united" nation. We seem more like an archipelago of diverse communities and special interest groups, co-existing in a reluctant symbiosis of laws, bureaucracy, and trade, mysteriously held together with spit and glue. We probably observe more unity down at the Ball Park among Rangers fans than is evident in Congress, or even in meetings of our local city council.

Christianity is that way too. Thomas Campbell, one of the founders of the Disciples of Christ, saw denominationalism as a "horrid evil" that divides the body of Christ. But in time we found a way to beatify our division. 21st century Disciples claim "unity despite diversity," which sounds like a gossamer thread we cling to for a sense of purpose. And the eminent Rev. Billy Graham often thanked God for the many denominations by which Christians worship as we believe appropriate, because what we have in common is greater than our differences. But you cannot help but ask "What exactly is it that we have in common?"

So, here's the challenge. This year on Sunday, September 11, as millions of Christians remember Jesus Christ in whose name we claim unity in faith, and as our nation remembers a terrorist attack that brought us all together in compassion and resolve, let us all engage in genuine soul searching. Let us truly seek to identify and extol those values, beliefs, and principles that unite us, and allow them to overshadow the petty differences, complaints, grievances and grudges that keep us apart. Let us break down separating walls and build bridges, for only then can the spirit of unity find meaning.

Brother Les

Rejoice that
 your names
 are written
 in heaven

Luke

10:20

Music Notes



The Chancel Choir elected new officers that began serving on September 1, 2011. Congratulations to the following leaders:

President/Evangelism	Donnie Pettengill
Vice Pres./Fund Raising	Garry Allen, Chair; assisted by Teresa Hickman & Don Mathias
Secretary/Sunshine	Shirley Lilly & MaryAlice Stembridge
Treasurer	Brian Cook
Social	Susie Freyer, Chair; assisted by MaryAlice Stembridge & Pat Kelly
Librarian	Cassandra Davis
PR	Helen Smith
Sound/Light Technicians	Dwight Roan, Chair; assisted by Brian Cook & numerous technicians
Ministry Leader	Donnie Pettengill

On behalf of the Chancel Choir, I would like to thank all of the officers that served faithfully this past year. Your Christian leadership in the Music Ministry was appreciated by all.

So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully. – Romans 12:6-8

Blessings,
Darla Allen



**Academy
Angel Craft Fair
Fundraiser for
the Academy**

**Ministry
November 12th
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Vendors Needed

**Contact Natalie @
214-321-1520**

**Tell your
neighbors, friends
and relatives**



Education

Have you been wondering what's happening on Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m.? Well, you are in for a treat. Helen Smith looked high, looked low, and investigated diligently and is now ready to let you know. Starting from youngest to the wise, we have:

Pre-K through 1st grade-taught by Sylvia Chaffin-teaches Bible lessons, watches videos, listens to music and does crafts. Juice and snack are provided.

JAM (Jesus and Me)-2nd through 5th grade-taught by Helen Smith and rotating helpers-lessons are from Mary Kate Warner (teach sundayschool.com) and Group-Bible verses and stories that teach about God and Jesus, values and principles; crafts, dramas. JAM session-service and fun activities on scheduled Sundays after church.

GM's (God's Messengers)-6th through 8th grade-taught by Diane Maulsby and Doug Wolf-discussion of current events linked to scripture.

Chi Rho-GM's meeting on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. with Susan Blanchard and Denice Fuller-we also do fun activities and service projects along with area events.

CYF-9th through 12th grade-team teachers Susan Blanchard, Denice Fuller and Becky Barnett-current curriculum is "Re-Form", an anti-workbook that helps youth discover what they believe about basic truths like "Who is God?" and "What is the Bible?"

CYF also meets on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:15 p.m. with Susan Blanchard, Chris Burns, and Mike Fuller-we also do fun activities and service projects along with area events.

Young Adult-individuals post high school to 30's-this class is currently being restructured and needs leaders/teachers.

Whodunnit-led by Reba Gibson-beginning study on Spiritual Discipline. Resources include books such as *The Life You've Always Wanted* and others by Richard Foster, Dallas Willard and John Ortberg.

Servants/Cornerstone-a team of three teachers rotate and have similar, but different presentation styles. Bible study, class discussion and fellowship. Scripture is read, and the teacher leads the discussion using historical perspectives and life application topics. Presently studying the life of David (2 Samuel)

Seekers/Sonshine-led by Gray Powers-emails lesson to class members so they have it before class, and then they meet to discuss it.

THE (Take Him Everywhere)-led by Margaret Deal-Bible study with class discussion.

JOY (Jesus, Others, You)-led by Virginia Dixon-uses *The Present Word* based on the International Sunday School lessons. We strive to see how the scriptures are relevant in our lives today. September lessons will be on Tradition and Wisdom based on the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Matthew.

Friendship-led by Jim Mormon-brings a fresh approach to lessons through in-depth research and the historical aspect. He gives new insight into stories and scriptures heard many times before.

Service Opportunity

Kitchen Supplies for Our Kitchen

For More

Information Call: Ruth Thompson

214-349-3943



Prayer Request



Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: Margaret Davis, Ruth Roan, Mae Dell Snipes, Jim Walker, George Rasmussen, Marian Walker, Freeda Murphy, Lendell Clifton, and Mary Sue Boyd.

