



# 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 Memorial Day! We missed those of you who were traveling or were out of town.

As I told you on Sunday, I sent an email to Dr. Newell Williams, the president of Brite Divinity School on March 19<sup>th</sup> letting him know my feelings about honoring Rev. Jeremiah Wright. A portion of the

email that I sent Dr. Williams is reproduced below:

"Dr. Williams-

As an alumni of Brite Divinity School, I feel compelled to write to tell you how embarrassed I am that Brite is honoring Rev. Wright. I read your comments in *The Dallas Morning News* about context for the Reverend's comments, but I would have to say that I cannot think of any context where his comments would be deemed appropriate.

I plan to announce my feelings on this subject to my congregation. I have already talked with some of my members who are also very displeased.

Personally, I will not be providing any financial support for Brite Divinity School in the future....."

Certainly, I will admit that as a country, we still have racism and sexism present. Our country is not perfect. I do how ever think that our country has made progress in both of these areas, and Dr. Wright's comments did not acknowledge any of that progress. Personally, I cannot support honoring a person who calls for our Creator to damn America.

The reason that I am bringing this up once again is that after

Sunday's worship, I had a letter in my mail from Dr. Tommy Potter who is the Senior Associate of Brite Divinity School Advancement. He sent the letter as a follow-up to the email message that I received from President Newell Williams on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Newell Williams offered in his email and once again in the letter that I received from Dr. Potter to come and visit with our congregation to "discuss the situations that surrounded this year's Black Church Studies events." <sup>1</sup>Dr. Potter closed his letter by saying: "You and your congregation are very important to Brite Divinity School." <sup>2</sup> Please let me know if you are interested in having Dr. Williams come to speak with our church, and I will be glad to arrange it.

I hope that all of you will be present this next Sunday as we continue our sermon series of the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Remember the question that I posed for you to ponder this week: "What have you done in the name of Jesus Christ that has changed the life of a person in the last six months?"

Please continue to hold those who are in need of healing in your prayers: Anna, Bob, Margaret, Nancy, and Steve. Remember those beyond our congregation who are in need of your prayers also, and please continue to pray for our church as we continue to seek to be faithful disciples of Christ.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

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

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Dr. Tommy Potter dated May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.



### 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

Website - [www.fccltx.org](http://www.fccltx.org)

Church e-mail - [fccltx@airmail.net](mailto:fccltx@airmail.net)



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, May 26th-**

(Open Schedule)

**Tuesday, May 27th -**

(Open Schedule)

**Wednesday, May 28th-**

(Admin Office Closed)

7:30 pm - Choir practice

**Thursday, May 29th -**

(Admin Office Closed)

(Open Schedule)

**Friday, May 30th-**

(open Schedule)

**Saturday, May 31st -**

(Open Schedule)

**Sunday, June 1st-**

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](http://www.fccltx.org)

### CALLER SUMMER HOURS

Beginning next month (June), the Caller will be mailed TWICE-a-month. The electronic Caller will continue to be sent weekly. If you are not currently receiving the electronic Caller and would like to do so, please send your email address to [fccltx@airmail.net](mailto:fccltx@airmail.net)

### PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

First Christian Church is seeking an experienced Office Assistant for our church office. Applicant must possess familiarity in computer operation, Microsoft Word and Publisher; have strong administrative and receptionist talents; knowledge with copier and folding machine and standard office equipment a plus. Must be a "People Person". Send resume to church by June 13, 2008.



# CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

## JULY 6TH, 2008



## CWF HEART-TO-HEART



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

**Mattie Crockett, President**

A "belated" Congratulations to **Queen Price** on winning the beautiful basket at the April 2008 CWF Prayer Breakfast.



## 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.

This is YOUR organization! Support it!

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



## WORSHIP TEAM

June 1, 2008		June 8, 2008	
<i>At The Table</i>	Patty Peck Jerry Peck	<i>At The Table</i>	Pam Beightol; Martha Chambers
<i>In the Pews</i>	Jackie Feil Bill Biting Nancy Sewell Hailee Hansen	<i>In the Pews</i>	Bill Biting Nancy Sewell Hailee Hansen Jackie Feil
<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Nancy Odom	<i>Homebound Elders</i>	Patty Peck Mattie Crockett Joan McShan
<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

### JOY & CONGRATULATIONS:

To Stephanie & Kevin Patterson on the birth of their twins - Ainsley Ann and Garrett Wayne on May 22, 2008. (Grandchildren of Terry & Larry Roddy and Great-grandchildren of Jimmie Tindall.)

