



THE CALLER



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



MELISSA'S MEMO



We had a wonderful group last night that met to study Gay Reese's book: *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism*. There were about 17 people there, but there is still room for more. And gentlemen, I have got to tell you that the women are there in great quantity. The male of our species only had ONE representative there. I hope that if you missed the first night of our study, you will still plan on coming next Monday night. We start with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and begin the study at 7:00. I still have a couple of books left—so please let me know if you need a book. However, I will be glad to order more books!!!!

We had a great time eating a wonderful dinner that was prepared by Anna, Martha and Mattie. We also had a great time of fellowship and sharing during our class. **If you are coming next week, we need you to read Chapters 1-3 in your book so that we can begin to discuss them.**

One of the questions that I asked the group last night was: "When was the last time that you shared your faith with someone?" Many of the people present had shared their faith with someone within the last year. We also discussed the question: "What difference does being a Christian make in your life?" Gay Reese tells us that it is important for us to be able to verbalize why being a Christian has been important in our life if we are going to share our faith with others.

If you cannot come to the study on Monday nights, I hope that you will undergird this group with your prayers during Lent. The group has also covenanted to pray for our church and to spend time during Lent listening for God's voice.

Lent is a perfect time to deepen your faith roots. One of the ways of doing this is through study and prayer. **Come and join us next Monday night on our Lenten journey of study and prayer!**

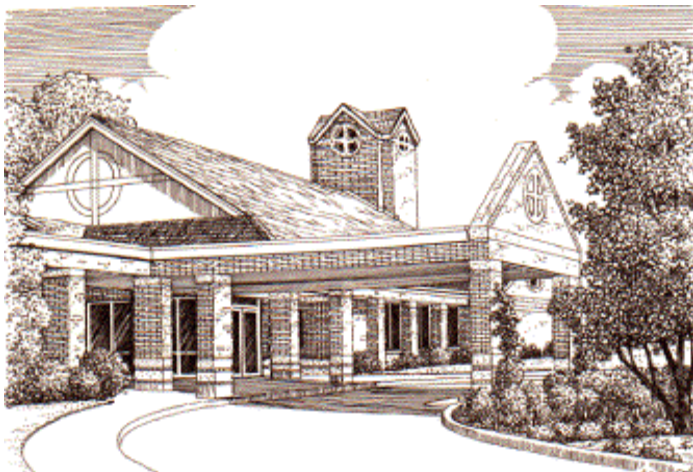
Remember those in prayer that are in need of healing: Ab, Anna, Bob, Larry, Margaret, Nancy, Steve, and Wanda. Also, please hold the Tanner family and Inky in your prayers as they await the judge's decision about Inky, their foster child.

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

2/13/08 - Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes @ 6:30 pm

2/16/08 - CMF/CWF Meetings

2/18/08 - Lenten supper and study



The First Christian Church of Lancaster, Texas (Disciples of Christ)

750 West Main Street, Lancaster, Texas
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Minister - Reverend Melissa Bitting

Sunday Schedule of Services

Worship Service 10:00 am

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 13th-
(Admin Office Closed)
 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, February 14th -
Happy Valentines Day
(Admin Office Closed)

Friday, February 15th -
(open Schedule)

Saturday, February 16th -
 9:00 am - CWF/CMF Meeting

Sunday, February 17th-
 9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel
 10:00 am - Worship service
 10:15 am -Kid's Sunday School

Monday, February 18th-
 6:30 pm - Lenten Supper & Study


Tuesday, February 19th-
(Open Schedule)

Wednesday, February 20th-
(Admin Office Closed)
 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, February 21st -
(Admin Office Closed)
(Open Schedule)


Friday, February 22nd -
(open Schedule)

Saturday, February 23rd -
(Open Schedule)

Thank you to all who made goodies for the bake sale , and to all who bought those goodies! We raised \$ 85.50 for the Blessing Boxes. Way to go !

Marcy Able
Blessing Box Chairperson



Potluck Valentines/Stewardship Luncheon

On Sunday , February 17 immediately following worship we will be having a barbecue Luncheon. The meat will be provided, we are just asking everyone to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert that would go with the meal.

Hope to see everyone there!!

James McGinnis



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

This months meeting has been changed due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting will be held Saturday February 16 @ 9:00 am. Hope to see everyone there!

