



THE CALLER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010



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

Do any of you read *US News and World Report*? If you do, perhaps you saw the article that included Dr. Sharon Watkins, our President and General Minister of the Disciples of Christ, as one of President Obama's top 10 most important faith leaders for our time. The other nine faith leaders identified by the President include:

- **Rev. Rick Warren**, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of *The Purpose Driven Life*.
- **Rev. Jim Wallis**, author, Christian community organizer and director of *Sojourners*
- **Douglas Kmiec**, former lawyer for Ronald Regan and former dean of Catholic University's law school
- **David Saperstein**, Director and Counsel of Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- **Otis Moss, Jr.**, Pastor Emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland and associate of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Eboo Patel**, Muslim leader and Founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core
- **Rev. Joel Hunter**, pastor and former president-elect of the Christian Coalition
- **Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell**, Sr. Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston
- **Rev. T.D. Jakes**, Pastor of the Potter's House church, in Dallas.

Interestingly, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins is the only woman on the list. Of course, this is not the first time for Rev. Sharon Watkins to be the only woman or to be the first woman, as she's the first woman to lead a mainline Protestant denomination. Also, President Obama selected Watkins as the first woman ever to give the

sermon at the National Prayer Service, held the day after the presidential inauguration.

Dr. Sharon Watkins will be here in the Dallas-Fort Worth area next week to deliver the Wells Sermon at Minister's Week at Brite Divinity School. If you have not had an opportunity to hear Dr. Watkins, next week would be an excellent opportunity. She will be preaching each night at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church from February 8th through February 10th. This will be one of Dr. Watkins first events after her return from her sabbatical.

I am very proud to have Dr. Sharon Watkins leading our denomination and look forward to hearing her preach at Ministers' Week. I know that she will bring God's word to all who are present.

Please continue to pray for those who are in need of healing: Ab, Anna, Bob, Nancy, S.C. Please also keep Laura's sister, Margaret Tincannon in your prayers this week as she is having heart problems and will be having some tests done.

Please also keep Laura in your prayers as she continues her job search this week.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday. The title for the sermon this coming week will be "Into the Deep". Please come and join us as we come to worship our LORD and Savior.

May God bless our church and may God bless each of you.

It is my privilege to be-

Your Minister-

Melissa +



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday Feb 1
(Bible Study)

Tuesday, Feb 2
(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Feb 3
(Open Schedule)

Thursday Feb 4
(Open Schedule)

Friday, Feb 5
(Open Schedule)

Saturday, Feb 6
(Open Schedule)

Sunday, Feb 7
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**

Dan Odom, President

CMF / Disciples Men's is open to all men of our Church



STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 24, 2010

GENERAL FUND	852.00
MEMORIAL	20.00
TOTAL	872.00

JANUARY 31, 2010

GENERAL	933.00
MEMBER ASSISTANCE	610.00
MEMORIAL	50.00
MISSIONS	115.00
TOTAL	1708.00



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

CWF Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00, please come and join us as we study and fellowship.

Ladies, as a member of our church, you are a member of our Disciples Women's (CWF)

In Memory of

Bobby Hall

David and Nancy Worden

In Memory of

Steve Burkhart

Lori Smallwood Ferguson

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WORSHIP TEAM

February 7, 2010

At The Table Pam Beightol
Martha Chambers

In the Pews No Info

Homebound Elders Nancy Odom

Worship Leader Debbie Wallace

February 14, 2010

At The Table Bob Browne
Debbie Tarpley

In the Pews No Info

Homebound Elders Pam Beightol
Jerry Peck
Dan Odom

Worship Leader 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...

All in our congregation who are ill

Lemmie Tom Hunstable

Laura Rinesmith

Margaret Tincannon

*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.*

February 2010 Birthdays

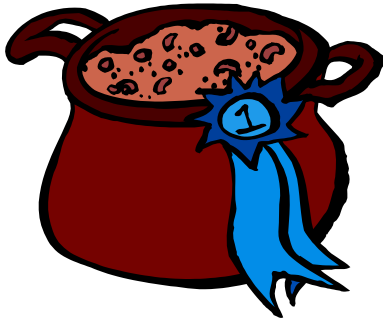
Ann Lewis	Feb 5	Bob Browne	Feb 7
Sheila Griffin	Jan 6	Luann Merrick	Feb 22
	Bernice Brodnax	Feb 23	

February Fun Facts:

- February is Black History Month in the U.S.A. and Canada serving as a remembrance of important people and events in African American history.
- February is also National Cherry and Chocolate Month (among countless others), which explains all those Valentine's Day gifts of chocolate-covered cherries.
- The first United States president and founding father George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. George was as great at business as he was at leading the troops to victory during the American Revolution. Many know Mount Vernon as an historical tourist destination but in its hey day it was a working plantation with many crops including marijuana.
- Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. Lincoln's most notable act as the United State's 16th president was freeing the slaves. Lincoln has no surviving heirs to date, although he fathered 3 sons all of whom passed away before the age of 20. Many know that Lincoln was a tall man standing 6' 4", and he was also physically adept as both a wrestler and axe man. Lincoln appeared even taller because of his top hat where he supposedly stashed cash.
- February 2 is Groundhog Day. Since 1886, many people have gathered in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and elsewhere to see a groundhog climb out of his hole and predict the season's forecast. If the groundhog sees its shadow, winter will be prolonged for 6 more weeks. If the groundhog does not see his shadow, winter will end soon.
- In February 1847, the United States Post Office introduced adhesive stamps, which simplified post office operations along with one's mailing process for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

HAPPENINGS AND OTHER STUFF

CHILI COOK-OFF FEB 21, 2010



DIG OUT YOUR VERY BEST RECIPE FOR CHILI OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT COOKS UP IN THE CROCKPOT!

Save all your treasures for our upcoming garage sale. Bring your stuff and put it in the CWF room.



CALLER SURVEY

We are doing this survey to determine the viability of the CALLER.

Please fill in and email, fax or snailmail this form back to the church.

Is the Caller interesting? _____

Do you read the Caller? _____

Do you want to continue receiving the Caller by mail. _____

What do you like about the Caller?

What do you dislike about the Caller?

What would you like to see in the Caller?

How often should the Caller be sent out?

You are invited to share in
The first CCSW Disciples Women's

VISION EVENT

with keynote speaker and facilitator
Rev. Adonna Bowen

Friday, Feb 26th -- Saturday, Feb 27th

Community Christian Church

1300 Holly

Richardson, TX 75080

Cost \$20

To reserve your place or for more
information call

817-926-4687

LOST AND FOUND

I have had a couple of earrings without partners for awhile in the office. This week I have a cell phone. It is an Ericsson by Cingular. If you are missing your phone, its here!

