



THE CALLER



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A weekly newsletter of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Lancaster, Texas



MELISSA'S MEMO



What a beautiful day Sunday was, and it was wonderful to worship our LORD with each of you. If you have looked around and noticed some of our members missing, please phone them and let them know that we miss them.

During Sunday's Sermon on living the hyphen fully, I talked about **Randy Pausch** and his last lecture. I thought that some of you might be interested in knowing where to find his last lecture. You can find it on U Tube on the internet. You can also find out more about him and about how he is doing by looking at this link:

www.cs.cmu.edu/~pausch . Randy also has a book coming out called interestingly enough *The Last Lecture*. I am sure that you can find out where to purchase it online if you are interested. The main things that Randy teaches each of us is to face adversity and overwhelming odds with a positive attitude and to live each day to the fullest, for each day is a gift from God.

As I mentioned to you on Sunday, living each day to the fullest is hard for me to do also. This time of year, I am wishing away my life. I am wishing that it was summer and that school was over. So, I struggle along with many of you in trying to live each day to the fullest and to celebrate the gift of that day.

Hopefully, it does not take a terminal illness for us to realize the gift of life and to really live!

Please remember those in our church family who are in

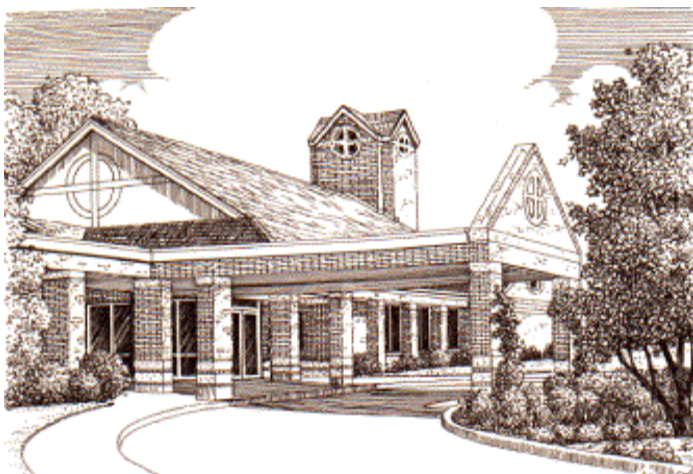
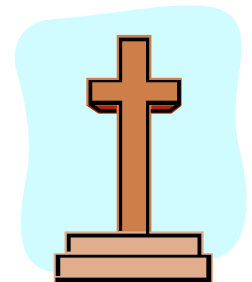
need of healing: **Ab, Anna, Bob, Larry, Margaret, Nancy, and Steve**. Hold all of these people in your prayers as they are having health issues that can really use the Great Physician's healing touch.

Please also remember that if you are interested in participating in a Disciples of Christ history and beliefs class to let me know ASAP. We are looking at starting the class, if there is enough interest, in May on Monday nights. It will be a "bring your own brown bag" dinner prior to class at 6:30 p.m. - with class starting at 7:00 p.m.

Also, remember that as a church family, we are going out to eat after church this Sunday, April 20th, at the Evergreen Buffet on Pleasant Run and I-35. Come and join us for a fun time of food and fellowship.

Thank you for your faithfulness to our church and to our LORD and Savior.

It is my privilege to be-
Your Minister-
Melissa +



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Worship Service 10:00 am

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 WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Monday, April 14th- (Open Schedule)
Tuesday, April 15th - (Open Schedule)
Wednesday, April 16th- (Admin Office Closed) 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Choir practice
Thursday, April 17th- (Admin Office Closed) (Open Schedule)
Friday, April 18th- (open Schedule)
Saturday, April 19th- 9:00 am - CWF Meeting
Sunday, April 20th- 9:30 am - Prayer Meeting in Library 9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel 10:00 am - Worship service 10:15 am - Kid's Sunday School


To see future dates please go to our website at www.fccltx.org

Together, you and Christ can handle anything!

