



# THE CALLER



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



## MELISSA'S MEMO



I thought that you might be interested in learning more about Ash Wednesday. So I am sharing some information that is from the internet, Wikipedia, today.

“Ash Wednesday is the first day of [Lent](#) and occurs forty days before [Easter](#) (not including Sundays). It falls on different dates from year to year, according to the [date of Easter](#); it can occur as early as [February 4](#) or as late as [March 10](#). At [Masses](#) and [services of worship](#) on this day, ashes are imposed on the foreheads of the faithful. The [priest, minister](#), or in some cases officiating [layperson](#) marks the forehead of each participant with black ashes, in the shape of a cross, which the worshiper traditionally retains until washing it off after sundown. The symbolism echoes the ancient [Near Eastern](#) tradition of throwing ash over one's head signifying [repentance](#) before [God](#) (as related in the [Bible](#)).

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are prepared by burning [palm](#) leaves from the previous year's [Palm Sunday](#) celebrations. In some churches they are mixed with light amounts of [water](#) or [olive oil](#) which serve as a fixative. In most liturgies for Ash Wednesday, the [Penitential psalms](#) are read; [Psalm 51](#) is especially associated with this day. The service also often includes a corporate confession rite.

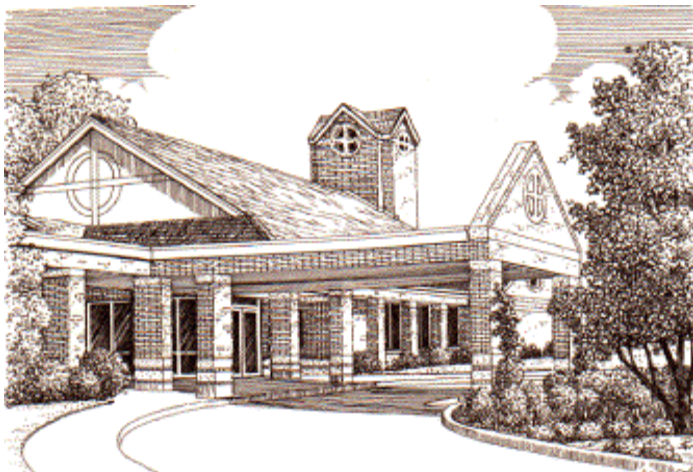
In the [Roman Catholic Church](#), Ash Wednesday is observed by [fasting, abstinence](#) from meat, and [repentance](#)—a day of contemplating one's transgressions. The [Anglican Book of Common Prayer](#) also designates Ash Wednesday as a day of fasting. In other [Christian denominations](#) these practices are optional, with the main focus being on [repentance](#). On Ash Wednesday and [Good Friday](#), Roman Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are permitted to consume only one full meal, which may be supplemented by two smaller meals, which together should not equal the full meal.

As the first day of Lent, it comes the day after [Shrove Tuesday](#) or [Mardi Gras](#) (Fat Tuesday), the last day of the [Carnival](#) season. The origin of the name "carnival" is disputed. One theory states that the word comes from the Late Latin expression carne vale, which means "farewell to meat", signifying that those were the last days when one could eat meat before the fasting of Lent. Other sources, however, suggest that the name comes from the Italian *carne levare* or similar, meaning "to remove meat", since meat is prohibited during Lent. According to the [Oxford English Dictionary](#), the word "Carnival" is derived from [Latin](#) *carnem levare* (removal of the meat) or *carnem laxare* (leaving the meat).”

**Please remember that our Ash Wednesday service will be February 6<sup>th</sup> and will start at 7:00 p.m.** Communion will be served. **The Lenten Study of *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism*, will start on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The study will start at 7:00 p.m. with a light meal being served at 6:30 p.m. If you want to participate in the study (which I hope everyone will), please let me know ASAP so that I can order you a book. The cost for the book is \$15.00, and you can pay when you pick it up.**

It is my privilege to be –  
Your Minister-  
Melissa

- 2/6/08 - Ash Wednesday ( Ash Wednesday Service to be held at 7:00 pm)
- 2/10/08 - Blessing Box Bake Sale at 9: 00 am
- 2/11/08 - Lenten Supper and Study starting at 6:30 pm



