

## To our Guests:

We are glad you've chosen to worship today at Friendswood. We invite you to make worship with us a weekly event.

Please complete a green Welcome Card located on the chair back in front of you. When our offering plates are passed the only thing we ask you to put in is the card.

If you would like to learn more about our church, please call and speak with one of our ministers at 281.482.7966.

We hope you feel welcomed and at home today!

Please accept this invitation to come to one of our House Groups for an evening of fellowship and Bible study.

### House Group Listing

*Ed & Vernelle Hoskins, Bob & Connie Young*, 808 Stephen Ct., Fwd.,  
281-482-7239, Sunday at 5 PM

*Charles & Dian Kirklin*, 607 Linkwood, Fwd.,  
281-482-3427, Tuesday at 6:30 PM

*Charles Kirklin & Esther Speck*, 400 E. Parkwood #178, Fwd.,  
281-482-7453, Sundays from 6:30-7:30 PM at Village on the Park.

*Jeff Kirklin*, 6404 Hillock Ln., Pearland,  
281-795-1260 or 832-439-0726, Sunday at 6 PM

*Mike & Celeste Ross, Ron & Susan Cox*, 16439 Hibiscus, Fwd.,  
281-482-8753, Sunday at 6PM

*Scott & Amy Mitchell, Adrian & Anna Duron*,  
832-569-4134, Sunday at 5:30PM

*Jim & Nancy Smothermon, Carl & Betty Dillon*, 1206 Thomas, Fwd.,  
281-482-1702, Sunday at 6PM

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 9th — Brown bag optional at 6:00 PM

—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, worship and discussion with  
Forrest Norman

Wednesday, July 16 — Peak of the Week Eats at 6:00 PM, Women's ministry  
will serve a potato bar and salad. Proceeds will benefit the  
Ladies Retreat

—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, video and discussion lead by  
Mike Ross

Saturday, July 19th — Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast at  
Good Shepherd Episcopal

Wednesday, July 23rd — McDaniels are serving a meal with proceeds going  
toward a new freezer for Impact at 6:00 PM

—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, family game night  
coordinated by Leigh Ann Adair

Last Sunday: Attendance:196    Offering: \$7,146.27    Budget: \$9,819.00  
FCS Contribution:

## Prayer Needs

To have a prayer request listed, fill out a Prayer Request card from the chair back. Please continue to update your request by emailing [office@fwdcofc.org](mailto:office@fwdcofc.org)

### Friendswood Members:

*Lucy & Patrick Grenier*, expecting and due September 11th.

*Lindsay & Jeff Kirklin*, expecting and due in February.

*Wendie & Michael Lawley*, expecting a BOY and due in late July.

*Courtney & Kyle McGinn*, expecting and due in February.

### Renewed Health:

*Charlene Fulgham, Stephen Fulgham, Doris Griffin, Elsie Hendrickson, Terri Hollingsworth, Evelyn Jackson, David McGinn, Eleanor Nunnally, Andrew Rutledge, Bill Shropshire, Esther Speck, Bette Thompson, Buna Vowell, Carmen Walters, Linda Williams.*

We express our sympathy to *Elsie Scott and family* on the passing of her sister *Ann McBride* last week. Services were held last Monday in Burnet, TX.

### Family/Friends:

*Carol Adair*, (Chad Adair's mother) diagnosed with multiple myeloma.  
*Betty Bazzy*, (Lisa Zeringue's mother) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
*Pavica Brecak*, (Duda Fulgham's mother in Croatia) is struggling with dementia.

*Roger Cumba*, (Janet Kirklin's cousin) diagnosed with cancer, please pray for healing before July surgery at M.D. Anderson.

*C J Dupree*, (Jean Dupree's ex-husband) diagnosed with neck & throat cancer and will be having radiation treatment soon.

*Noah Givens*, (10 month old son of coworker of *Laurel Sanborn*) a tumor has been discovered in his chest and underwent a biopsy this week.

*Larry Jessup*, (Janet Kirklin's cousin) will undergo one year of chemo for stage 4 cancer, please pray for helpful treatment.

*Robby & Kami (Hughes) Day*, expecting a GIRL in October.

*Carroll Kelly*, (*Steve Kelly's father*) experiencing heart complications while undergoing treatment for cancer.

*Debbie Lounsberry*, (friend & coworker of *Leanne Howell*) diagnosed with cancer in several organs and will begin aggressive chemo.

*Bob Ross*, (Mike Ross' father) has been re-admitted to the hospital but is doing well.

*Greg & Brittany (Hughes) Schroeder*, expecting a GIRL in October.

*Marty Shumaker*, (Coach at Bay Area Christian) continues to make progress in his recovery and has now spoken.

*Kay Taliaferro*, (former member) continues treatment for cancer. You can stay updated by visiting their blog, [www.gary-kay.blogspot.com](http://www.gary-kay.blogspot.com).

*Bill Westmoreland*, (former member) undergoing cancer treatment.

### Service Men and Women:

*Seth Creswell*, (Amy Mitchell's brother) serving in Iraq.

*Michael Eyman*, (Pam Smithgall's cousin) serving in Afghanistan, near Kandahar.

*Wes Kuenstler*, (Kyle McGinn's cousin) serves in Special Forces in Afghanistan.

Our sermons are podcast on the church website. Go to [www.fwdcofc.org](http://www.fwdcofc.org) and click on the "Church of Christ in Friendswood Sermons" link in the middle of the page.