**Food,
Fellowship, and Fun!**

*Bring your family to join our family at the First Christian Church Family Picnic May 18th, 1:00 till 5:00 PM. It will be held at Lancaster City Park at 211 W Beltline Road. So mark your calendars, as there will be plenty of food, fellowship and fun for all! **BYODrinks!***

CWF HEART-TO-HEART



**Disciples Women's Ministries /
Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)**

Mattie Crockett, President


Don't forget our monthly meeting is THIS Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 am.

Make sure you eat a healthy breakfast before you come as the men of the church are not having their meeting this Saturday and therefore will not be here to cook.

Hope to see everyone there!

CWF/Disciples Women is open to all women in the church

WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF



**First Christian Church of Lancaster
Disciples Men (CMF)**

Dan Odom, President



Our monthly meeting will be held Saturday April 26 at 8:00 am.
Hope to see everyone there!

Also, please note the 61st annual Tri-Area CMF Spring Retreat will be held May 16-18 at Disciples Crossing in Athens. Early bird registration deadline is May 9.

CMF/Disciples Men is open to all men of the Church.

WORSHIP TEAM

Homebound Elders will meet in the Treasurer's office immediately following worship to schedule visitations.

	April 20, 2008		April 27, 2008
<i>At The Table</i>	Joan McShan Mattie Crockett	<i>At The Table</i>	Billy Ray Dickey Peggy Dickey
<i>In the Pews</i>	Hailee Hansen Jean Connell Marion Ripley Pat Royder	<i>In the Pews</i>	Hailee Hansen Jean Connell Marion Ripley Pat Royder
<i>Homebound Elder</i>	Nannett Morrison Peggy Dickey Martha Chambers	<i>Homebound Elder</i>	Joan McShan Patty Peck Mattie Crockett
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil	<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers all the people affected by the recent storms that are still trying to get power, and clean up the damages rendered that evening. Also keep the friends and family of the contractor who lost his life trying to repair some of the electrical damage in your thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS: on the birth of Marion Ripley's newest grand-daughter **Eleanor Jane**, who was born Monday April 14 to proud parents Chris and Heather Crosby. She weighed in at a healthy 8lbs!!

HOSPITALIZED: **Leliani LeBlanc**, in Alamogordo, NM (Friend of Mattie Crockett & Anna Robinson)

RECOVERING AT HOME: **Jerry Peck; Steve Burkhart** (son of Opal Allen)

SHUT INS: **Wanda Cutler** (Crescent Place, Cedar Hill); **Helen Honsicker** (Covenant Place, Waxahachie); **Faye Ferguson** (Colonial Village Plano)

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Brenna Beightol; Mary Jane Maykus; Jennifer Brown; Pam Beightol; Nancy Odom; Anna Robinson; Bud Scott; Ab & Annie Sealy; Les & Mary Hoxworth; Larry Marlow; Ann & Larry Lewis; Robert & Sheila Koster; Mary Fitzhugh; Shirley Oliver**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONCERNS: **Reginald Bate** (Husband of Suzy Bate); **Josh Miller Family** (friend of Susie Browne); **Chad Cheshier** (friend to many); **Jerry Dyer** (friend to many); **Bud Scott** (Son of Jim Scott); **Robert Sanders** (Cousin of Chris Able); **Mark Connell Jr.** (Jean Connell's grandson); **Jana Robinson** (Niece of Anna Robinson); **Steve Burkhart** (Son of Opal Allen); **Tom Trull** (Nephew of Mary Jane Maykus); **Mark Connell Sr.** (Jean Connell's Son); **Scott Beightol** (Son of Jim & Pam Beightol); **Jimmy Hickey** (Diane Hickey's husband); **Julie Daehnert** (friend of many); **Ed & Jane Bolton** (Martha Chamber's parents)

4/13/08 **Bobby Lynn Crockett** (Son of Mattie Crockett); 4/6/08 **Gladys Martin** (Friend to Many); 3/30/08 **Morgan** (Granddaughter of Bob Green); 3/28/08 **Bryan Reynolds** (cousin of Chris Able); 3/23/08 **Keith Skopek** (Friend of Marcy Able); **Jalil Burns** (acquaintance of Elaine Hatcher); 3/21/08 **Daniel Garcia** (Friend of Marcy Able); 3/16/08 **Sharon Johnson** (Friend of Mattie Crockett); **Bill Gaither Family**; **Ariana Fox** (Grand-daughter of Billy Ray & Peggy Dickey); **Mildred Smith** (Great-Aunt of Chris & Marcy Able)

ARMED FORCES

04/08/08 - **SS. Eric Margerum**, US Army, deployed for third tour in Iraq.

