



THE CALLER



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



MELISSA'S MEMO



We were glad to have Opal's family in worship with us as they came to be with her as she celebrated her 39th birthday. It is always wonderful to have family of our members in worship with us!

Some of you asked about the story of Lisa, the woman who shows dogs in agility and has about 2-3 weeks to live according to her doctors. Her email that she sent to her friends is below:

Subject: The hardest email I have had to write
Date: 4/11/2008 5:25:56 P.M. Central Daylight Time
To all of my fellow agility competitors and friends,

Last Tuesday I was admitted to hospital, for eight years I have fought breast cancer. I have been diagnosed now with AML Leukemia and have been given approximately three weeks to spend on this wonderful earth. I have chosen not to do any more chemo as I believe I have received and given all this life has to give and take.

With the help of my dear friends in Dallas we were able to talk the Dr's into springing me out of hospital today. Tomorrow at the Dallas Agility Working Group's trial I will run my darling Chinese Crested Diva for the last time - it won't be pretty, no one will be able to guess who's handling style I will use and I don't even know myself - just staying on my feet will be an achievement and to run with my very best friend and to be among friends will be enough to give me the energy I need to get through the day.

I am thrilled I will also get to watch the veterans parade and to pay tribute one last time to all the great dogs that have helped form this sport that I so love.

If you want to do anything for me pray that Diva and I can achieve a super Q, it is all we need to become ADCH together, but even if we don't get it - I know I am blessed to share what time I have with my dogs and my friends.

Please wish Angela Lancaster all the very best with my dogs in the future, she is going from the cheesiest Yorkies to a couple of naked Cresteds and I know my dogs will continue to be well loved and respected and they will be in the agility ring again at some time to play.

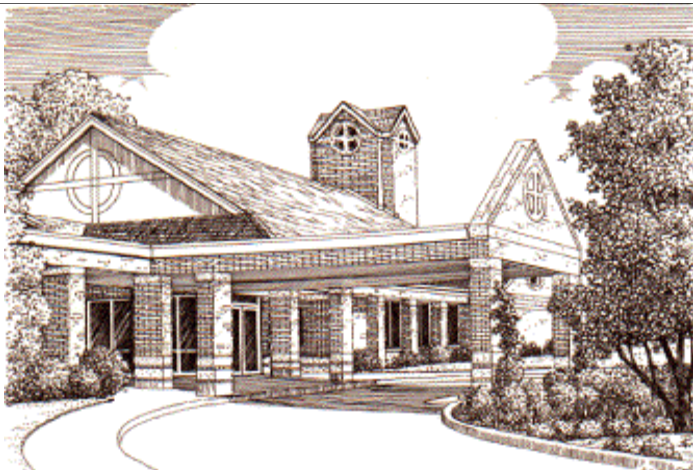
Many thanks for all your love and support over the years, I am indeed one of the lucky ones that get to say thanks in 'person' before my time.

Remember this weekend to enjoy your friends, dogs and should success come, enjoy and embrace it, if it doesn't never forget the love of this game and the friendships we have forged. Thanks to everyone who helped me with my journey I sure do appreciate you all.

Run Fast, Run Happy
Lisa Kristof
Dallas, TX

Lisa and her dog, Diva, received their super Q on their run that Saturday—in case you were wondering. Here is the link to the video of her last agility run with her dog, Diva. It is a tribute to Lisa: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zlhkMwppKw

(Melissa's Memo is continued on page 2 of this Caller)



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 21st-
(Open Schedule)

Tuesday, April 22nd -
(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, April 23rd-
(Admin Office Closed)
6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, April 24th-
(Admin Office Closed)
(Open Schedule)

Friday, April 25th-
(open Schedule)

Saturday, April 26th-
(Open Schedule)

Sunday, April 27th-
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

Melissa's Memo Continued...

I think her email speaks to her unwavering courage and faith. Please hold Lisa and her family in your prayers. Remember as Lisa said to embrace the day and to run fast, run happy.

P.S. If anyone would like Lisa's address to send her a card, please email me, and I will send it to you. My email is Revbitting@aol.com.

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

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.



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

Mattie Crockett, President

Thank you to all who were able to make our monthly meeting.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 10 as that is the date of our Prayer breakfast. It will be at 10:00 am.

Also the winner will be drawn for the beautiful basket. There is still time to buy tickets from any CWF member.

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 27, 2008

At The Table Billy Ray Dickey
Peggy Dickey

In the Pews Hailee Hansen
Jean Connell
Marion Ripley
Pat Royder

Homebound Elder Joan McShan
Patty Peck
Mattie Crockett

Worship Leader: Jackie Feil

May 4, 2008

At The Table Bryan Heard
Bob Green

In the Pews Heather Hansen
Linda Lantz
Sheila Griffin
Maxine Marlow

Homebound Elder Nancy Odom

Worship Leader: Jackie Feil

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS: to **Darryl Jean and Aaron Deskins** on their recent marriage; and to **Hailee Hansen** for being selected for the Red Oak High School Drill Team.

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Jimmy Maykus; 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: **Mildred Smith** (great aunt of Chris and Marcy Able); **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)

4/20/08 **Charlie Bond** (Known to many); **Carly Fuller** (Friend of Madeline Norrell); **Shelly Morrison** (sister-in-law of Nannett Morrison); **Joseph Connell** (Great Grandson of Jean Connell); **Brenda Osterholtz** (cousin of Maxine Marlow); **Leliani LeBlanc** (Friend of Mattie Crockett & Anna Robinson; 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**

ARMED FORCES

4/20/08 - **Ashley Bolton** , going to Iraq (Niece of Scott and Martha Chambers)

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 4/21/08)



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.



Victoria Lewis	April 23
Larry Lewis	April 24
Opal Allen	April 25
Leigh Ann Fox	April 25
Ray Hunstable	April 25

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 EXCEED GOAL OF SENDING 750 WORK GROUPS TO THE GULF COAST

Disciples have exceeded their goal of sending 750 volunteer work groups to the Gulf Coast to help in hurricane recovery efforts. Leaders of Disciples Home Missions and Week of Compassion announced a new partnership two years ago, known as the Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative, that would strive to send hundreds of Disciples work teams to the area between August 1, 2006 and August 30, 2008. So far, 753 teams are registered.

DHM and Week of Compassion congratulate Cowden Lake Christian Church in Coral Mich. for registering to send the 750th group to the Gulf. They are scheduled to work in Louisiana in early August. Despite having exceeded their goal, Disciples are reminded that there is still time to join the effort. To read more, go to:

www.disciples.org/dns/Releases2008/08033.html

Thank you to the following people , who have donated funds to help keep our church lawn beautiful:

*Rex and Rowena Head
Anna Robinson
Joan McShan
Nancy Sewell*



UPDATE!

The CWF cookbook is almost finished!

Hopefully it will be ready to make its debut and be up for sale at our Prayer Breakfast on May 10.

More information coming soon!

Please remember to bring cans for the local food bank. We are trying to get enough to give to 3 outreach centers! Please bring them to the church by Sunday, April 27.

Thank You



There will be a board meeting immediately following worship service on Sunday, May 4th.



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report for the week of April 13, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 2549.24
CD Interest	\$ 1064.24
Yard Care	\$ 345.00
Budget Giving	\$ 1140.00

(no report available yet for the week of 4/20/08)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR April 20, 2008

Worship Service : 38 members/ 1 visitors
Children's Sunday School - 2