



# THE CALLER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2008



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



## MELISSA'S MEMO



Happy New Year to everyone!!

New years are a time to start over, a time of new beginnings....so it is appropriate that we will be starting our Beginnings' report soon. Receiving the report from our New Beginnings' consultant, is only the start of the process.

to want to ask, and #2. Pray for our church and for our membership as we go through New Beginnings. Also, as the New Year is a time for new beginnings, I would ask each of you to consider making a New Year's resolution to support your church with your attendance each Sunday at discussions of the New worship and at other church events. We really do need each of you!

Thank you to the choir for the wonderful Cantata on December 21<sup>st</sup>. It was truly great! Also, thank you to Jackie for her continued leadership in worship. She does an outstanding job! Thank you also to all of you who participated in the Advent Candle readings.

We have asked all of you to read the report, to make notes of anything that you have questions about, and to be ready to discuss the report in a small group setting.

We will be asking each of you to commit to four meetings with your small group. These meetings are known as Cottage Meetings. At these meetings you will be asked to discuss the report and also to brainstorm about what you think our church can do to become revitalized. God tells us that He is always creating a 'new thing', so we need to be in prayer to find out where God is calling our church. I would ask each of you to prepare for the Cottage Meetings by doing two things: #1. Read the New Beginnings Report and make notes about any points that you want to discuss or questions that you

Remember that some of us will be going to the Boarshead Festival this Sunday afternoon at University Christian Church. We will be leaving the church at 3:00 p.m. in order to have time to get to the church for the 5:00 performance. We will be taking the church van for those who want to ride over to Fort Worth together.

Thank you to those of you who have been so loyal in your attendance and support of our church this past year. May God bless each of you in this new year.

It is my privilege to be-

Your Minister-

Melissa +



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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 29**

*(Open Schedule)*

**Tuesday, December 30**

*(Open Schedule)*

**Wednesday, December 31**

*(New Years Eve)*

**Thursday, January 1**

*(New Years Day)*

**Friday, January 2**

*(Open Schedule)*

**Saturday, January 3**

*(Open Schedule)*

**Sunday, January 4**

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

**BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL @ 1:45**

to see future dates please go to our website at [www/fccltx.org](http://www/fccltx.org)

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. **Isaiah 40:31**



## 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 .**



## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008

TOTAL GIVING	\$ 1590.00
YARD CARE	\$ ( 75.00)
TO MEMORIAL FUND	\$ ( 400.00)
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BUDGET GIVING	\$ 1115.00



## CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

**January 17th we will be hosting an  
Area CWF Meeting with a Brunch.**

**Keep this date open. More  
information will be coming soon.**

YARD FUND DONATIONS

REX AND ROWENA HEAD

NANCY SEWELL



IN MEMORY OF FRANCES KNIGHT  
DAN AND PAMELA KNIGHT

**Not enough time for breakfast?  
Hot coffee and fresh donuts are  
available on Sunday mornings  
in the church kitchen.**



## WORSHIP TEAM

**January 4, 2009**

*At The Table* Nannett Morrison  
Dan Odom

*In the Pews* Linda Lantz  
Maxine Marlow  
Madeline Norrell  
Sheila Griffin

*Homebound  
Elders* Nancy Odom

*Worship Leader:* Jackie Feil

**January 11, 2009**

*At The Table* Joyce McGinnis  
James McGinnis

*In the Pews* Maxine Marlow  
Madeline Norrell  
Sheila Griffin  
Linda Lantz

*Homebound  
Elders* Joan McShan  
Patty Peck  
Mattie Crockett

*Worship Leader:* Jackie Feil

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

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. **Jeremiah 29:11**

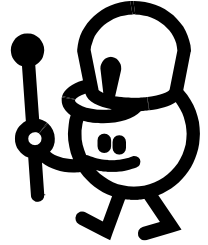
EMAIL ADDRESS : [FCCLTX@SBCGLOBALNET](mailto:FCCLTX@SBCGLOBALNET)



We will be going to The Boars Head Festival @ University Park Christian Church on January 4. We will leave the church @ 3:00. We will stop for dinner on the way home. Tickets are \$12.

If you are interested contact Pat Royder, 972-227-1414.

North Texas Area Leadership Event  
Saturday, January 31st @  
Northway Christian Church  
Dallas, Texas  
Registration forms and further  
information available in the  
church office



### **A New Year's Poem for Christians**

Instead of making a New Year's resolution  
Consider committing to a biblical solution  
Your promises are easily broken  
Empty words, though earnestly spoken  
But God's Word transforms the soul  
By His Holy Spirit making you whole  
As you spend time alone with Him  
He will change you from within

Here are five tips to help you get off to a strong start as a Christian. in 2009. Each tip offers a simple yet profound way to deepen your Christian walk of faith.

- **Tip #1** - [Spend Time With God](#)
- **Tip #2** - [Read the Bible](#)
- **Tip #3** - [Develop A Daily Devotional](#)
- **Tip #4** - [Develop A Prayer Life](#)
- **Tip #5** - [Get Involved in Church](#)

### Dedicate 2009 to Reading Through the Bible

If you've never read through the entire Bible, let me encourage you to dedicate yourself to this task in 2009.



### RESOLUTIONS

SO... what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions:  
(1) Pray to the Lord for wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) Rely on God's strength to help you; (4) Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) Don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead allow them to motivate you further; (6) Don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. [Psalm 37:5-6](#), "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."



Philippians 3: 13-14

*PRAYER CONCERNS*

*PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS*

**BECKY HUNDT**

**COLE COKER**

**THE FAMILY OF 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.*

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the Year."

Charles Dickens

**OUR CHRISTMAS SELVES**

Can we keep our Christmas selves around, or must we send them away?

When Christmas has passed and New Year's is done, couldn't we let them stay?

Who are these Christmas selves, you may ask in jest, our Christmas selves are our regular selves when we are at our best!

They give with generosity, they love with fearless zest, they share their treasures and spread their joy, they serve so others may rest. They do not harm their fellow man, they do not criticize, they forgive and forget and make amends, they see with Godly eyes. Our Christmas selves know a secret that our regular selves may miss, they know if we have charity, we can live a life of bliss. They play for team mankind ever giving it their all, they give their best, support the rest, and catch those who may fall.

When we pack up our trees and boxes and bows, and put them all away, we must remember above all else to let our Christmas selves stay.

If we let them help with our new year's plans, our lives will be greatly blessed, For remember when we are our Christmas selves, we are at our best!

Written by: Linda McPharlin

Contributed by Anna Robinson



**Annie Sealy passed away this morning at Charlton Methodist Hospital.  
Please remember Ab in your prayers. More information will follow.**