### CONCERNS:

Pat Cox, contracted illness after surgery (family friend of Maxine Marlow)

Marley Denay James (Jean Connell's great-grand daughter)

*This Prayer list reflect those received the week of this Caller. The on-going Prayer Requests are 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.*

Dear Church Family,

*The years of '07 and '08 have been very trying for me and my family. It was your prayers and encouragement that got us through. Thank you to all who helped with the 2 services here at the church and the wonderful meal prepared for us. A special thank you to Pam Beightol for organizing it all. Also to Elaine for her moving music and Melissa for her inspiration words.*

*Thank you for caring so much about our family.*

*God Bless*

*Maxine, Tim & Robin (Marlow)*

In Memory of

**Larry Marlow**

from

**Elaine Weatherall**

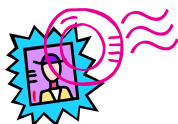
### **Birthday Celebrations for June**



Jimmie Tindall	June 2
Justin Fox	June 9
Bill Bitting	June 13
Margie Waldrop	June 13
Haley Garvin	June 16
Helen Honsicker	June 17
Maxine Marlow	June 17
Buddy Browne	June 19
Hope McAfee	June 23
William Morrison	June 23
Joyce McGinnis	June 28
Frances Knight	June 29
Bryan Heard	June 30

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

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





## REACHING OUT

### From your Area Minister (North Texas Area Disciples of Christ)

\* My Vision Declaration is at 'The Latest Word' - see link above\*

*It is my delight to serve you! I came to this ministry of the North Texas Area, coming here after 30 years of pastoral ministry in churches in Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Texas. As Area Minister, it is my privilege to pastor the pastors and staffs of the congregations in this Area, to train and support leaders, and to bring churches together to accomplish more than they could ever do separately.*

*The North Texas Area is strong and vibrant. The ministries we have been able to do together, and the programs our support makes possible, are many, varied, and excellent. From Camps and Conference to New Church Establishment to Revitalization, the time, talent and treasure given by our volunteers IS making a difference in church life in North Texas!*

*It is my hope that this website will be a centerpiece of communication for the North Texas Area. Please visit often to view the latest news, to share prayer requests and prayer support, and to let me know how you are doing.*

*I am, after all, here to serve.*

**LARRY J. ROSS, North Texas Area Minister and President**

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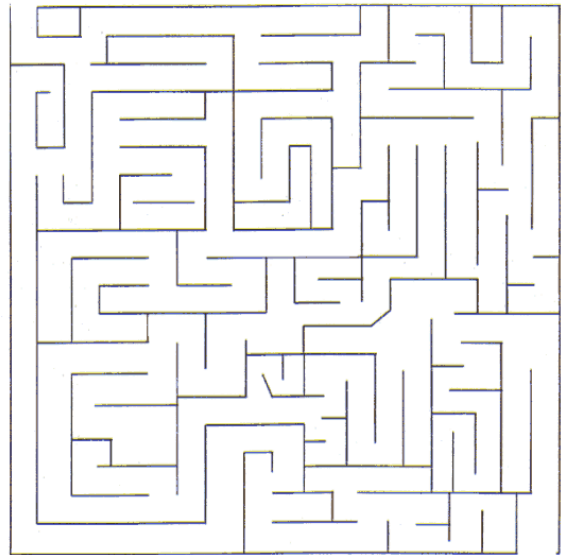
Contact any CWF member to purchase one. **ONLY \$10.00!**

**Pick yours up today!**

JUST FOR KIDS...



Help these children find their house



### STEWARDSHIP

#### Financial Report as of Sunday, May 25, 2008

Total Giving	\$ 905.00
Yard care	- \$ 50.00
<u>Memorials to G.F.</u>	- \$ 135.00
Budget Giving	\$ 835.00

#### Church Attendance for Sunday, May 25, 2008

Worship Service : 36 members / 2 visitors  
No Children's Sunday School was held



**WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN  
LET'S MAKE HIM PROUD!**