



THE CALLER



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

MELISSA'S MEMO



I hope that all of you had a wonderful Father's Day weekend. Remember that we will not be having the Disciples Beliefs and History Class tonight, but we will start up again Monday night of next week 6-23-08. If you are interested in learning more about Disciples of Christ history and beliefs, I would invite you to come and be a part of this class. It will be ongoing for six weeks or more. We meet at 6:30 p.m. and have dinner (so bring your own as it is bring your own brown bag), and class starts at 7:00 p.m.

I will be ordering some copies of Mark Toulouse's book **Joined In Discipleship** for us to look over. If you want a copy, you will be able to buy one until the copies that I have had sent to us on approval – run out. Toulouse's book is very good and very readable. Mark Toulouse is a professor of Disciples of Christ history at Brite Divinity School. He was my professor for my required Disciples of Christ history class.

Please remember that we will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday during which we will be discussing and voting on our church's participation in **New Beginnings**. Please let me or any of the other members who attended the meeting at the Highlands Christian Church know if you have a question about the **New**

Beginnings church assessment program. Please also remember that if we do not choose to participate at this time, we will not be able to participate again until 2011 – as the Homeland Ministries Division will not be back in this area until then.

This Saturday morning, June 21st the C.W.F will be having their last meeting until September. They will be installing officers at this meeting. Please plan on being present ladies!

Also, remember that our church's birthday celebration is coming up!!! Marion has arranged for a catered meal right after church on our church's birthday Sunday. Please make plans to attend!!

Please continue to hold Ab, Anna, Annie, Bob, Harry, Margaret, Nancy and Steve in your prayers. Harry Lantz is still having quite a bit of pain from his back surgery, so please pray for healing for him.

During the summer, I will be in and out of the office. If you need me, please feel free to phone me on my cell 214 212-6099 or page me on my pager, 972 356-0750. If you have something that you would like us to do as a church or offer as a church, please let me know.

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



**Called Congregational Meeting
following Worship Service this Sunday, June 22th**



**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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday, June 16th-**
7:00 pm - Disciple's History (rescheduled)
- Tuesday, June 17th -**
(Open Schedule)
- Wednesday, June 18th-**
(Admin Office Closed)
- Thursday, June 19th -**
(Admin Office Closed)
- Friday, June 20th-**
(Open Schedule)
- Saturday, June 21st -**
7:00 am - CMF Meeting
9:00 am - CWF Installation of Officers
- Sunday, June 22nd-**
8:30 am - Choir Practice
9:30 am - Prayer Meeting in Library
9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel
10:00 am - Worship service
10:15 am - Kid's Sunday School

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



**BEAN
LUNCH**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 29TH**

**Enjoy
Fellowship &
Great Food**

Join us, on
Sunday, July 6, 2008
following Worship Service for
a picnic at the church to
celebrate our
162nd Birthday

- Food and Drink provided!
- Fun for kids of all ages!
- Games and entertainment!



CWF HEART-TO-HEART



**Disciples Women's Ministries /
Christian Women's Fellowship
(CWF)**

Mattie Crockett, President

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21st @ 9AM
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

We will not meet in July or August 2008 due to summer conflicts.

See ya' on the 21st! Come earlier and enjoy breakfast provided by the Disciple Men's / CMF.



WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF

**Disciples Men Ministries /
Christian Men's Fellowship
(CMF)**



Dan Odom, President

Our next monthly Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 21st at 8:00 am**. Cooks and helpers please be at church by 7:00 am.

No meetings in July or August!

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



WORSHIP TEAM

June 22, 2008		June 29, 2008	
<i>At The Table</i>	Mattie Crockett Joan McShan	<i>At The Table</i>	Billy Ray Dickey Peggy Dickey
<i>In the Pews</i>	Hailee Hansen Jackie Feil Bill Bitting Nancy Sewell	<i>In the Pews</i>	Jackie Feil Bill Bitting Nancy Sewell Hailee Hansen
<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Jerry Peck Bob Green Dan Odom	<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Bob Browne Bryan Heard Jerry Peck
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil	<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Jackie Feil

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



PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Please keep these people in your prayers

WELCOME HOME

Stephen Miller, USA, from service in Qatar since 04/06 (grandson of Mattie Crockett)

CONCERNS:

Diana Stephens (daughter of Sheila Griffin)

Dr. Ciara Gail (daughter-in-law of Dan and Nancy Odom)

Megan Willoughby started her mission work in Birmingham, Al (granddaughter of Madeline Norrell)

Patrick Smith

This Prayer list reflect those received the week of this Caller. The on-going Prayer Requests are in our Sunday Bulletin.

