



# THE MESSENGER

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## Our Vision

*To make Christ known,  
follow the Word of God,  
serve others,  
and win new disciples.*

## Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1001 Andrews Highway Midland, TX 79701

### Staff

**Rev. Terry Rothermich**, Pastor  
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### Sunday School Classes

Toddlers & Twos .... Room 4  
Ages 3-4 ..... Room 7  
K-Grade 3 ..... Room 7  
JYF (Grades 4-5) ... Room 7  
Fellowship Class .... Room 9  
Discipleship Class.. Room 101

### Scheduled Leaders for March 28, 2010

**Elders**  
Offering ..... Lisa Gandy  
Communion &  
Worship..... Gregg Groves

**Deacons**  
Coordinator ..... Bob Williamson  
Wahnetta Detrixhe; Marisa &  
Tim Hutchison; Freda Kinsey;  
Delnor Poss; Wayne Warren

**Greeter** ..... Jackie Hendricks

**PowerPoint** ..... Mike Landrum

**Psalm** ..... Psalm 118

**Scripture** ..... Luke 19:28-32,  
36-38; 22:14-16, 31-34, 41-42,  
47-48, 53-54; 23:16-21

**Message**  
"Shaken"

## Travelers Plan Trip to San Angelo for Brass Music Concert April 6

After a long rest, the "Young At Heart" travelers are planning a trip to San Angelo on Tuesday, April 6. Regina Erwin has agreed to drive the church van for the trip.

The Lone Star Brass, featured brass quintet from the Midland-Odessa Symphony, will be the guest ensemble for Angelo State University's Spring brass choir concert. The event is being held at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. with free admission. Of special interest, there will be two compositions featuring brass ensembles with the church's organ. One of them is a West Texas premier of a piece commissioned by the United States Military Academy music department.

Departure is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. from MCC's parking lot. A restaurant will be selected in advance for our group's dinner. Return will be immediately after the concert's conclusion.

Please contact Regina or the church office if you'd like to attend. Space is limited and the deadline for signing up is 12 Noon Friday, April 2. Cost is \$10 per person for van expenses, plus the cost of dinner.



Former Olympic star Zola Budd once said, "I no longer run barefoot." We have the chance to help people of all ages

say that in our own nation and all over the world. Several of you have brought many shoes in our shoe drive for Soles4Souls. We will be collecting shoes through Sunday, April 11. Any money received will be used to purchase new shoes or to help in shipping the shoes. This **Sunday**, during worship, we will be participating in an event called **Barefoot 4 Haiti**. As Christians, we have the opportunity to reach out to neighbors not only by providing shoes but also by being in solidarity with them by going barefoot. Since the earthquake, many Haitians have lost everything including the shoes on their feet. As you enter worship on Sunday, if you wish you may take a plastic bag that will be provided and remove your shoes. We understand that there are health and personal reasons why you may not want to remove your shoes but if you are able, we would love to have you join us in going barefoot.

## Prayer Vigil



The Prayer Vigil will begin after the Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m., April 1 and end on April 2 before the Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. If you wish to sign up see **Martha Poss** or call her at 699-6506.

## Easter Baskets

You are invited to help assemble the Easter baskets/bags for the Food Pantry, Sunday, March 28, Fellowship Hall, 3:00—4:30 p.m.

Office Angels  
for March 31  
Eula &  
Marshall Huffman



# T-Dreams

Hello! This past Sunday's Church School session and worship message focused on the hope we have in the Resurrected Christ and our response, which should be to "stand firm" in the faith; not let ourselves be moved. Among other things, the act of doing this involves courage.

One of my favorite biblical names is Caleb. There is a grand story in the Book of Numbers about him. In brief, it is about his courage...about his standing firm before the Hebrew people.

Caleb's first display of such happened after his return from his spy mission into the Promised Land, accompanied by Joshua. They were sent by Moses to scope things out. Caleb was willing to take a stand with God when the Hebrew people wanted to oppose God's will. You may remember that ten of the spies returned with "bad news," relating that taking the land was beyond their ability (Numbers 13). The people were stirred up and frustrated by this news. Upon *their* return, Joshua and Caleb reported the opposite. They said the Hebrews should "...go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Caleb tried to motivate the people. But the people would hear nothing of it. They even threatened to kill Caleb, so distraught and disbelieving were they (Numbers 14:10).

Caleb stood his ground before them...stood up and stood firm for God. He was a faithful follower of God's word, prepared to face adversity because he stood in the Truth as the Truth was meant to be heard and understood. Eventually, of course, the people came around and crossed into the Promised Land. In spite of the threat of death against him from his own people, Caleb would not be moved away from God's word.

Through all this, Caleb never blamed God. He trusted God. His trust was in God. For me this is a sterling example of what I was talking about. I encourage you to read the story and see what meaning it has for you.

I dream of the times when we are able to "stand firm" in the Resurrection. And you?

*Blessings, Terry*

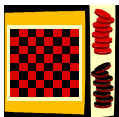
## Remember—Bows & Ribbons!

Bring brightly colored bows and lengths of ribbons in various shapes, sizes, and lengths this Sunday. Please help us refurbish the large wooden cross that is displayed in the Sanctuary Foyer on Easter Sunday.

## Game Nite • Thursday • March 25 • 6:30—9:30 p.m.



Bring a snack and your favorite game!



