



# 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  
Roundtable..... Room 102

### Scheduled Leaders for May 9, 2010

**Elders**  
Offering ..... Elwana Collins  
Communion & Worship..... Lisa Gandy

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

**PowerPoint** ..... Rebecca Bell

**Psalm** ..... 67

**Scripture** ..... Acts 16:11-15

**Message**  
"Woman...Thou Art Mighty!"

## Report of Food Pantry in April 2010

During four Wednesdays in April, the pantry served 253 families or 1,104 people, making an average of 276 people each week. In addition to the dry commodities and canned goods, clients were given fresh vegetables and potatoes, frozen meats, and frozen fruit throughout the month. The 83 donated baskets and Easter gifts of candy and toys made by the congregation were distributed during Holy Week and the first week in April. The congregation donated 53 jars of peanut butter and jelly during the month.

Total food cost was \$446.63 from the West Texas Food Bank. This figure is much lower than previous months because one week we did not get a delivery. Free books were again made available to both children and adults. The Food Pantry wishes to thank First Christian Church for the "Easter Lilies & Disciples Rice" drive donation. We thank FCC and Church on the Journey for their continued support of our ministry.

## May 16 Guest Preacher

Rev Tony Salisbury, Central Area Minister, will take the pulpit on this Sunday. This is the last occasion on which he will be at MCC, for he is soon retiring. You are invited to join us in worship as we offer praise and thanksgiving to our God and extend to Rev Salisbury our appreciations for his ministry in our Central Area.

## Disciples Women

Disciples Women will meet on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a salad supper followed by the installation of officers by Rev Rothermich, who will also provide chamber music.

All women of the church are invited. This is the last Disciples Women's meeting until September.

Hostesses are: **Elwana Collins**, Elizabeth Dennison, and **Jane Green**.

## "National Day of Prayer" worship at MCC

Thursday, May 6, 6:15 p.m. Lite Dinner in Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Vespers in the Sanctuary

This will be a worship experience focusing on prayer, reflection, meditations, music, and candle lightings...an experience unlike on Sunday mornings. All are invited to attend this intimate worship.

*(Sponsors: Worship Ministry & Programs Ministry)*

## Funeral Service at MCC

There will be a service this Friday at 11:00 a.m. for Mary Beth Reddell, daughter of Patricia and Joe Hopkins. Church members are invited to attend and offer their condolences.

Office Angels  
for May 12  
Elwana Collins,  
Wahnetta Detrixhe,  
Betty Odom & Martha Poss



# T-Dreams

Hello! Last Sunday I spoke on the Lectionary Text from the Book of Revelation (21:1-5), and more intensely on verse 5, "Behold, I am making all things new."

One of the things I mentioned was that if God is constantly evolving things into the future (improving them, making them even better, changing them), then we, as God's children and heirs, need to also be evolving and moving into the future. In other words, we need to "look forward" and cease "looking back" so often. Needless to say, I received comments on that idea (smile).

Another way of saying this is that the One who is continuously making things new is, therefore, continuously in the process of re-making them. I suspect one could use that tantalizing word "change" again. Things which are caught up in some form or fashion of brokenness will one day be repaired, in God's time and in God's way. They will be even better than they were, or are now.

I find unceasing and extreme hope in this. In God's time, God is forging a new creation out of present things and attitudes and behaviours and ways. To *know* this is hugely comforting and hopeful...or if it is not, then it should be! If our faith is true and genuine, as was St. John's, then *this* is the hope we have and enjoy and with which we may prosper in our lives and faith!

When God finally fulfills this intent of "making all things new," then the earth and all herein will be just as God means it to be. For what more could we wish? We may not live to see this, but if we do not, then we will still see it, for we will then be with God and the angels! So either way we will see the fulfillment of this promise of God.

God is doing it. St. John writes of it. We believe it. No dreaming today. Just priming the pump, so-to-speak.

*Blessings, Terry*

## A Huge "Thank You" ...

...to Property Mission (**Delnor Poss, Tim Hutchison, David Perry**) and Stewardship Ministry (**Jerry Jones**, Chair) for coordinating the recent outside landscaping project. Hopefully you have noticed that our trees, bushes, beds, and shrubs surrounding the church and in the Courtyard have finally been appropriately trimmed and tended to...giving the exterior a fresh, clean appearance!

