



# THE CALLER



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



## MELISSA'S MEMO



If you missed the All Church Picnic on Sunday afternoon, you missed a great time of food and fellowship. Thank you to **Marion, Pam** and all of the others who planned this event and brought food. There were 36 of us there.

Thank you to all of you who bore with me on Sunday as I repeated, by request, a previous sermon. It did

seem to me that the topic was certainly timely due to the recent death of Larry. Also, thank you to all of **the women of the church** who provided food for the Marlow family. Thank you **Pam** for heading up this effort up.

Last week was a tough week for me. I felt torn in many directions as there was a lot to do and people to care for. I appreciate your concern for me. One of the things that I realized last week was that I was fatigued -- the way that I realized that was to almost cut off my thumb in dissection lab. The good news that I am holding on to right now is that there are only two weeks of school left after this week. And I am more rested today. As I said in the sermon on Sunday, resting beside still waters is an important thing to do. Only by resting do we get restored and reenergized for our journey. I hope that you are able to "rest" this week -- rest in the arms of our Savior.

Since Marcy has resigned and is no longer in the office, please remember that we may be off our normal schedule in getting The Caller out as we have volunteers helping us. Also, until we have a new secretary in place, please remember that if you need me during the school day -- the best way to reach me is via my pager. **My pager number is 972 356-0750 -- dial the number, it will beep, then dial in your number and hit the # key. You should receive a return call from me in five minutes, if you do not, page me once again.** I hope that you all know that I am ALWAYS available to you when you need a minister. As was said at the CWF prayer breakfast -- I am always willing to leave my classroom when you need me. Sometimes, I even get a substitute before I leave (LOL). And the rumor is not true that I am paying Anna to page me on a regular basis!

**Please keep those in need of healing in your prayers - Anna, Bob, Margaret, Nancy, and Steve. Also, remember to keep Maxine, Robin and Tim in your prayers this week.**

While you are praying this week, also pray for our church. Remember that there is a group that meets every Sunday in the library to pray for our church prior to worship. This prayer group is open to anyone who is seeking to hear God's voice and wishes for us to follow it as a faith community.

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



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Sunday Schedule of Services

Worship Service 10:00 am

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, May 19th - (Office open)

Tuesday, May 20th - (Office open)

Wednesday, May 21st - (Office closed)

6:30 pm - Bell practice

7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, May 22nd - (Office closed)

Friday, May 23rd - (Office open)

Saturday, May 24th - (Office closed)

Sunday, May 25th

9:30 am - Prayer Meeting in Library

9:45 am - Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel

10:00 am - Worship service

10:15 am - Kid's Sunday School

Monday, May 26th - MEMORIAL DAY - (Office closed)

7:00 pm - Hannah Group meeting

Tuesday, May 27th - (Office open)

To see future dates please go to our website at [www.fccltx.org](http://www.fccltx.org)

Nancy Sewell has every right to be proud of her grandson, Steven Sewell. He is the recipient of a 2008 Rotary Club High School award in the Men's Lacrosse and has been accepted in the Honor's Group at Colorado State University.



## CWF Cookbooks now on sale!



Contact any CWF member to purchase one. **ONLY \$10.00!**

**Pick yours up today!**



## CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

**Mattie Crockett, President**

The winner of the Beautiful Basket that was on display at our Prayer Breakfast will be announced soon.

Hope to see all of you at our monthly meeting on Saturday, May 24 at 9:00 am. Come early and enjoy breakfast served by the CMF

Don't forget we will be dedicating our Blessing Boxes this Sunday, May 25th.



## WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF

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



**Dan Odom, President**

Our monthly Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 am. Cooks and helpers please be at church by 7:00 am.

This is YOUR organization! Support it!

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



## WORSHIP TEAM

May 25, 2008

*At The Table* Bob Browne  
Billy Hugh Mulder

*In the Pews* Heather Hansen  
Linda Lantz  
Sheila Griffin  
Maxine Marlow

*Homebound Elders* Jerry Peck  
Martha Chambers  
Bryan Heard

*Worship Leader:* Jackie Feil

June 1, 2008

*At The Table* Patty Peck  
Jerry Peck

*In the Pews* Jackie Feil  
Bill Biting  
Nancy Sewell  
Heather Hansen

*Homebound Elders* Nancy Odom

*Worship Leader:* Jackie Feil

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



## PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep these people in your prayers

### Concerns:

Maxine, Robin, Tim and all the Marlow family  
Mattie Crockett's son, Bobby who is in the Dallas VA Hospital for tests  
Marion Ripley's four year old granddaughter, Elie, suffering with a digestive disorder  
Jimmie Tindall's granddaughter, Stephanie, is hospitalized at "big" Baylor

