



# THE CALLER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2009



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF LANCASTER, TEXAS



## MELISSA'S MEMO



We are almost through Christian has probably reinvented itself several with our Cottage Meet- times already. ings. Next week will be This last week in the Cottage Meetings, you will the last meeting of the also receive a copy of the recommendations of four weeks of Cottage our consultant, Dick. The recommendation that Meetings. From the meet- Dick made, is just that, a recommendation. Our ings that I have sat church has the ability to accept or reject that in on, I have heard people recommendation. I think that the Cottage Meet- participating and voicing ings have been a wonderful way in which to allow their ideas and opinions people to participate in the process of deciding which is good. After all of the future of our faith community.

the meetings are over, we will have a church Please hold Dan and James in your prayers wide presentation to talk about the ideas that the this week as they will both be having surgery. three different groups have come up with during James' surgery is Tuesday . Dan's surgery is their Cottage Meetings. Then as a faith commu- Wednesday. Please hold Ab, Anna, Bob, Jimmy, nity, we will decide the way in which God is call- Mary Jane and Nancy in your prayers for healing ing this community to go. also.

I hope that you are continuing to hold our church I would also ask that you continue to hold our in your prayers during this time. Prayer changes church in your prayers this week. I too would people, and it can certainly change churches. covet your prayers as we head toward the season Remember that any change can be stressful, so if of Lent.

you are feeling unsettled during this time, this May God's grace be with you- may be why. First Christian has gone through periods of change before—in fact, for this church to have reached the age that it has—First Melissa+



**THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LANCASTER, TEXAS  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 16**  
*(New Beginnings @ 7 PM)*

**Tuesday, February 17**  
*(Open Schedule)*

**Wednesday, February 18**  
**(Lunch Bunch @ Cracker Barrel @ 11:00)**  
*(New Beginnings @ 2 PM)*

**Thursday February 19**  
*(Open Schedule)*

**Friday, February 20**  
*(Open Schedule)*

**Saturday, February 21**  
*(Open Schedule)*

**Sunday, February 22**  
 8:45 am - Choir Practice  
 9:30 am - Prayer Meeting in Library  
 9:45 am - All Elders & Diaconate Prayer in Chapel  
 10:00 am - Worship service  
 New Beginnings @ 2:00 PM (fellowship hall)



# CWF HEART-TO-HEART



**Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)**  
**Mattie Crockett, President**

**CWF Bible Study is the 4th Saturday of each month @ 9:00 AM. Please join us as we continue our study of Mary Magdalene. Plans are being made for our prayer breakfast, please watch for more information.**

*Ladies, as a member of our church, you are a member of our Disciples Women's (CWF) Fellowship! Please support us!*



**Not enough time for breakfast? Hot coffee and fresh donuts are available on Sunday mornings in the church kitchen.**



# WHAT'S COOKING IN CMF

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

**Dan Odom, President**

**Breakfast meetings are on the 4th Saturday of each month @ 8:00 am**  
**Cooks - 7:30 am**



*CMF / Disciples Men's is open to all men of our Church*

**Coffee Drinkers**  
 Please clean up the kitchen after service.

**YARD FUND DONATIONS \$25**



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# WORSHIP TEAM

February 22, 2009	March 1, 2009
<i>At The Table</i> Billy Ray Dickey Peggy Dickey	<i>At The Table</i> Bob Green Bryan Heard
<i>In the Pews</i> Dee Mullenix Bill Bitting Marion Ripley Sheila Griffin	<i>In the Pews</i> Marion Ripley Will Morrison Pat Royder Cindy Melis
<i>Homebound Elders</i> Martha Chambers Bryan Heard Jerry Peck	<i>Homebound Elders</i> Nancy Odom
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	<i>Worship Leader:</i>

HOMEBOUND ELDERS MEET IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO SCHEDULE VISITATIONS.



# STEWARDSHIP

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

Total Giving	\$ 1945.00)
Memorial to Yard Fund	\$ ( 25.00)
Memorial to General Fund	\$ ( 40.00)
Memorial Fund	\$ ( 60.00)
<b>Budget Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1820.00</b>



## ***PRAYER REQUESTS AND MEMORIALS***

Please keep these people in your prayers...

Dan and Nancy Odom

Howard Davis

Felix Isaac Jr.

Family of Steve Burkhart

Gladys Martin

In Memory of Steve Burkhart

Bernice Brodnax

Madeline Norrell

Billy Ray and Peggy Dickey

Martha and Scott Chambers

Mary and Les Hoxworth

In Memory of Annie Sealy

Les and Mary Hoxworth



## ***NEWS AND HAPPENINGS***



***Our church will be observing Ash Wednesday on February 25 @ 7:00 p.m.***

***Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, which is the period 40 weekdays before Easter. Lent originated as a season of spiritual preparation for Easter, in remembrance of the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.***

***Communion will be served by intinction, which is the dipping of the bread into the communion wine, and served individually to each worshipper by Reverend Melissa Bitting.***

***IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU WANT TO PLACE IN THE CALLER, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY @ NOON.***

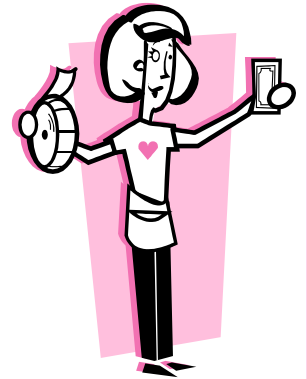


## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS .....



**LADIES, PACK  
YOUR BAGS AND  
KEEP THIS  
DATE OPEN  
APRIL 17, 18, 19**

The Blessing Box  
50/25/25 Raffle  
Tickets will be on  
sale Sunday  
February 22, 2009  
by CWF. Tickets  
will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. 50% of  
funds raised will go to The Blessing  
Box Mission. And two very lucky  
winners will walk away with 25%  
each. The drawing will be held  
Sunday March 22, 2009



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ann Lewis	Feb 4
Bob Greene	Feb 5
Sheila Griffin	Feb 6
Bob Browne	Feb 7
Luann Merrick	Feb 22
Bernice Brodnax	Feb 23



February Flower Violet



February Stone  
Amethyst

## ***New Beginnings***

**Don't miss the final sessions  
of your classes. This is so  
important to the future of our  
church.**



### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

*ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU,  
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR CHURCH?*

*Have you checked the tables in the  
Narthex lately? There are forms there to  
sign-up to bring flowers for the altar and to  
read the scriptures on Sunday mornings.*

*IS IT YOUR TURN NOW?*

The Lunch Bunch will be  
meeting February 18th, 11:00  
AM at Cracker Barrel. It is  
located at the intersection of  
Wintergreen Road and I-35.  
So join us for lunch and be a  
part of the bunch!

