

# DAYSPRING DICTIONARY

The Chart: DaySpring's way of organizing and recruiting volunteers for the work to be done. The wide variety of tasks on the chart ranges from cleaning the church to providing crisis care for senior adults. The Chart is divided into five sections: Worship, Hospitality, Spiritual Formation, Missions, and Stewardship. The Chart is renewed each fall.

Church Calendar/ Liturgical Year: The liturgical cycle divides the year into a series of seasons, each with their own mood, theological emphases, and modes of prayer, which can be signified by different ways of decorating the church. The colors, readings, and decorations change as we cycle through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Lectio Divina: Latin for divine reading, spiritual reading, or holy reading, and represents a traditional Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading that deepens our communion with the Triune God and increases knowledge of God's Word. It is an ordered way of praying with Scripture that calls one to study, ponder, listen and, finally, pray from God's Word.

Coordinating Council: also known as "the council." This group of five church members provides leadership for the church as a whole. Among other things, the council deals with budget issues, provides leadership in business meetings, and assembles the final version of the Chart each year.

DaySpring News Weekly: a weekly email with regular news about DaySpring. To subscribe to this mailing list at any time, send an email to **dayspring@ourdayspring.org** and for the subject type "subscribe".

Dayspringer: 1. term most often used to describe one who is a member of DaySpring Baptist Church; occasionally used in reference to people who just show up a lot at DaySpring. 2. A rare breed of spaniel canine often distinguished by unusually contemplative behavior; "The DaySpringer Spaniel"

Expressions: VBS at DaySpring. For one week during the summer, DaySpring creates an experience for our children focusing on worship, service, Bible study, creativity, and play.

Extended Session: childcare for infants and toddlers (0-K) during worship on Sunday mornings. Extended Session relies on volunteers to help our professional nursery workers provide care for our children during worship every Sunday.

Gospel Café: a ministry of Crossties Church serving hot lunches three days a week primarily to the community in the Kate Ross area of Waco. DaySpring prepares and serves lunch on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month. DaySpringers also serve as volunteers during other days of the week.

Koinonia Groups: groups of DaySpringers that get together monthly for a meal. The groups rotate regularly so people can dine with a variety of folks.

Lectionary: a schedule of readings, based on the Church Calendar, for reading through the Bible; more accurately known as the Revised Common Lectionary. Worship and proclamation at DaySpring, like at many other churches, are prompted by the week's lectionary texts.

Narthex: the room you first enter as you come into the main church building.

Pastoral Associates: volunteers who serve for one or two years on church staff, gaining experience doing church staff work in exchange for leadership, creativity, and ministry. Pastoral Associates attend staff meetings and give their time to various aspects of church life.

Stokes Chapel: Named in honor of George and Katy Stokes, the chapel is unlocked and available anytime for personal reflection and prayer. It is also the meeting place for a Spiritual Formation class on Sunday morning.

Take Two: occasional, all-church, two-hour Saturday workdays from 9am-11am. DaySpring relies on DaySpringers to do most of the work around the church, and Take Two provides an opportunity for DaySpringers to labor together. Work may include landscaping, cleaning, painting, and other team-tasks.

The Tradition: The resources from the history of the church, to include: the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, The Church Fathers, monastics, and mystics whose thinking and living shape our life together.

[www.ourdayspring.org](http://www.ourdayspring.org): our church's website. Although it is designed for visitors or people wanting to learn more about DaySpring, there are several useful member resources on the front page, like lectionary online, online sermon archive, and a link to the DS newsletter.