



THE CALLER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010



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



Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 2010 at 6:30 PM

I missed all of you on Sunday. I hope that everyone has power once again as I know that many of you have been without it. The good news is that the church once again has power. The electricity came back on at the church sometime late Sunday evening.

This Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., we will be having our Ash Wednesday Service (Lord willing and no snow). I hope that all of you will be present at this service. We will be offering the imposition of ashes during our worship on Wednesday night. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's [Palm Sunday](#) are burned. In the liturgical practice of most churches, the ashes are mixed with the oil prior to the imposition of ashes.

During this season on Lent, I hope that you are remembering to take time to pray for our church every day. I think that God is doing trying to do a "new thing" here at First Christian, and we need to **LISTEN** to God's voice during our prayers to be able to determine where God is calling our church to go. **God is still speaking---are you listening?** God told Jesus' disciples that accompanied Him during His transfiguration to "Listen to Him (Jesus)". Those are good words for each of us to live by today.

Lent is a time for us all to reflect upon our life and our walk with Christ. Is your relationship with the Lord where you would like it to be? If not, can you commit to becoming more disciplined by spending time daily with your

Bible and in prayer? How are you going to deepen your faith understanding during the 40 days of Lent? I hope one way you will do that is to participate in our Lenten Study. **The study will be at 7:00 p.m. with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. The night of the study is to be determined.** We will be studying Spiritual Disciplines as a way to deepen our faith walk with Christ. Spiritual Disciplines include prayer, meditation, fasting, reading scriptures, etc.

You might wonder why I keep harping on prayer. It is because I am sure that prayer change things—it changes relationships, it changes people, and it can therefore change churches. Prayer helps us to keep focused on God. Prayer helps us to unite as the "Body of Christ". Prayer helps us to keep the Evil One from using our disagreements as a way to divide us. Prayer allows us to forgive and to be forgiven.

Try to spend this season of Lent reflecting on your faith journey. Look for ways that you can deepen your walk with Christ. Continue to pray daily for our church and for its members. Pray for those who are in need of healing: Ab, Anna, Bob B, Bob K, Nancy and S.C. And continue to hold Laura in your prayers as she continues to look for employment. I look forward to seeing each of you in worship this Sunday as we continue our journey. I covet your continuing prayers for my ministry with you.

Grace and Peace-

Melissa +



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday Feb 15

(Bible Study 7PM)

Tuesday, Feb 16

(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, Feb 17

(Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm)

Thursday Feb 18

(Open Schedule)

Friday, Feb 19

(Garage Sale)

Saturday, Feb 20

(Garage Sale)

Sunday, Feb 21

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

Chili and Crockpot Cook-off after Service



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



Disciples Women's Ministry (CWF)

**Mattie Crockett,
President**

**CWF Meets Saturday,
Feb 27th at 9:00, please come and
join us**

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



Come join us on
Monday nights
for Bible Study.
We are in the
book of Mark.

We eat brown bag dinners at 6:30 and
the study begins at 7:00 PM.

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STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

GENERAL FUND	2410.00
MISSIONS	500.00
MEMORIAL	25.00
	<u>\$2935.00</u>

**NO SERVICE FEBRUARY 14,
2010**



WORSHIP TEAM

February 21, 2010

At The Table Mattie Crockett
Joan McShan

Homebound Elders Bob Browne
Bob Green
Nannett Morrison

Worship Leader Debbie Wallace

February 28, 2010

At The Table Jerry Peck
Patty Peck

Homebound Elders Jerry Peck
Bryan Heard
Martha Chambers

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...

Glen Peck

Martha Chambers

Jim Sharp

Bob Bell

Opal Allen

*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

Luann Merrick

Feb 22

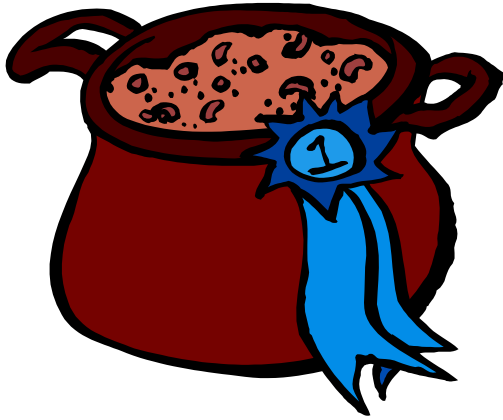
Bernice Brodnax

Feb 23



The FCC garage sale is Friday, Feb 19th and Saturday, Feb 20th. If you haven't already cleaned out those closets and hidey holes, do it now and bring your stuff and put it in the

CWF room. We will need help getting everything setup on Thursday. If you need more info call Nancy Odom, 972-227-4470



CHILI CROCKPOT COOK-OFF

FEB 21, 2010

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

WE'RE EXPECTING SOME NEW RECIPES, SOME NEW ENTHUSIASM AND SOME LIP SMACKING FOOD!

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?

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13

Debbie Wallace



HERE IS THE SURVEY. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR RESPONSE.

FILL OUT THE SURVEY AND SEND IT BACK TO FCC.

WE WANT AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR INPUT.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!