# The Lamp



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## Worship Service

### God Calls Us Together Into His Holy Presence

Call to Worship                      Danny Mercer

*Ah, Lord God*                                      #70

*Come, Let Us Sing*                              Screen

Confession

*Humble Yourself*                                      #745

*Lord, Take Control*                              #790

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

### God Speaks To Us Through His Word

## Life in the Vine: Self Control

*My Life is in You Lord*                              Screen

### God Shares With Us At His Table

*Hallelujah! What a Savior*                              #337

Communion

Shepherd's Prayer                                      Forrest Norman

### God Sends Us Out Into His Mission

Offering

Our Common Life

*Instruments of Your Peace*                              Screen

We exist to  
share in  
God's life  
through  
Jesus Christ.  
We connect  
people to  
God through  
Scripture,  
Community,  
Serving,  
and  
Inner Life.

#### July Greeters:

David Howell and Chad Adair

#### Nursery Helpers:

Today: Carol & Anna McDaniel

Next Week: Lorena Counterman and Lindsay Kirklin

#### July Communion

#### Preparers:

The McCullums

#### Elder of the Month:

Forrest Norman

#### Service Times:

Sundays: 9 AM Bible Class;  
10:15 AM Worship

Wednesdays: 6 PM Eats,  
7 PM Peak of the Week and  
Team Kids

Please make sure your cell phones are turned off.

## Family News...

### *Baby Showers*

Ladies, you are invited to a plethora of baby showers coming up:

- Shower and brunch honoring April Bouley and 1st baby girl on Saturday, July 12th, 10:30 AM at the home of Carolyn Simpson, 4034 Ravensway Ct , Pearland. April is registered at Babies R' Us and Target. For any questions or RSVP please contact Kim VanPelt or Amy Mitchell.
- Kami (Hughes) Day and baby girl on Sunday, July 13th, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Southeast Church of Christ. Kami is registered at Babies R' Us and Target. Contact Diana Bradshaw for more information.
- Brittany (Hughes) Schroeder and baby girl on Saturday, July 12, 11:00 AM at the home of Diana Bradshaw, 232 Magnolia Way, League City. Brittany is registered at Babies R' Us and Target. See Diana Bradshaw for more information.

### *Vacation Bible School "Gone Hog Wild"*

Mark your calendar to join us for VBS "Son Harvest: County Fair" on August 3rd - 6th, 2008 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for ages 2 years through 3rd grade. Volunteers are still needed, especially for the festival activities for the last night. Also, we ask that everyone start saving two liter soda bottles to be used for games and crafts.

### *Attention Parents*

Currently, there is an incomplete fence around the playground. We ask that for the safety of your children they do not use the equipment unsupervised.

### *Prayer Breakfast*

Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, July 19th at Good Shepherd Episcopal starting at 7:10 AM. Guest speaker Mayor David Smith will speak on "Prayer for Public Officials." Contact Ed Hoskins to reserve your ticket.

## Peak of the Week

This coming Wednesday night everyone is invited at 6:00 PM to bring their own dinner and have a time of fellowship with one another.

At 7:00 PM Forrest Norman will lead us in worship and a discussion.

The prayer group will also meet in the library.

## FUSION Student Ministries

July 6th-11th, Mpulse at ACU (Jr. High)

July 14th, SYS at Bammel Church of Christ

July 16th, Youth Class

July 17th, TNT 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

July 17th-18th, 30 Hour Famine followed by dinner on Friday, July 18th.

July 19th, Car wash fundraiser

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Beginning August 3rd, Children's Church will be for children ages 2-5 yrs. We are focusing our efforts on the youngest among us, who may find it difficult to "sit" through the entire service.



Also, we are looking for helpers ages 10 yrs and up interested in assisting with Children's Church. We will provide training about the goals and work involved on Sunday, July 20th.

\*Those who attend training will be on the assigned rotation of helpers for Children's Church. More details to come.



## Coffee House Corner

### Notes on a Page

In the movie, *Mr. Holland's Opus*, Mr. Holland is a high school music teacher. In one scene he is speaking with a girl who is ready to give up the clarinet. He tells her, "You know what we've been doing wrong, Miss Lang? We've been playing the notes on the page." Puzzled, the girl asks, "Well, what else is there is to play?" "There's a lot more to music than notes on a page. Playing music is supposed to be fun. It's about heart. It's about feelings and moving people and something beautiful and being alive and it's not about notes on a page. I could teach you notes on a page. I can't teach you that other stuff," Mr. Holland affirms. He takes away her music and tells her to try to play without it. She tries a time or two, each time coming to a point where her clarinet squawks and squeaks. She starts to kick herself for her failure. "What do you like best about yourself?" he asks. With a timid smile she says, "My hair—my dad says it reminds him of a sunset." "Play the sunset," he says. She closes her eyes, and begins to play – really play, not just the notes, but the music. She is so taken aback when she does the hard part flawlessly that her eyes pop open and she stops. Mr. Holland shares her wonder and says, "Don't stop!" And so, on she plays, eyes closed, head beginning to sway with the rhythm of it. We now know that this time—it's fun.

I often think in our Christian lives it feels like we are merely playing notes on a page—going through the motions. This life Jesus is calling us to feels so foreign and unnatural. Hard! We obey Jesus' commands because they are on the page. Yet, we keep on, struggling through, squeaking and squawking our way through life because we know that one day we'll close our eyes and the life we live will flow from who we are. In that moment we'll know, we are disciples of Jesus.

Grace and Peace, Danny