



THE CALLER



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



MELISSA'S MEMO



Melissa's Memo:

What is God saying to you and to our church? Are you taking the time to "be still" and to listen?

As we journey towards Lent, it is easy to become so busy that we forget to take time and to spend time with God. A relationship with God is like a relationship with other people that we love in many ways- having a close relationship requires that we spend quality time together. It also requires that we be in conversation with each other—part of conversation is talking, and part is listening to the other speak. Have you listened for God speaking to you today?

Lent is a time to lengthen the roots of our faith. We can do that by spending additional time in prayer, by being more regular in our attendance at church, and by participating in the Lenten study group. This year, our Lenten study group will be discussing the book: *"Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism"*. We will not only be discussing a different chapter of the book each week, but we will also be working through the exercises that are in the book. **If you are interested in participating in this study, please email me or phone me on my cell and leave a message so that we can get a book ordered for you. The books are \$15.00 and are well worth the money. The Lenten study groups will be held on Monday nights starting the week after Ash Wednesday. The first study will be on Monday, February 11th and will start with a light meal at 6:30 and the study will then start at 7:00 p.m. I hope that you ALL will try to participate in a least some of the Lenten study group.**

Please continue to hold in your prayers those in our church family who are in need of healing: Ab, Anna, Bob, Larry, Margaret, Martha, Nancy, and Steve. Also, please reach out to people around you in our church and beyond in love and remember that the words that you speak must also reflect that love for your love to be seen as genuine.

Listen for God speaking to you as you are in prayer this week.

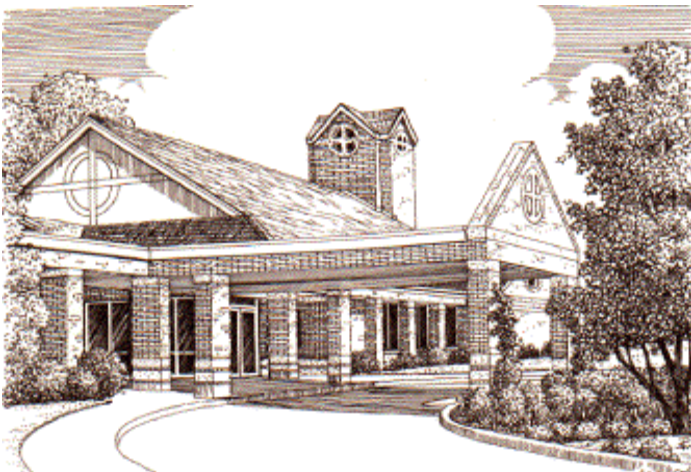
It is my privilege to be-
Your Minister-

Melissa+

2/2/08 - Groundhog Day

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

2/10/08 - Blessing Box Bake Sale at 9: 00 am



**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, January 30th -
(Admin Office Closed)
(Open Schedule)

Thursday, January 31st -
(Admin Office Closed)
(Open Schedule)

Friday, February 1st -
(open Schedule)

Saturday, February 2nd -
(Open Schedule)

Sunday, February 3rd-
9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel
10:00 am - Worship service
10:15 am -Kid's Sunday School

Monday, February 4th-
(Open schedule)

Tuesday, February 5th-
(Open Schedule)

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

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

Friday, February 8th -
(open Schedule)

Saturday, February 9th -
(Open Schedule)



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!!

Please bring a canned good up here to donate. I will be collecting them through Sunday, February 3.

Thank you,
Peggy Dickey



Let's Do Lunch!!!!

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

It was great to have Guest Speaker Chaplain Ella Carrol with us this past Saturday. She gave a very informative program.

We still need the blessing 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 on the last Saturday of every month unless otherwise specified.

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 3, 2008

At The Table Pam Beightol
Martha Chambers

In the Pews Heather Hansen
Linda Lantz
Bill Bitting
Maxine Marlow

Homebound Elder Nancy Odom

Worship Leader: Jackie Feil

TEAM February 10, 2008

At The Table Bob Browne
Debbie Tarpley

In the Pews Heather Hansen
Linda Lantz
Bill Bitting
Maxine Marlow

Homebound Elder Pam Beightol
Billy Ray Dickey
Dan Odom

Worship Leader: Jackie Feil

PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: is extended to the friends and family of **Danny Cromez**, (Friend of Madeline Norrell), who passed away early last week.

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); **Diane Endlicher** (Mother of Marcy Able); 1/13/08 **Margie Robinson** (Niece of Anna Robinson); **Mildred Smith** (Great-Aunt of Chris & Marcy Able); 1/11/08 **Margaret Edmister** (friend of 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)

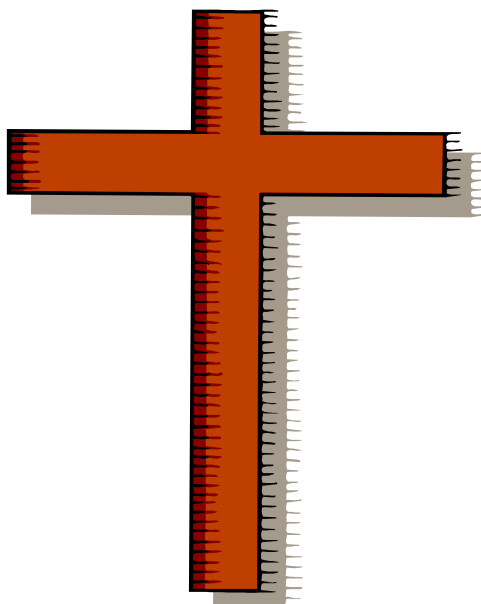
ARMED FORCES

HOME SAFE!! 9/2/07- **Becky Hundt**, USA (Sister-in-law of Robin Hundt)

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)



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

To read more about Souper Bowl of Caring, go to: www.souperbowl.org



Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

David Worden January 29
Mary Jane Maykus January 30

Please drop them a line...

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

When needing a prayer request, please be sure to fill out a blue PRAYER REQUEST form located in the Narthex, or use the one attached to the scripture part of your Sunday Bulletin. Often I am not in the actual worship service during the prayer session, so I don't always know who is in need of prayers. If you have a prayer request but DON'T want it in the bulletin please note that too, so you won't get tons of calls. Then it will just be given to Melissa and not announced or published.

Then fold them and place them in the offering basket as it comes around. It will be sure to get to my desk that way.

Thank You,
Marcy Able

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR January 27, 2008
Worship Service - 40 Members/ 5 Visitors
No Sunday School was held



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report for the Week of January 20, 2008

<u>Total Giving</u>	\$ 1699.00
<u>Budget Giving</u>	\$ 1699.00

Financial Report for the Week of January 27, 2008

<u>Total Giving</u>	\$ 1188.00
<u>Budget Giving</u>	\$ 1188.00