## Please pray for...

- Apex 2000
- Shirley Ashley (friend of Lyn Brown)
- Billy Atchison (acquaintance of the Hendersons)
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Kimber Brown
- Juanice & Ed Buie
- Rita Cox (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Mary Cross (cousin of Freda Kinsey & Lyn Brown)
- Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys)
- Roger Elliott
- Don Finkenbinder (friend of Martha & Delnor Poss)
- Mary Agnes Garcia (sister-in-law of Trinie Muegge)
- Jim Hamilton (cousin of Randy Stevens)
- Fran Hendrix (sister of Pat Spaw)
- Dewayne Hendrix (nephew of Pat Spaw)
- Linda Hughes (daughter of Altha Odom)
- Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum)
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Mary Beth Reddell (daughter of Patricia & Joe Hopkins)
- Nick Roman (friend of Jarvis Salmon)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- June Waters (mother of Paula Brooks)



**Rev. Tony L. Salisbury**, Central Area Minister, [www.central-area.org](http://www.central-area.org)

**Rev. Dani Cartwright**, Southwest Regional Minister, [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)

**Rev. Sharon Watkins**, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

**Please have articles for the newsletter into the office on Friday afternoon before you wish the article to appear the following Wednesday.**

## Regina's Raves

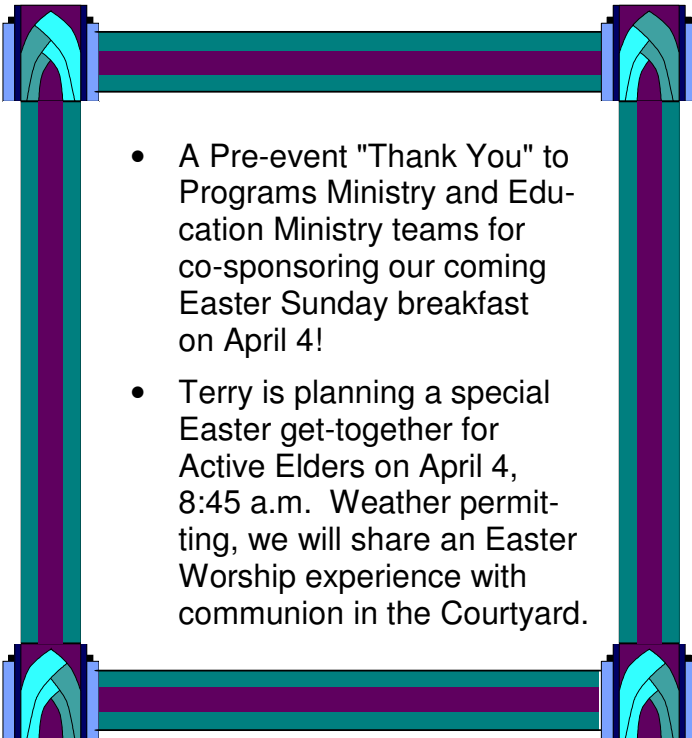
Thank you for all of your concern, cards, and prayers. I am recovering and will hopefully be back to normal soon.

I am overjoyed at the amount of shoes we have received for Soles4Souls. I hope you will continue to clean out your closets and bring your gently worn shoes in to the drop boxes. We will be blessing the shoes this Sunday but will continue collecting them through April 11.

I hope each of you will take time to attend the Holy Week luncheons. It promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and food with our sister churches (Trinity Presbyterian, Church on the Journey, Midland Lutheran, and St Luke's UMC).

LOGOS (for youth in grades 1-5) will meet on Sunday from 3—4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Come join us as we journey towards learning more about our faith. We also have fun with games and hanging out. We will be putting together the Easter baskets for the Food Pantry on Sunday as well, from 3—4:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to help is welcome! Thank you all for your generous donations for this outreach project!

*Regina*



## Children's Church New Format!

"Joy is the feeling of grinning inside" is a unique insight by author Melba Colgrove. If you have ever taught Children's Church you know the truth of this quote! We have a new exciting format and look in our Children's Church. We would love to have you join us. With a worshipful emphasis, there are praise DVDs, prayer time, and a new curriculum with teaching, skits, crafts, and cool object lessons. The children really seem to be enjoying the new format. The best way to experience this new format is to volunteer to teach... I will even walk thru the first time with you. You can sign up with another person to teach on a Sunday. If you need a walk thru during the week, Regina is glad to help you with that and any questions that you have. All lesson materials/supplies are provided to you ahead of time... so there is no reason that you too cannot become part of this exciting time and experience for yourself what it feels like to "grin inside." Contact me or Regina to volunteer! *Marisa Hutchison*

*Thank You!*  
**THANK YOU!**

"Thank You" to those who prepared and served the Continental Breakfast for the closing session of *The Easter Experience*—**Wahnetta** and **Frank Detrixhe, Lyn Brown**, and various helpers! Word has it the breakfast goodies were sumptuous.



### MCC Easter Flowers Order Form

Price: \$10.00 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please make checks payable to MCC, and note the check with "Easter Flowers." All orders must be in to the office by **March 29**.*

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## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Mar 28: Palm Sunday

- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺
- 3:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 3:00 p.m. Fill Easter Baskets for the Pantry

### Monday, Mar 29:

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Worship @ Midland Lutheran

### Tuesday, Mar 30:

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Worship @ MCC

### Wednesday, Mar 31:

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Worship @ Trinity Presbyterian
- 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. "Just Say Know" @ FCC
- 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
- 7:30 p.m. 24-hour Prayer Vigil begins

### Friday, April 2: Good Friday

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil ends
- 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship

### Sunday, April 4: Easter

- 8:45 a.m. Active Elders' Get-Together
- 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 9:40 a.m. Church School ☺
- 10:10 a.m. Egg Hunt
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

### Monday, April 5: Office Closed

☺ Child Care for 4 years and younger.

## Lectionary for Mar 28

Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29