



# 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)

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Chair

### 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 23, 2010

**Elders**  
Offering ..... Jackie Forsyth  
Communion &  
Worship.....Jerry Jones

**Deacons**  
Coordinator ..... Bob Williamson  
Betty & Cecil Odom; Jane  
Green; Trinia Rowland; Richard  
Smith; Ray Stailey

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

**Psalm** ..... Psalter 737

**Scripture** ...Gen. 1:1-2; Acts  
..... 2:1-4; Romans 8:12-14

**Message**  
"Holy Spirit- A Change Agent"

Office Angels  
for May 26  
Betty Whitmire,  
Virgie Lewis,  
& Marian Mussett



## Pentecost Celebration

**Sunday, May 23**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
**12:00 noon Celebration Luncheon**

Wear something red,  
yellow, and/or orange

### "If My People..."

Please pick up your copy of "If My People..." a 40-day prayer guide for our nation. We encourage everyone to share in this daily devotion beginning Wednesday, May 26 and concluding on Sunday, July 4th. As we approach Memorial Day and move toward Independence Day, may we all pray daily for our nation and our leaders, and give thanks to God for our blessings and our many freedoms. Copies of the devotional guide will be available on the tables in the foyer of the Sanctuary and in the hallway next to the Parlor.

*(Sponsored by Worship Ministry)*

### New Address

Doug and Brenda Warren  
4342 Hearthstone Court  
Abilene, TX 79606  
(325) 232-8126  
bdwarren55@gmail.com



## Promotion Sunday

On Sunday May 23, the congregation is invited to a luncheon after worship. We will be celebrating the promotion of our youth. Baked potatoes, salad, and dessert will be served for lunch. Please join us as we celebrate this special time as a church community!



The time is arriving for "The Messenger" to rotate to the *every-two-week mailing schedule*. Publishing dates are as follows. If you have information to appear in a newsletter please be attentive to the dates and contact the church office accordingly. Thank you.

June 2  
June 16  
June 30  
July 14  
July 28  
August 11  
August 25  
September 8 – return to  
normal weekly schedule

# T-Dreams

Hello! My current issue of *Christianity Today* magazine arrived, and I am a happy puppy. I read (or begin perusing) magazines from the back forwards. I do not know why. It just is how I do it. (And thank goodness I

do not drive my car the same way!)

Anyway, the first things I always look at in *Christianity Today* are the "Marketplace" pages, with their employment opportunities and services rendered by various organizations. The bold heading of one of the latter read "Be Debt Free." How often have we read that or heard that? One thought I always have is that in spite of what so many consumers go on and on about... meaning the debt they have... they seem to imply it is the bank's fault, or the credit card company's fault, or the lender's fault. But of course it isn't.

Then I went on the Internet to explore some "how to be debt free" web sites. One of them listed seven ways to become debt free. Among them were these two: (1) make a list of what you owe and (2) prioritize your repayments.

Moving right along, I cannot help but ponder how similar this "debt" thing is to faith and religion. The "debt" you and I have as Christians is not our Lord's fault. However, in *this* instance, it is our Lord who settled the debt (or in other words *paid the price*).

Nonetheless, it still strikes me that we Christians are not "debt free"...and never will be. What we owe to the Lord is so vast and so great that we will never be able to fully repay Him. (By the way, this is where *grace* again enters the picture.) However, the 2 of the 7 ways I mentioned above seem to also work beautifully for Christians. We would do well to:

1. Make a list of what we owe the Lord, and
2. Prioritize our repayments (or the ways we can say "thank you" to Him)

For example, we are in debt to Christ for our blessings, our inner spiritual peace, our family and loved ones, our church, our opportunities to answer His call to ministry and service, and most of all our salvation. For things such as these we are indebted to Christ.

And how about #2? We would do well to see the ways we can say "thank you" to Him...and then do them. Ways such as being in worship as often as possible, being a member of a Ministry Team, tithing and/or offering a portion of our financial blessings to ministry, helping distribute food at our Food Pantry, participating in praying for those on our prayer list (and beyond), volunteering where and when needed, and on and on. The church is full of opportunities by which each of us can say "thank you" (prioritize our "repayment," in a way).