...to Worship Ministry (**Gregg Groves**, Chair) and Programs Ministry (**Michael Landrum**, Chair) for planning and coordinating the upcoming National Day of Prayer worship experience at MCC on May 6.

...to all the MCC members who volunteered to host and greet people from the community who came to MCC to attend the recent performance by the Santa Fe Opera 2010 tour group. (You know who you are!) You are appreciated more than you know!

## **Please pray for...**

- Apex 2000
- Billy Atchison (acquaintance of the Hendersons)
- Richard Barr (friend of the Groves)
- Grayson Braziel
- Jane Petree-Bright (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Cari Butler (daughter of Jackie Forsyth)
- Rita Cox (friend of Marisa Hutchison)
- Pat Jo Dennis (friend of the Staileys)
- Emily Edwards
- Roger Elliott
- 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)
- Elizabeth Marta (great-granddaughter of Brenda & Doug Warren)
- The Morgan Family (friends of Regina)
- Joyce Neal
- Peg Spring Nickerson (friend of Jackie Hendricks)
- Nick Roman (friend of Jarvis Salmon)
- Ian Rook (Military)
- Doug Smith (brother of Tamara Schulz)
- James Stark (friend of the Staileys)
- Teen Challenge
- the Van Houtens
- June Waters (mother of Paula Brooks)

**Christian sympathy is extended to Patricia & Joe Hopkins in the death of their daughter Mary Beth Reddell.**

**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

This past Saturday I attended the Central Area Assembly. It was such a blessing to be with people of our area. We may all be many miles from each other but there is genuine neighborly love. It was also a wonderful retirement service and reception for our Central Area Minister Tony Salisbury. Thank you to Brook Hollow Christian Church for hosting our assembly.

A passage that was introduced to me in a new way recently is Isaiah 58:5-12. "Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, who waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in." I have been studying this passage for several days and every time I read it, something new pops out at me. From thoughts on what kind of day will my day be, to what can I do today to make a difference to, thankfulness for the grace and guidance of God, and on and on. What does this passage speak to you? I would love to hear your reflections.

**EMERGE** (a monthly group that is focused on fellowship and spiritual growth for 30—70 year olds) will meet on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Please come join us and see what this group is all about.

Regina

## Attention All Women of All Ages

We have been invited to a **Mad Hatter Tea Party!** It is Saturday, May 15 from 10:30 a.m.—Noon at Church on the Journey. There will be entertainment, door prizes and fellowship! You are asked to bring a tea cup or coffee cup for an exchange. Hats are not required but there will be prizes for the *Most Beautiful, Funniest, Most Original* and more. I hope you all will join me as we join the ladies from Church on the Journey for a wonderful time! *Regina*

## Pastor Terry to "git some learn'n"

Terry will attend a conference titled "Ministries and Mission Interpreters" in Fort Worth the weekend of May 15...a seminar organized and sponsored by the *Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ*. The event will be hosted by University Christian Church and focus on global/local mission and outreach. It is designed to afford insights into how to do mission work better and how to enhance a church's current outreach ministries.

## GECO Home School Reminder

Please be sensitive to when the teachers and students are in our Education Wing facility: **Mondays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Church members are asked to avoid being in that space during these days and times to help allow teachers and students to have their classes and be safe in our facility. If you need access to that space for any reason, please check with the church office first. Thank you.

## Lost 'n Found?

If anyone happens to know the location of the beautifully embossed blue silk cloth that used to cover the electric grand piano in Fellowship Hall, please let the church office know. The cloth seems to have momentarily disappeared. Thank you.

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**Weekly Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day**

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺  
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

**Tuesday, May 11:**

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck  
6:30 p.m. Disciples Women's Meeting

**Wednesday, May 12:**

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry  
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, May 13:**

7:00 p.m. **EMERGE**

**Sunday, May 16: Guest Preacher: Area Minister**

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺  
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺

☺ *Child Care for 4 years and younger.*

**Scheduled Leaders for Children's Church**

**Date Leader**

May 9 ..... Lisa Craven

May 16 ..... Jane Green/Marisa Hutchison

May 23 ..... open

May 30 ..... open

**New Address**

Ed Buie Room 406  
Mabee Health Care Center  
2208 N Loop 250 W  
Midland TX 79707

**Lectionary for May 9**

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5  
John 14:23-29

**Board Meeting**

**Mon • May 17 • 7:00 p.m.**