Health Concerns: Anita Alexander, Mary Burns, Kathleen Alexander, Maxine Gunter, Anne Browne, Opal & Joe Sullivan, Kaye Chaffin, Jim Reed, Rosemary Coleman, Mike Lewis, Felix Jimenez, Elise Allen, Rebecca Baker, Paul Johnson, Rhonda Pettengill, Scott Chaffin, Dwight Roan, Mike Day, and Cindy Wisdom.

Friends & Family Concerns: Tres Harper, John Letkiewicz III, Albert Long, Dixie McWilliams, Ethan Powell, Sarah Martin, Murphy Baty, Mike Matula, Jeff Hudson, Pat Moss, Don Parker, Mark Daffron, Claudia Nolen, and Barry Cook.

Military Personnel: Rusty Merciers, Nicole & Randy Mounts, Nicole Cook, Ben Taylor, Logan Miller, and Michael Miller.

Lunch at Flaming Burger



On Sunday, September 18th, the Music Ministry will host a fun and fellowship event at Flaming Burger, where burgers are prepared the way they should be: The Old Fashioned way. Fresh cut fries, onion rings and tator tots are also available. YUM!!!

Chicken sandwiches, made to order, hot dogs and delicious salads are made to your specific taste. To make things even better, Flaming Burger also serves up their unique brand of desserts.

This will be a "kid friendly" fellowship opportunity. So invite your Sunday School class, friends or neighbors. The event will run from 11 a.m. for early church goers and will conclude at 2 p.m. for all other guests. 10% of the proceeds from the event will go to support your Casa View Christian Church Music Ministry. Remember, the "servers" will be from the Music Ministry and will be working for your tips. Put us to work for you. See you there!!!!

RON SOMERS-CLARK GUEST SPEAKER AT FALL RETREAT



Our fall church retreat this year will be on Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2 at the usual venue in Athens. We will begin promptly on Friday evening at 7:00 with a sandwich supper and group games organized by Darla Allen. We are asking everyone NOT to stop on the way to eat. Please come on down and eat together as a group.

Our guest this year is Ron Somers-Clark, who will lead us in three Saturday sessions on the topic: *Improving Family Relations: At Home, Work and Church*. Ron is an ordained Disciples minister, now retired, with two graduate degrees from Brite Divinity School. He has extensive background in pastoral care and clinical pastoral education, having most recently served as Director of Pastoral Care and Clinical Pastoral Education at Children’s Medical Center of Dallas. He has been an instructor in this field at both Perkins (SMU) and Princeton. He was also a chaplain with the United States Navy. Ron is currently a member of East Dallas Christian Church, with continuing involvement in writing and conducting workshops in the field of pastoral care.

Thank you to Outreach Ministry!

Because of you, the youth were able to buy supplies to make bags to give to the homeless. The project began with this year’s Mystery Trip. Raymond Smithart had let us know that while he is out and about on his job, he sees homeless people frequently who need help. He thought it might be a good idea to have a bag of essentials he could hand them, which is frequently better than giving money. Therefore, the young people on Mystery Trip made bags to give out. Raymond passed most of them out, and Vicki even gave a few here at the church. The youth decided as a long-term project, we would continue making these bags. We’d give some to the church, and the rest to Raymond (as long as he’s willing). The Outreach Ministry gave us \$200 to begin the project. I’m proud to say that each bag has only cost \$1.65, and we have so far purchased enough for 96 bags. The contents of each bag are: a bottle of water, a washcloth, bar of soap, a Colgate Wisp toothbrush, a granola bar, a small plastic bag to put the soap in when wet, and a “God bless You” thought. Thank you so much, Reba, for starting our project with a bang. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can bring any of the listed items, or donate enough money for 1, 2, 5, or 10 or more bags.

Academy Happenings



This past week, the weather has been wonderful! I notice that as the weather changes, there is a different atmosphere at the Academy. The children have expressed that they are ready for the cooler weather.

Our school-age children are back in school. We always look forward to seeing their smiling faces each afternoon, telling us about their day. Ms. Debbie's Preschool Class is in full swing, ready for an exciting school year. We are happy to report that we have enrolled several new preschoolers and toddlers.

The children continue to have chapel with Ms. Susan every Tuesday morning. Ms. Susan always makes chapel time special, and it is carried thru the week in the children's lessons. Recently she brought her puppets along during chapel time. The puppets are a new experience and always bring laughter in the room. On Wednesday, the children look forward to going to the music room with Ms. Darla. The children learn new songs about God and also learn songs that have body and hand movements. A couple weeks ago, the children learned to square dance. That was fun to watch! Ms. Darla makes music a fun activity and a way that the children can learn to express themselves.

Blessings to all,
Natalie Guzman



Christmas in July



I apologize for my tardiness in getting this very important thank you to each and everyone of our DWM members and the children who participated in the Christmas in July party. You all came thru beautifully! We had a great turn out, and I think the Fowler residents enjoyed it also. THANKS AGAIN.

Brenda McMahan
President



YOUTH

Garage Sale is coming! On September 24 from 8 to 2, we will be selling garages. Just kidding! We'll actually be selling some really cool stuff that has been donated to help the youth. If you still have some things you'd like us to sell, bring them on up. You can bring them from 8:30 to 3 on weekdays, Wednesday nights during youth group, or Sunday mornings. If you need help carrying or transporting your items, please give the church office a call to make arrangements for pickup. Thank you so much for supporting us as a youth group. We appreciate you all very much!
Susan