We still need the bereavement boxes done, so if you have them please get them painted and turned in. Thank you

CWF/Disciples Women's Ministries is open to all ladies of the Church



WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF


First Christian Church of Lancaster
Disciples Men (CMF)



Dan Odom, President

Men, this is YOUR organization. Please be sure to attend our monthly meetings. Due to some scheduling conflicts the meeting for February will be held on Saturday the 16th. Hope to see everyone there.

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



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

WORSHIP February 17, 2008	TEAM February 24, 2008
<p><i>At The Table</i> Mattie Crockett Joan McShan</p> <p><i>In the Pews</i> Heather Hansen Linda Lantz Bill Bitting Maxine Marlow</p> <p><i>Homebound Elder</i> Bob Browne Bob Green Nannett Morrison</p> <p><i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil</p>	<p><i>At The Table</i> Billy Ray Dickey Peggy Dickey</p> <p><i>In the Pews</i> Heather Hansen Linda Lantz Bill Bitting Maxine Marlow</p> <p><i>Homebound Elder</i> Martha Chambers Brian Heard Jerry Peck</p> <p><i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil</p>

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: is extended to the friends and family of **Georgia Williams**, who entered God's Heavenly Kingdom on January 31. She was the loving mother of Ron & James Williams, and a former member of our Church.

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Nancy Odom; Jennifer & Ashleigh Brown; Jean Connell; Anna Robinson; Bud Scott; Ab & Annie Sealy; Les & Mary Hoxworth; Larry Marlow; Ann & Larry Lewis; Robert & Sheila Koster; Ann Hodges; Mary Fitzhugh; Bob Bell; Mary Jane Maykus; Shirley Oliver; Truett McLaughlin**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONCERNS: **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 Burkhardt** (Son of Opal Allen); **James Wood** (Nephew of Pam Beightol); **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)

2/10/08 **The Tanner Family & Inky** (Friends of Rev Bitting); **Ella Mae Cheshier** (Pat Cheshiers mother); **Charles Fox** (Acquaintance of Madeline Norrell); **Mike & Dot Folk** (Friends of Larry Marlow); 1/20/08 **Danny & Ruth Douthit** (friends to many); 1/13/08 **Margie Robinson** (Niece of Anna Robinson); **Mildred Smith** (Great-Aunt of Chris & Marcy Able); **Christopher "C.J." Bradley** (Great-Grandson of Jerry & Patty Peck); **Diana Griffin** (Daughter of Sheila Griffin); **John Fowler** (Nephew of Nancy Odom & Jean Connell);

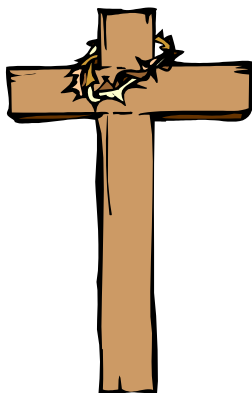
ARMED FORCES

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 2/11/08)



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)



BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL TO HOST ANNUAL MINISTERS WEEK

Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, will host its annual Ministers Week Feb. 11-14. The event will feature lectures, sermons, workshops and worship services, most of which will be held at University Christian Church in Fort Worth.

William L. (Bill) Lee, pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke Va. and the immediate past moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the 2008 Wells Preacher.

Other speakers include Marcus Borg, the Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University and Joretta Marshall, professor of pastoral care and counseling at Brite. To read more about Minister's Week, call 817-257-7580 or go to

www.disciples.org/dns/Releases2008/08017.html



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

No Birthdays this week

Please drop them a line...

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

Lenten Supper Sign-up

There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex to provide a light meal for our Monday night Lent Study Group. Mondays are still open to sign up for from February 25- March 17.

Please be sure to check it out!!

2008 Summer Camp Dates now Available!!

I now have the Tri-Area Summer Camp Dates available in the Church Office. Inquire now as you don't want to miss out on the fun!! Call the Church office at 972-227-2474.

Early Bird Deadline is April 14, 2008

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR February 10, 2008

Worship Service - Members/ Visitors

Children's Sunday School - 4



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report for the week of February 10, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 1001.00
Special Giving (Lent Book)	\$ 16.00
Budget Giving	\$ 985.00