12/30/07 - **Lt. Colonel Bob Thornton**, USA, deployed to Iraq in January (Cousin of Marion Ripley/ son of Bobby & Nancy Edwards)

7/22/07 - **Brandon Sewell**, USA, deployed to Iraq (Grandson of Nancy Sewell)

04/30/06 - **Stephen Miller**, USA, serving in Qatar (Mattie Crockett's grandson)

(Revised 4/14/08)



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

No Birthdays for this week

Please drop them a line...

Stephen A. Miller
ASG-QA
Attn: Dyncorp Number 516
APO,AE-09898



Note: 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.



REACHING OUT

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WORD

News from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) , Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest and North Texas Area of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



DISCIPLES WOMEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA SPONSOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

If you're looking for ways to enhance your leadership skills, then you will not want to miss the national leadership conference being sponsored by the Disciples Women Ministry of South Carolina. The event, which will take place on June 13-14 at First Christian Church in Charleston, S.C., is designed to help those seeking a better understanding of the values, attitudes and habits that result in successful leaders. One highlight of the conference will be a presentation on June 14 by Gene Griessman, an internationally recognized speaker, author and consultant. An actor and playwright, Griessman has performed his one-man play on Abraham Lincoln at the Ford Theater and before large audiences around the country. He also has interviewed U.S presidents, actors, athletes, business leaders and Nobel Laureates. He has taught at a number of universities and served as Fulbright professor at the University of Islamabad in Pakistan. To learn more about Griessman, you may visit his website at: www.presidentlincoln.com. To register for the leadership conference, go to: www.scdisciples.org/Download5.html

Our next "out to lunch" date will be Sunday April 20.

We are going to Evergreen Buffet at the intersection of I-35 and Pleasant Run (adjacent to the movie theatre). The charge is \$8.65 for an "all you can eat" dinner. So please plan on coming to eat right after Worship that day and have fun .

A message from the Lancaster Outreach Center...

We currently have a situation that we need your help with. The LOC operates Granny's Storehouse at 123 Alexander St. in Lancaster. This thrift store accepts good donated clothes, furniture, appliances and house wares to give to clients and to sell to the public. The store generates \$100,000 in annual income, and that funds our Client Assistance Program. Our store hours are 9:00 am-1:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

LOC needs two volunteers daily to help staff the store from 1:00 pm -4:30 pm each afternoon, Monday -Friday.

We project the extra 18 hours per week of operation will result in a minimum of \$ 20,000 in additional income. these volunteers will work with a staff person to help stock, assist clients, bag merchandise and keep the store neat and organized. We are challenging local businesses , church groups and organizations to provide just two volunteers from each day of the weeks. With everyone working together, LOC will receive enough additional funds to pay utility bills for another 100 families!

If you would like more information or to sign up to volunteer, please feel free to call me at (972) 227-0138.

Thank You,

KayKay Roquemore,
Volunteer Coordinator

CWF RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO ENTER THE DRAWING FOR THE BEAUTY BASKET.

IT INCLUDES BODY LOTIONS, FRAGRANCES, MANICURE PRODUCTS AND LOTS OF OTHER BEAUTY ITEMS! THE VALUE OF THE BASKET IS \$236, SO SPENDING \$1.00 FOR A TICKET OR \$5.00 FOR SIX TICKETS IS DEFINITELY WORTH IT!!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ANY CWF MEMBER, OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY, TUESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR April 13, 2008

No Report Available for this week

STEWARDSHIP

No Financial Report available for the week of April 13, 2008.