



# THE CALLER

WEEK OF MAY 17, 2010



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

**S**ummer is almost here! There are 14 school days for students left in this school year (this is according to another teacher who is keeping count). Again, if you need me urgently and cannot reach me on my cell, always feel free to **page me on my pager, 972- 356-0750.**

This past Sunday in worship, we were blessed by having Dr. Waldrop present with us. It is always great to have people return to be with us! In worship this past Sunday I spoke about John 17:20-26. It is the last part of the prayer that Jesus prayed with His disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus prayed for His disciples "that they be one," and that is also my weekly prayer for our church. As the Body of Christ, we need to unite together to do the work of God's Kingdom here on earth. For you see, unbelievers find our lack of unity and love for one another simply *unbelievable*. God calls us, as Jesus called His disciples, to unite together as the One Body of Christ.

I pray that those of you, who have felt hurt by something that was said or something that was not said, will be willing to forgive those who have hurt you so that God's work can be accomplished through our faith community.

Remember that this Sunday is Pentecost. Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God

through the prophet Joel. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many whom had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day.<sup>1</sup>

**Red** is the liturgical color for this day. **Red** recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives. **So, I would ask that you wear RED this Sunday to honor the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.**

Please continue to hold those in prayer who are in need of healing: Anna, Bob Bell, Bob K, Dan, Jimmy, Mattie, Nancy O., Nancy S., Opal, Pat and S.C. May God heal each of these faithful servants.

May you be Spirit-filled!

It is my privilege to be-

Your Minister-

Melissa +

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.stpaulskingsville.org/penecost.htm>



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Monday May 17**  
(Open Schedule)
- Tuesday, May 18**  
(Open Schedule)
- Wednesday, May 19**  
(Lunch Bunch @ Tejano's)
- Thursday May 20**  
(Destiny Bible Study 7 PM)
- Friday, May 21**  
(Open Schedule)
- Saturday, May 22**  
(CWF Monthly Meeting @ 9AM)
- Sunday, May 23**  
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  
**Blessing Box Auction**

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## STEWARDSHIP

LOOK FOR FINANCIAL  
INFO NEXT WEEK



## CWF HEART-TO-HEART



**Disciples Women's Ministry (CWF)**  
**Mattie Crockett,**  
**President**

**Please join us on the 4th Saturday of each month @ 9 AM for our monthly meeting and study.**

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



Actually...  
back in June.  
Look for news of the summer bible study in a few weeks.



## WORSHIP TEAM

*Sunday, May 23, 2010*

**At The Table**  
Bob Browne  
Billy Hugh Mulder

**Homebound**  
Bob Browne  
Billy Hugh Mulder  
Bob Green

**Worship Leader**  
Debbie Wallace

*Sunday, May 30, 2010*

**At The Table**  
Jerry Peck  
Patty Peck

**Homebound**  
Jerry Peck  
Patty Peck

**Worship Leader**  
Debbie Wallace

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

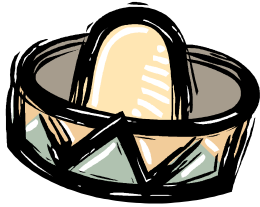


## PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

PAT ROYDER, MADELINE NORRELL, MATTIE CROCKETT, LES HOXWORTH, JIM BROWNLEE  
MARTHA'S SON

THIS PRAYER LIST REFLECT THOSE REQUESTED THE WEEK OF THIS CALLER.  
OUR ON-GOING PRAYER REQUESTS ARE REFLECTED IN OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN.  
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.



**Lunch Bunch will meet this Wednesday, May 19 at 11:30 at Tejano's Mexican Restaurant, 110 West Davis, Dallas - (corner of West Davis and Beckley) Come and join us and chow down!**



**It's that time again ladies. CWF meets this Saturday, May, 22 @ 9:00 AM. Please come and be a part of our study and fellowship. We miss each of you and need you to be complete.**

The church's birthday is coming up--July. Thought I would suggest an idea different than a traditional "birthday party."

Would the congregation like a special reconciliation service, or maybe a "come back to Jesus" service?

My brainstorming ideas: a special time, special speaker, special music, lots of music, a forgiveness service (or prayer) for ourselves/the congregation, a pledge to be a better disciple.....???

If you think this a good idea/project, let the church office or me know.

This type of project needs 3-5 individuals to plan it, so if you like the idea, have some of your own ideas, and/or are willing to help support this type of project, let the church office or me know, soon!

Debbie Wallace

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## *HAPPENINGS AND OTHER STUFF*



The CWF ladies will be celebrating May Birthdays at Juliet Fowler Home on Saturday, May 28. **WE WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 1:00 PM**, as we serve them at 2:00 PM. As president of CWF, I would like to thank Madeline Norrell, Pam Beightol, Joan McShan and Nancy Odom for overseeing the Prayer Breakfast in my absence.



Mattie Crockett, President CWF

Just another note about my new office. I want to thank all the CWF women for spending their funds to make the office new and amazing.

And I heard a rumor that lots of work was done by Pam Beightol and Patty Peck to clean it out and whip it into shape. Ladies you did a magnificent job. (they even cleaned out the closet!) It was an extraordinary effort that produced great results.

Thanks again,

Pat Fabby



The Blessing Box Auction will be next Sunday, May 23rd following service.

Boxes of various sizes, colors and content will be auctioned to raise monies for our Blessing Box Ministry.

Each box will have a minimum value of ten dollars (\$10.00), with one box being worth fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Each box, however, will be a surprise. Please join us for a fun hour of desserts, coffee and surprises.



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| Brenda Timmons     | May 2  | Suzy Bate          | May 12 | Dee Dee Guest     | May 22 |
| Mary McVey         | May 2  | Jimmy Maykus       | May 15 | Billy Hugh Mulder | May 24 |
| Norma Jean Connell | May 3  | Kathy Jackson      | May 15 | Todd Lantz        | May 25 |
| Nancy Sewell       | May 4  | Carol Hearne       | May 16 |                   |        |
| Shirly Oliver      | May 4  | Candy Garvin       | May 17 |                   |        |
| Dee Mullenix, Jr   | May 12 | Dannica McLaughlin | May 19 |                   |        |
| Marcy Able         | May 12 | Lori Ferguson      | May 21 |                   |        |

**May Birthdays**