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*Worship Service 10:00 am*

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, February 6th- Ash Wednesday**  
 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:30 pm - Choir practice

**Thursday, February 7th -**  
 (Admin Office Closed)  
 (Open Schedule)

**Friday, February 8th -**  
 (open Schedule)

**Saturday, February 9th -**  
 (Open Schedule)

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

**Monday, February 11th-**  
 6:30 pm - Lenten Supper & Study


**Tuesday, February 12th-**  
 (Open 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

### BLESSING BOX BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 10th!!

You can buy goodies before service and immediately after! So put your aprons on and start making those delicious cakes, pies and cookies!!



**Beautiful Bells Choir Rehearsal will resume Wednesday, February 13.**

### Don't Forget Dickey's Luncheon!

We will be going out to lunch on Sunday, February 10. Dickey's Bar-B-Q Restaurant has a \$4.99 special on Sunday's. Dickey's is located at the intersection of Pleasant Run and Hwy 35. We will go immediately after Church service.



## 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.

<b>WORSHIP</b> February 10, 2008	<b>TEAM</b> February 17, 2008
<i>At The Table</i> Bob Browne Debbie Tarpley	<i>At The Table</i> Mattie Crockett Joan McShan
<i>In the Pews</i> Heather Hansen Linda Lantz Bill Bitting Maxine Marlow	<i>In the Pews</i> Heather Hansen Linda Lantz Bill Bitting Maxine Marlow
<i>Homebound Elder</i> Pam Beightol Billy Ray Dickey Dan Odom	<i>Homebound Elder</i> Bob Browne Bob Green Nannett Morrison
<i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil	<i>Worship Leader:</i> Jackie Feil

## PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

RECOVERING AT HOME: **Diane Endlicher**, mother of Marcy Able

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

RECOVERING AT HOME: **Peggy Dickey**, from foot surgery.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **Nancy Odom; Martha Chambers; Jennifer & Ashleigh Brown; Jean Connell; Anna Robinson; Bud Scott; Ab & Annie Sealy; Les & Mary Hoxworth; Larry Marlow; Anna Robinson; 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 father & mother)

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); **Charlie & Tammy Able** (Aunt & Uncle of Chris 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); 12/9/07 **C.C Fields** ( friend of Billy Ray & Peggy Dickey); **Bob Lambert** (friend of Mattie Crockett); **Leonard & Connie Hollie** (friend of Debbie Tarpley)

### 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 2/4/08)



*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)



### SOUPER BOWL DAY OF CARING TO TAKE PLACE IN EARLY FEBRUARY

Disciples youth will join with young people from around the country on Feb. 3 to raise money for hunger and poverty-related charities as part of the 2008 Souper Bowl of Caring. In 2007, 370 Disciples groups participated, collecting \$114,000 for charities. In total, more than 14,000 youth organizations generated over \$8 million for charities across the country. Since beginning in 1990, hundreds of thousands of young people have collected more than \$41 million at churches, schools and businesses. Every dollar raised is given to local charities as selected by each group. To read more about Disciples' participation, visit:

[www.disciples.org/dns/Releases2008/08006.html](http://www.disciples.org/dns/Releases2008/08006.html)

To read more about Souper Bowl of Caring, go to: [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

**Bob Green** February 5  
**Sheila Griffin** February 6  
**Bob Browne** February 7

**Please drop them a line...**

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

### Lenten Study

The Lenten Study will begin Monday , February 11. A light meal will be eaten at 6:30 pm, and the study will begin at 7:00 pm. We will be studying a chapter a week of the book "Unbinding the Gospel-The New Evangelism". Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like a copy of this book so that we may get it ordered. The cost is \$15 per book. If you need help purchasing it, please let Melissa know.

### 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 3, 2008**  
Worship Service - 44 Members/ 5 Visitors  
Children's Sunday School - 2



## STEWARDSHIP

**Financial Report for the Week of February 3, 2008**

**Total Giving \$ 8040.18**  
**Fail Trust \$ 1201.99**  
**Julian Henry Trust \$ 4059.19**  
**Budget Giving \$ 2779.00**