Burma and China natural disasters survivors and families of those who were killed  
the three people injured due to a gas leak in McKinney  
The family injured in mobile home fire in Wilmer

### Joys:

*Congratulations to these student who are graduating from college and high school*

Sheila Griffin's grandson, Andrew (University of Texas at Austin)  
Nancy Sewell's grandson, Steven, (High School)  
Pat and Jack Royder's granddaughter (High School)  
Opal and S.C. Allen's grandson and great-grandson (both High School)

Mattie Crockett's' great granddaughter, Kirsten, for an undefeated in soccer year

*This list of Prayer Requests reflect those received the week of this Caller. An on-going listing of Prayer Request is in our Sunday Bulletin.*

*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.*

In Memory of

**Granny Wheat  
and  
Granny Pool**

from

Paige & Kelly Close and Family



In Memory of

**Larry Marlow**

from

Billy Ray and Peggy Dickey

Jimmy and Mary Jane Maykus

Church Members, Friends and Family celebrating their Birthdays.

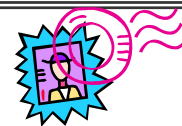


**Carol Hearne - May 16  
Dannica McLaughlin - May 19  
Lori Ferguson - May 21  
Billy Hugh Mulder - May 24  
Bob Bell - May 29**

## **Blessing Boxes to be dedicated this Sunday, May 25th**

Please drop them a line...

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





## REACHING OUT

Dear Church Family,

*As I've read "The Caller" the last few weeks, I've thought about the radical hospitality you all extended to us for seven years (members 1984-1991). We felt so welcomed and loved at First Christian Church, Lancaster. You took us in, helped welcome two of our sons into the world, and shared your lives. "We thank God for every remembrance of you..."*

*Please use this gift to honor the memory of both Lois (Granny) Pool and Meda (Granny) Wheat. They both knew about radical hospitality, and continue to be two of the finest examples of it I have know.*

Love,

*Paige & Kelly Close  
Ryan, Chris, and Cameron*

I would like to thank all the picnic planners for their work: Pam, Carol, Dee, Sheila, Patty and Jerry. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to bring something. Linda Ashley, the cake was delicious!

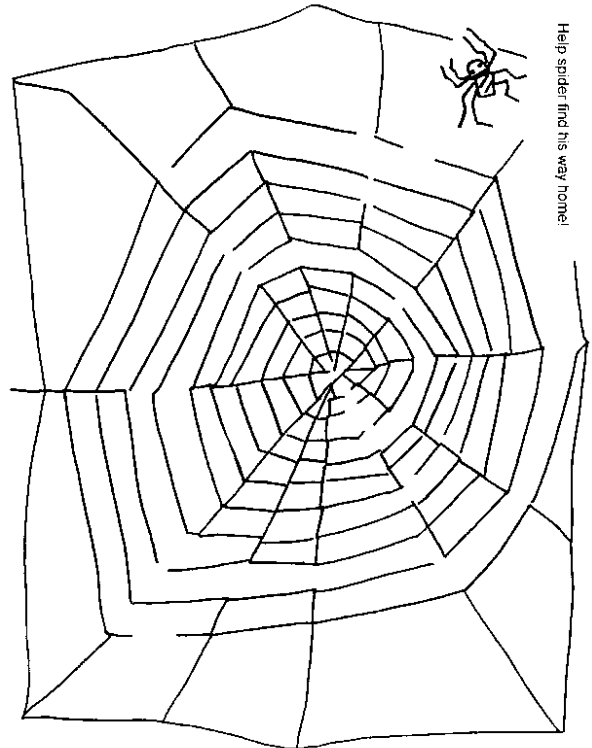
Marion Ripley  
Chairperson, Membership Committee

Congratulations to our newest Deacons and Junior Deacon:

**Dee Mullenix  
Robbie Beightol  
Will Morrison**

These members have graciously volunteered to fill in for Diaconates who could not complete their term.

### JUST FOR KIDS...



## STEWARDSHIP

### Financial Report for the week of May 11, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 1236.00
Yard care	- \$ 50.00
Shakespeare Club - building	- \$ 200.00
Memorials to G.F.	- \$ 135.00
Budget Giving	\$ 851.00

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR May 18, 2008

Worship Service : 38 members / 3 visitors  
No Children's Sunday School was held



PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PRAY FOR  
OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES  
-- PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE --  
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 26th