



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 once again last night. **However, men I have got to tell you that the women are coming in droves while we only had ONE male present. We would love to have more men present in the study each week—so please gentlemen; consider attending weeks four through six.** We can still order books if you need one, and we have great food prior to the study group.

Thank you to Pam, Anna, Jimmy and Mattie for providing the food for Monday night. It was wonderful as always. We had a great time eating together and telling stories about our week.

One of the things that came out of our study group is that we are going to form a Prayer Team that will be praying for our church. This will be the main focus of this prayer team... not prayer requests regarding people who are sick or have other prayer needs. This group will start this Sunday, March 2nd and will meet in the library at 9:30 a.m. If you are feeling called by God to pray for our church and to listen for God's response, please come and join this Prayer Team.

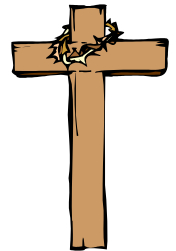
Also, the study group members are going to be turning over an hour each day to God this week. It will be an hour in which we ask God to guide each decision that we make. If it is the first hour that you are awake, you might be asking God what side of the bed to get out on, whether to brush your teeth or comb your hair first, etc. We are going to be doing this at different times each day, and then we will discuss what it was like and what we noticed when we did this. You too may want to try this.

Also, let me apologize for not recognizing those who gave flowers on the chancel the last two weeks. It was not intentional on my part to overlook your generosity. **The flowers on the 17th were given by Anna Robinson in honor of Madeline Norrell. The chancel flowers this past Sunday, the 24th, were given by Madeline Norrell in honor of the birthday of Bernice Brodnax.** Anna and Madeline, the flowers were beautiful and thank you again for your generosity.

Please continue to hold our church in your prayers. Prayer changes things. Prayer produces miracles when we pray in agreement. Listen to hear the voice of God speaking to you. What is God calling us to do as a faith community?

Please continue to also hold those who are in need of healing in your prayers: **Ab, Anna, Bob, Larry, Margaret, Nancy and Steve.**

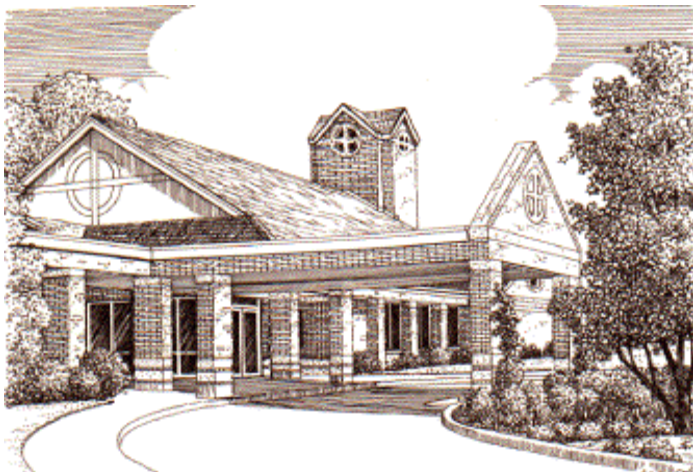
It is a blessing to be-
Your Minister-
Melissa



2/27/08 - Hannah Group Meeting 6:30 pm- NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL!

3/3/08 - Lenten Supper/Study Group 6: 30 pm

3/5/08 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm/ Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm



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

750 West Main Street, Lancaster, Texas
75146


Minister - Reverend Melissa Bitting

Sunday Schedule of Services

Worship Service 10:00 am

Office - 972.227.2474 || Fax - 972.227.0623
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Church Office e-mail address - fccltx@airmail.net

 **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 27th-
 (Admin Office Closed)
 6:30 pm - Hannah Group
 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, February 28th -
 (Admin Office Closed)
 (Open Schedule)

Friday, February 29th -
 (open Schedule)

Saturday, March 1st -
 (Open Schedule)

Sunday, March 2nd-
 9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel
 10:00 am - Worship service
 10:15 am -Kid's Sunday School
 11:30 am - Cabinet Meeting

Monday, March 3rd-
 6:30 pm - Lenten Supper & Study

Tuesday, March 4th-
 (Open Schedule)

Wednesday, March 5th-
 (Admin Office Closed)
 6:30 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, March 6th -
 (Admin Office Closed)
 (Open Schedule)

Friday, March 7th
 (open Schedule)

Saturday, March 8th -
 (Open Schedule)

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

 **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 \$ _____

 **CWF HEART-TO-HEART**

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

We have some exciting things coming in the next few months. Please join us for our March meeting for more information!

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



We will be having an Easter Egg hunt this year. We are needing donations of candy and plastic eggs. If you are willing to help with either of these items, please bring them to the Church kitchen on Sundays.

 **WORSHIP TEAM**

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

March 2, 2008	March 9, 2008
<i>At The Table</i> Bob Green Bryan Heard	<i>At The Table</i> James McGinnis Joyce McGinnis
<i>In the Pews</i> Marcy Able Jackie Feil Madeline Norrell Nancy Sewell	<i>In the Pews</i> Marcy Able Jackie Feil Madeline Norrell Nancy Sewell
<i>Homebound Elder</i> Nancy Odom	<i>Homebound Elder</i> Mattie Crockett Joan McShan Debbie Tarpley
<i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil	<i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: is extended to the friends and family of **Linda Esman**, (Co-worker of Patty Peck) who entered the Heavenly Kingdom earlier this week after a brave battle with Breast Cancer. She leaves behind two small daughters; also to the friends and family of **Sr. Cpl. Victor Lozada**, who passed away on Friday, February 22 from a motorcycle accident while escorting Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton.

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Sheila Griffin; Pam Beightol; Nancy Odom; 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)

2/24/08 **Jill Fox** (Daughter of Don & Madeline Norrell); **Ted Ray** ; 2/22/08 **Melanie Brouwer** (Friend of Mattie Crockett); 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); **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 2/25/08)



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)



**TOGETHER
WE ARE GOD'S...**
CCSW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
AMARILLO, TX • OCTOBER 19-21, 2006

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS IN THE GULF COAST CLOSES IN ON GOAL



Six months ago, Disciples Home Missions, Week of Compassion, the Great River Region and the Coastal Plains Area of the Southwest Region, set a goal of sending 750 volunteer work groups to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To date, 619 groups have been sent or scheduled to work in the Gulf. Numerous people from around the country have sacrificed time and money to join in this unprecedented effort.

Many people who have volunteered have had a powerful experience during their time in the gulf. "There have been many stories of people who have volunteered to come to the gulf whose faith lives have been changed forever", said Carl Zerweck, Director of Disciples Volunteering. To schedule a trip to the Gulf contact Tod Iseminger at 888-346-2631. To read more about the Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative, go to: www.discipleshomemissions.org/Volunteer/DisasterResponse/index.htm



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

Doug Dickey February 29

Please drop them a line...

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

If you are 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 March 10 - March 17.

Please be sure to check it out!!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1: 9

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR February 24, 2008

Worship Service -43 Members/ 4 Visitors
No Children's Sunday School was held



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report for the Week of February 24, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 1650.00
<u>Week of Compassion Giving</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Budget Giving	\$ 1600.00