



# THE CALLER

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2010



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



Last night, a group of us began our Lenten study. We are using the book, ***The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life*** by Tony Jones as the basis for our study. We are still accepting any additional people who are interested in deepening their relationship with Christ during this Lenten period. Please let me know that you are coming, and I will order a book for you.

In the introduction to the book, Tony Jones reminds us that it is difficult to always find time to place ourselves in relationship with God. Tony states that he got the idea that you were suppose to do a 30 minute quiet time each day—consisting of reading *The Bible* and praying. He found the quiet time really did not help him to deepen his relationship with God, and Tony states that what happened was he eventually stopped doing the 30 minutes and then felt guilty.

What Tony is trying to do is to get each reader to find a way that is effective for them to deepen their relationship with God. This is not always as simple as it would seem on the

surface. There are many distracters that keep us from deepening our relationship with God. During the next several weeks, we will be studying many different spiritual practices and trying them out. Tony Jones says that we have to enter into spiritual disciplines with an open mind. We cannot say that one discipline is Catholic and another Eastern Orthodox as all spiritual disciplines originated in the first 1000 year history of the church, when there was just ONE church.

As we study spiritual disciplines, we will be trying to find additional ways to place ourselves in the presence of Christ or the presence of God. This week, we are going to be practicing the spiritual disciplines of silence and solitude.

I hope that you will come and join us next Monday at 6:30 for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for study as we continue our Lenten journey.

Remember, if you need me during the day or night urgently, please page me. My pager number is **972-356-0750**. I am always available for any emergency need or ordinary need that you might have.

It is my privilege to be-

Your Minister-

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday March 1

*(Bible Study 7 PM)*

### Tuesday, March 2

*(Open Schedule)*

### Wednesday, March 3

*(Open Schedule)*

### Thursday March 4

*(Open Schedule)*

### Friday, March 5

*(Garage Sale 10-2)*

### Saturday, March 6

*(Garage Sale 10-2)*

### Sunday, March 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*

In Honor of  
Bob Browne

for his music

Rex and Rowena Head



## STEWARDSHIP

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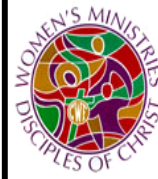
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## CWF HEART-TO-HEART



### Disciples Women's Ministry (CWF)

**Mattie Crockett,  
President**

**Please join us the 4th Saturday  
of each month at 9 AM for CWF  
meetings**

*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 doing a  
Lenten study at

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

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## WORSHIP TEAM

*SUNDAY MARCH 7, 2010*

*At The Table*

Mattie Crockett

Nancy Odom

*Worship Leader*

Debbie Wallace

HOMEBOUNDED ELDERS MEET IN THE  
TREASURER'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP TO SCHEDULE VISITATIONS.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember in your prayers...

Deborah McCollister

Jim Brawnlee

Bob Bell

Carolyn Leppert

Glen Peck

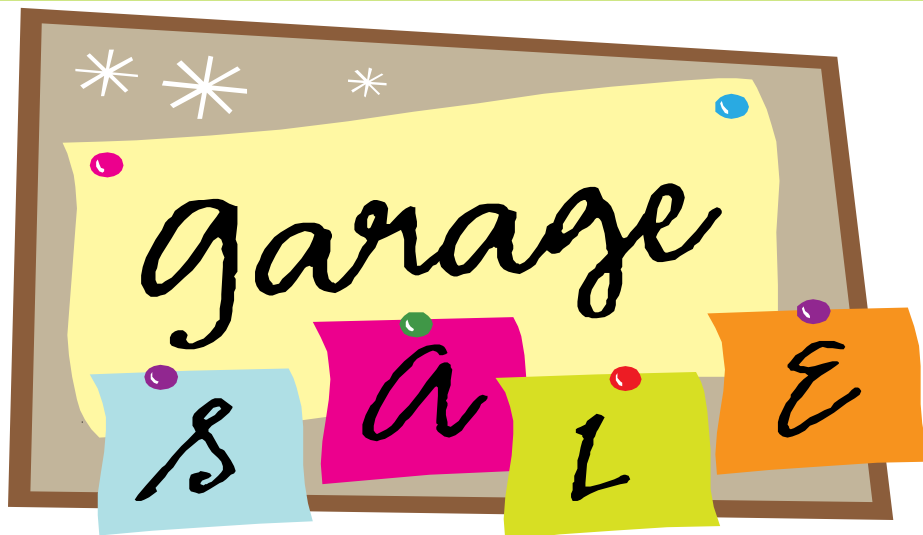
Martha Chambers

Billie Taft

The Country of Chile

Our Country

*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;*



**THIS IS THE  
WEEK OF OUR  
GARAGE SALE  
on Friday, March 6  
and Saturday,  
March 7, 10-2.**

**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. We need lots more stuff to  
have a successful sale.**

## HAPPENINGS AND OTHER STUFF

### March 2010 Birthdays

Heidi Gottschalk	March 1
Clint Able	March 22
Scott Harris	March 21
Mike Dickey	March 24



The Lunch Bunch  
will be meeting at the  
church on Wednes-  
day, March 17,  
between 11:15 and  
11:30. Please join us.



### LENT TRIVIA

SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN ANSWER  
WITHOUT HELP

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
6. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
7. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
8. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
9. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
10. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
11. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
12. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?
13. How do Italians celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19?
14. What important feast day occurs on March 25?
15. On what Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms?
16. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
17. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year?
18. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
19. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
20. Who helped Jesus carry His cross?