



THE CALLER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2008



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



MELISSA'S MEMO



Merry Christmas

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and
your blessing all year through!

Wishing you a blessed Christmas!

The Staff of First Christian Church

Elaine Hatcher

Melissa Bitting

Darrell McLaughlin

John Faby

Bob Malone

Jackie Foal



**THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LANCASTER,
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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 22

(Open Schedule)

Tuesday, December 23

(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, December 24

(Candlelight Christmas Eve)

Thursday, December 25

(Christmas Day)

Friday, December 26

(Office Closed)

Saturday, December 27

(Open Schedule)

Sunday, December 28

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

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



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)
Mattie Crockett, President

**In January we will be hosting an
Area CWF Meeting with a Brunch.
More Info to Follow.
Keep Watching!**



**Need a pick-me-up? Hot coffee and fresh
donuts are available on Sunday mornings
in the church kitchen.**



WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF

**Disciples Men's Ministries/
Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)**

Dan Odom, President

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

SEE YOU IN JANUARY '09!



THANKS FOR BEING FAITHFUL IN GIVING IN 2008!

*'...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure,
pressed down, shaken together, running over, will
be put into your lap; for the measure you give will
be the measure you get back.'* LUKE 6: 38



STEWARDSHIP

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008

TOTAL GIVING	\$ 7008.57
YARD CARE	\$ (75.00)
TO MEMORIAL FUND	\$ (30.00)
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BUDGET GIVING	\$ 6903.57
INTEREST ON FAIL C-D	\$ (482.57)
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ 6421.00



WORSHIP TEAM

December 28, 2008		January 4, 2009	
<i>At The Table</i>	Bryan Heard Bob Green	<i>At The Table</i>	Nannett Morrison Dan Odom
<i>In the Pews</i>	Cindy Melis Dee Mullinex Hailee Hansen Pat Royder	<i>In the Pews</i>	Linda Lantz Maxine Marlow Madeline Norrell Sheila Griffin
<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Bryan Heard Peggy Dickey Martha Chambers	<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Nancy Odom
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil	<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil

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

IN MEMORY OF RAY PEWITT
DELLA JONES HICKMAN

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NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



To all members of the First Christian Church of Lancaster, Yesterday, Sunday, December 14 was a very wonderful experience for my wife and me. Many times we have been accused of being insensitive to others, but never serenaded. Bob Brown brought his choral group here where we live and really hung a good-un on us. After one or more songs had been sung the resident members assembled in another part of the lobby began coming closer. Some asked to be given the music, one lady brought her flute and an African American lady played the piano Things then began to liven up and you could see the joy of their participation in this program and you could see the grins on their faces that all was well. We two have never been a part of such a program and we are deeply appreciative of the time and effort they devoted to this program.

Our best to all of you. We miss you very much and welcome your visits when you feel like it....

Ab and Annie Sealy



We will be going to The Boar Head Festival @ University Park Christian Church on January 4. We will leave the church @ 1:45. We will stop for dinner on the way home. Tickets are \$12. If you are interested contact Pat Royder, 972-227-1414.



Anna and I would like to say Thanks, to Bob Browne, Elaine Hatcher, Cindy Melis and the entire choir for a lovely cantata. Angels in heaven were in awe of this performance. Thanks for bringing the joyous season to light at FCC Lancaster.

May God Bless Each One.

Mattie

Candle Light
Christmas Eve
Service @ 11:00 P.M.
December 24.



This year is drawing to a close. There are no more December events scheduled after this week. New January calendars will be sent out soon.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS **Grayson Harrison**
Dec 26

Remember our website, www:/fccltx.org. There is always information there about upcoming events, birthdays, news, etc.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

BECKY HUNDT

COLE COKER

DON MULLENIX

*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.*



Reindeer's Story at Christmas

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle. "I see. And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot."