No dreaming today. Just priming the pump, as they say!

*Blessings, Terry*

## **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)
- Robert Haney (brother-in-law of Betty Whitmire)
- Fran Hendrix (sister of Pat Spaw)
- Dewayne Hendrix (nephew of Pat Spaw)
- Linda Hughes (daughter of Altha Odom)
- Carolyn Kirkes (friend of Gail Caudle)
- Zo Landrum (mother of Michael Landrum)
- 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)

## **Prayer List**

**Please** review the prayer list and contact the office if you have a loved one or a friend that is doing better and may be removed from the list.

**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*

LOGOS will meet on this Sunday from 3-4:30pm. All those in 1st through 5th grades are welcome to attend. We will play games, have a short devotional and a fun snack. I hope to see you all there and remember to invite a friend that you haven't invited before.

Summer camp will soon be arriving, you will be receiving details on transportation in the mail. Please call the office if you have any questions. Isaiah 58:11 "The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your need in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail." What amazing imagery! Now that we can see gardens coming into full bloom this picture is even more powerful. Also, to think that a spring that is always flowing and doesn't dry up because of age or shift of the earth. How can we take that energy that is perpetually flowing the stream and growing the garden and give

it back to build up God's kingdom? Our strength is from God even when we think we can go no further. God will continue to replenish our Spirits if we allow, but we must take the time to let God do that.

Are you wondering how you can help out with VBS? We are still seeking a few volunteers. VBS will be on July 31st. If you are interested, please contact Regina or Marisa. Also, there will be a supply tree set up in the narthex. There will be cards with the supplies needed, and you may either purchase those supplies or give a donation to cover that cost. *-Regina*

### **Thank You**

Many thanks....for your love, prayers, visits, cards and food during my recent over-nighter in the hospital....Memorial is such a caring community and I thank God for the opportunity to be a part of this congregation.

Thanks again,

*Peggy Jones*

### **"Courtyard Gallery" Invitation**

It is time to remove the Frances Fitzgerald paintings along the hallway leading to the Sanctuary and display a new set. You are invited to bring to church a favorite framed painting or print in your home for display on the gallery wall. This display will last for several months, allowing visitors and members to enjoy the art.

Each wall hanging will have a nameplate with your name on it so people know who has loaned the painting for gallery display. After a few months the paintings will be returned to the owners. *(Please understand that the church cannot be responsible for loss or damage to your painting while it is on display.)*

There is space for approximately 16 or 17 paintings, depending upon size. If you have interest, please phone the church office and bring your painting at an early convenience. The hope is to have the gallery display ready by mid-June.

### **Rev. Dr. Don Childers to Retire**

Don served Memorial for a number of years and presently serves the United Church of Los Alamos in New Mexico. He will retire the end of June. The church in Los Alamos has invited members of MCC to send Don and Janice congratulatory cards and/or a small gifts to celebrate this event. The mailing address is below:

Don & Janice Childers  
c/o Laura Erickson, Church Council Secretary  
The United Church of Los Alamos  
2525 Canyon Road  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

### **Congratulations...**

...to Cooper Schoolcraft, son of Shelia & Eldon Schoolcraft. He was awarded the Association of Youth Ministry Educator at Lubbock Christian College. He is the grandson of Pat & B.H. Spaw.

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## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Sunday

9:40 a.m. Church School ☺  
10:50 a.m. Worship ☺  
Noon All-Church Luncheon  
3:00 p.m. LOGOS

### Tuesday, May 25:

8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Truck

### Wednesday, May 26:

1:00 p.m. Food Pantry  
6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team Meeting  
7:30 p.m. NO Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, May 30:

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

### Monday, May 31: Memorial Day, Office Closed

☺ Child Care for 4 years and younger.

### Scheduled Leaders for Children's Church

Date	Leader
May 23 .....	Lisa Craven
May 30 .....	Sharon Boyd
June 6 .....	open
June 13 .....	open

### Lectionary for May 23

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)