Contact any CWF member to a cookbook
ONLY \$10.00!

Pick yours up today!

2007 CWF COOKBOOK



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Report as of Sunday, June 15, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 2809.57
Yard care	-\$ 25.00
Fail Trust	-\$ 1168.57
Budget Giving	\$ 1616.00

Church Attendance for Sunday, June 15, 2008

Worship Service : 36 members / 7 visitors
No Children's Sunday School was held



A BIG THANKS to Anna
Robinson for your gift to our
Yard Fund



(Continued from last week's Caller)

What is New Beginnings ?

Phase III: Before the final report is given, there is a conference call with key leaders to review the report for accuracy.

Phase IV: Within a month or two of the report, follow-up training will occur to enable leaders to engage in an interpretation and discernment process with the congregation. In most cases, 5-8 key leaders from your congregation will attend a cluster event designed to train leaders from a number of congregations in your regional area. This gathering enables the leaders to analyze their report, discover options, begin to develop a compelling vision for the congregation's future, and strategize for how to best engage the congregation in decision-making processes. Pastors receive a shore course entitled "leading change in the congregations."

Phase V: On either a full Saturday, or in weekly meetings, the key leaders will lead the congregation through the discernment process in a series of cottage (in-home) or small group meetings. This process will enable the congregation to formally adopt a "big-picture" decision about what it believes God is calling the church to do and to be in to the future.

Phase VI: After this decision for a New Beginning is adopted, Church Extension will work with the region to refer the pastor and key leaders to available mission planning resources.

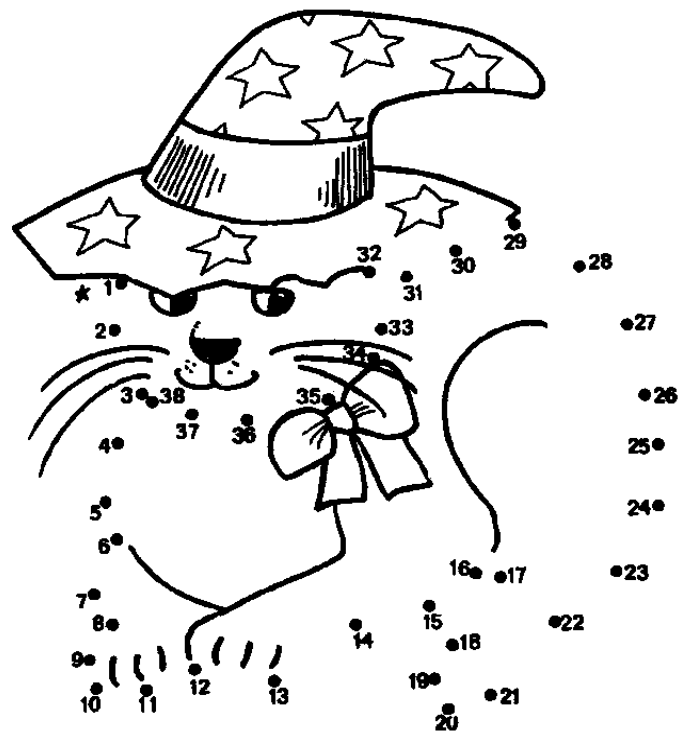
NEW BEGINNINGS GIVES US THE TOOLS TO MAKE A REALISTIC DECISION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH - THEY DOES NOT FORCE US INTO A DECISION

This information about New Beginnings is on the Church Extension website: www.churchextension.org.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- Q. What is the most popular vegetable in the Bible?
A. Lettuce.....Let us give thanks, Let us praise the Lord, Let us humble ourselves.
Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.
A. David's Triumph was heard throughout the 1 and.
A. Honda--because the apostles were all in one Accord.
A. 2 Cor. 48 describes going out in service in a Volkswagen Beetle: "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."
Q: Did you know baseball is mentioned in the Bible?
A: Genesis "In the big inning"
Q: How many animals did Moses take on the Ark?
A: None. Moses didn't go on the ark, Naoh did
Q: Who was the greatest sinner in the Bible? A:
Moses:He broke all the Ten Commandments at once

JUST FOR KIDS...



The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"