

## 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.

Danny & Heidi Mercer, Bryan & Melissa Watson, 4014 Cartagena, Pearland  
281-993-8341, Sunday at 5:30 PM

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 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 — Missions Ministry team will serve chicken salad sandwiches and brownies at 6:00 PM with proceeds going toward a new freezer for Impact  
—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, family game night coordinated by Leigh Ann Adair

Last Sunday: Attendance:181    Offering: \$11,877.38    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:

Bill Shropshire, was hospitalized earlier this week but is now in rehab.

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.

### Family/Friends:

Carol Adair, (Chad Adair's mother) diagnosed with multiple myeloma.  
Betty Bazy, (Lisa Zeringue's mother) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
Kim Clifton, (former member) her 85 year old father who had hip surgery this week.

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

Lindy Hinebauch, (Carol Berger's niece) her baby boy is now home from the hospital and has regain the weight he had lost and are still monitoring him for possible heart problems.

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 has begun aggressive chemo.

Bob Ross, (Mike Ross' father) at home in fair condition.

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

Marty Shumaker, (Coach at Bay Area Christian) is now in a rehabilitation facility where he is able to sit up.

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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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: Lorena Counterman & Lindsay Kirklin

Next Week: Alice Turpin 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

July 13, 2008

## Worship Service

### God Calls Us Together Into His Holy Presence

Call to Worship	Danny Mercer	
	Let Us Worship	Screen
	We Praise Thee O God	#2
Affirmation		
	Come Share the Lord	#364

### God Speaks To Us Through His Word

## Communion as Storytelling

	Tell Me the Story of Jesus	#387
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### God Shares With Us At His Table

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26		
	Here in this Place	Screen
Communion		
	By Christ Redeemed	#366
Invitation		
	Sweet Hour of Prayer	#827
Shepherd's Prayer		Forrest Norman

### God Sends Us Out Into His Mission

Offering	
Our Common Life	
Benediction	

Please make sure your cell phones are turned off.

## Family News...

### *Baby Shower*

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Kami (Hughes) Day and baby girl Today, 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.

### *Vacation Bible School "Go 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. Registration is available online. 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.

### *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.

### *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.

### *Car Wash*

Do you need to get your car nice and shiny. Well, you're in luck. The youth is having a car wash fundraiser benefiting the 30 Hour Famine foundation and Impact Church. So, not only can you get your car clean, you are helping people too - what a deal! So, tell your neighbors and friends to come to the church building on Saturday the 19th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

### *Thank You*

Give thanks to Bruce and Kay Belk for the construction of the new steps on the auditorium stage.

## Peak of the Week

This coming Wednesday night the Women's Ministry will be serving a delicious baked potato bar and salad with the proceeds going toward the Ladies' Retreat.

At 7:00 PM Mike Ross will present a video and lead us in a discussion.

The youth will have class.

The prayer group will also meet in the library.

## FUSION Student Ministries

July 14th, SYS Meet at the church at 4:45 PM. We'll eat together before heading to Bammel Church of Christ. We should return a little after 10:00 PM. Bring \$ for dinner.

July 16th, Youth Class 7:00 PM

July 17th, TNT 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Bring \$3 for lunch. We will be going out to serve. We will also begin our 30 Hour Famine right after lunch.

July 18th, We will meet together in the afternoon then break our fast at 7:00 PM.

July 19th, 30 Hour Famine car wash 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## 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.



Sunday, July 20th immediately following services, there will be a training session in Rm 2. If you would like to be a helper in Children's Church but are unable to attend the July 20th training please see Carol McDaniel about a make-up session.



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



## Coffee House Corner

In our sermon today, we talked about communion as story telling. This means that every time we gather and receive the body of Jesus, broken for us, and the blood of Jesus that invites us into his new covenant of forgiveness, we are announcing the Gospel. As Paul says, "as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26)." This Gospel announces that a new creation is possible through Christ. The reign of God is here and the Gospel invites all to enter it. The Gospel isn't a static set of propositions that can be transmitted by a flat presentation. The Gospel is an invitation of new life in God's reign through Christ. The church then is the community that invites and witnesses to this Gospel. The church provides an antithesis to culturally conditioned impulses that are in opposition to the way of the Gospel. We are, then, the next chapter in the Gospel story. It is the logical sequel to the Gospel. The church is the place in which the freedom and reconciliation opened by Christ is embodied and taken to the world. When the culture tastes the church, it tastes the reign of God. When it sees us, it is pointed toward the reign of God. That is the role of the church, to represent the reign of God, not to be a place where certain religious things happen. This bread and cup, then, isn't just a mere memorial we observe because God told us to. Rather, it is the first fruits of the Gospel life we live on a daily basis. Go, and be Gospel.

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Grace and Peace, Danny