



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 great study group last night. Five new people were at the second session--so we have a little less than half our average worship attendance attending the Lenten Study. It is still not too late for you to participate. Next week you would need to read Chapters 3 and 4 as we will be discussing them. Also, due to the large size of the study group, we will be looking at ways to rearrange the seating arrangement so that everyone will be able to hear. THANK YOU ALL for caring about your church so much and being willing to give time each Monday night to discuss evangelism and prayer.

Thank you to Nancy, Jean, and Sheila (if I missed someone, please accept my apologies in advance) for providing our food. It was wonderful as always.

I hope that all of you who attended the Fellowship Dinner last Sunday had a good time. The food was wonderful and a special thank you goes out to Nancy and James for setting up the dinner. THANK YOU all for the valentines and the nice words that you said about me....your check is in the mail (LOL). I was truly surprised and touched. I hope that you all know what a super group of people I think that you are and how blessed I feel to have been called to be your minister. As I said last Sunday, as the members of the body of Christ, we may not always agree--but we can agree to disagree in Christian love.

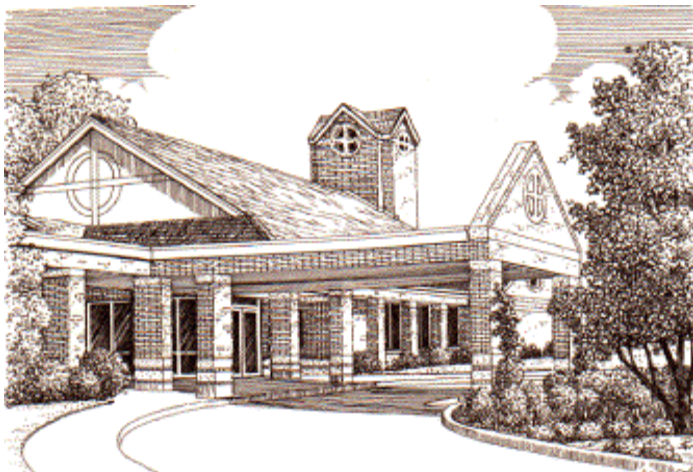
Remember that we are starting our stewardship program for this next year. As James said so well during the service on Sunday---do not give to pay the bills, but give out of gratitude to God for your many blessings. Please prayerfully consider how to honor God with your financial resources.

Also, I wanted to remind you that if you need me or want me to come to a procedure that you are having done, please let me know. I will always try to be present when you are having surgery, but if you are having a procedure that is day surgery, and you would like your minister there, let me know. I can always take a day off from school. I want to be present with you when you need or want a minister. Please also remember if you have an emergency, it is best to page me at 972 356-0750. Also, if you need to talk with me urgently, please feel free to page me.

One of the things that Gay Reese tells us to do in her book: Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism, is to HAVE FUN. One of our group members pointed this out last night in the study and said how important this is for a church to do. I agree. So, this week have fun and come and join us for worship on Sunday and the Lenten Study group on Monday. Pray for our church and for those in need of healing. Pray for our church's leadership including your minister.

Remember that this life is not a dress rehearsal for the real thing--so have fun!

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



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

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Minister - Reverend Melissa Bitting

Sunday Schedule of Services

Worship Service 10:00 am

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|| www.fccltx.org

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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)




CWF HEART-TO-HEART

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

*We had a great meeting Saturday morning, and we would like
 to thank the men of the church for providing a wonderful
 breakfast for us.*

Hope to see everyone at the meeting for March!

*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. Hope to see everyone there.

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

Lilies for Easter

We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies to be put in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They will be single-stem, and \$10.00 per Lily. You may purchase them in honor or memory of a loved one. The deadline for orders will be March 14. You may detach the form below and put in the collection plate on Sunday or mail in to the Church.


Easter Lily Order Form

I would like to purchase ___ lilies

In HONOR/MEMORY of _____

My name is _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



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

WORSHIP February 24, 2008	TEAM March 2, 2008
<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>	<p><i>At The Table</i> Bob Green Bryan Heard</p> <p><i>In the Pews</i> Marcy Able Jackie Feil Madeline Norrell Nancy Sewell</p> <p><i>Homebound Elder</i> Nancy Odom</p> <p><i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil</p>

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: is extended to the friends and family of **Ella Mae Cheshier**, who entered the Heavenly Kingdom on the evening of February 14, 2008. (Friend of Madeline Norrell)

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Nancy Odom; 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 Burkhart** (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)

2/17/08 **Castin Frazell** (Son of Justin & Casey Frazell); **Gloria Sneider** (mother of Jennifer Brown); 2/10/08 **The Tanner Family & Inky** (Friends of Rev Bitting); **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);

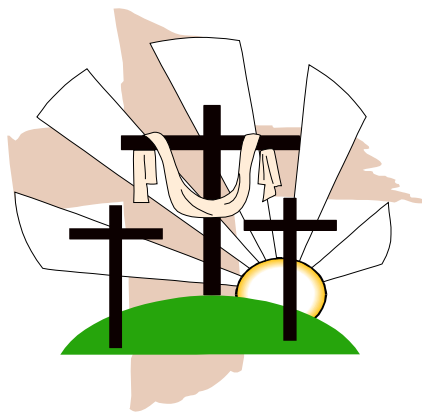
ARMED FORCES

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 2/18/08)



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.

Luann Merrick February 22

Bernice Brodnax February 23

Please drop them a line...

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are currently trying to recruit volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School to be held sometime in June.

If you would be interested in being involved in the early planning and actual event, please let me know

Marcy Able

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

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!!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR February 17, 2008

Worship Service - 49 Members/ 5 Visitors

Children's Sunday School - 5



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report for the Week of February 17, 2008

Total Giving \$ 2491.00

Special Giving (Lenten Book) \$ 15.00

Budget Giving \$ 2476.00