

## Peak of the Week

This coming Wednesday night we will have a brown bag dinner at 6:00 PM. So, bring some food and enjoy a good conversation with someone you haven't talked to in awhile.

At 7:00 PM we are having a service night to help with the set up and preparation for VBS.

The prayer group will also meet in the library.

## FUSION Student Ministries

July 28th, SYS at First Colony Church of Christ. Meet at church at 5:00 PM, eat dinner, then enjoy worship, an illusionist, and fellowship. We should return around 10:00 PM. Bring money for dinner.

July 30th, Service night for VBS

July 31st, No TNT

August 3rd-6th, VBS

### Welcome to the Family

**Bill & Cindy Hopmann**, 2320 W. Hwy 6, Alvin, TX 77511, 281.331.7462

**Jeff, Jeanelle, Trenton, & Jacob Moser**, 2410 San Augustine, Friendswood, TX 77546, 827.482.1187

**Patrick, Lucy, Emma, & Mika Grenier**, 2512 West Ranch Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546, 281.993.8538

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 27th — VBS workday after service

Wednesday, July 30th — Brown bag dinner at 6:00 PM

—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, VBS service night

Saturday, Aug 2nd — VBS workday starting at 10:00 AM

Sunday, Aug 3rd to Tuesday, Aug 5th — VBS 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, Aug 6th — VBS closing festival 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Monday, Aug 11th to Friday, Aug 15th — Serving Meals on Wheels

Saturday, Aug 16th — Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast 7:10 AM at Calvary Chapel

Saturday, Aug 23rd — New Comers Dinner 6:00 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 210    Offering: \$8,871.94    Budget: \$9,819.00

## 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:

*Jane Gamble*, underwent eye surgery this past Thursday.  
*Bill Shropshire*, is now home, will be going to outpatient therapy 3 times a week.

*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.

Congratulations to the proud parents *Lucy & Patrick Grenier* on the birth of their baby boy Friday, July 25th, weighing 4 lbs 12 oz. Please keep them in your prayers as the baby is 7 weeks early and is now in NICU at Texas Women's Hospital.

Congratulations to the proud grandparents, *Charles & Dian Kirklin*, on the birth of their grandson *Andrew Bradley Kirklin* born Sunday, July 20th 12:45 PM at 7 lbs 13 oz to *Josh & Jessica Kirklin*. Congratulations to *Bruce & Kay Belk* on the marriage of their daughter *Jaime Belk* to *Andy Brantner* on Friday, July 25th.

### 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 Bazzy*, (Lisa Zeringue's mother) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
*Roger Cumba*, (Janet Kirklin's cousin) diagnosed with cancer.  
*C J Dupre*, (Jean Dupree's ex-husband) who is experiencing severe side effects from chemo and radiation therapy.

*Larry Jessup*, (Janet Kirklin's cousin), is in a very deep stage of chemo therapy, please pray for healing and ease of his symptoms.

*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.

*Abbi McDougle* (11 yr old niece of Cindy Walker), is in ICU at Texas Children's with heart failure and severe lung problems and are weaning her off of medication to send her home for hospice care.

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

*Marty Shumaker*, (Coach at Bay Area Christian) you can stay updated on his progress at <http://www.bacschool.org/schu/schu.htm>.

*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	
	<i>Glorify the Lord with Me</i>	#440
	<i>We Will Glorify</i>	#578
	<i>Let there be Glory and Honor and Praises</i>	#265
	<i>Majesty</i>	#266
	<i>Doxology</i>	#66
Confession		
	<i>People of God</i>	(Screen)

### God Speaks To Us Through His Word

## Breakfast on the Beach

### God Shares With Us At His Table

	<i>Come Share the Lord</i>	#364
	<i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	#431
Communion		
	<i>People of God</i>	(Screen)
	Shepherd's Prayer	Forrest Norman

### God Sends Us Out Into His Mission

	<i>That's Why We Praise Him</i>	(Screen)
Offering		
Our Common Life		
Benediction		

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: Chris Kirklin & Lindsay Kirklin

Next Week: Debbi and Chloe Kovitz

**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...

## 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.
- VBS is in need of several donations that you may have in your closet or garage for our skits and games. The clothing can be old, torn, or large. We will be using it on the scarecrow and in a relay type race. Please write your name in the clothing so we can return it to you. A box has been placed in the work room to deposit the items. Thank you.
- 4 plastic berry baskets, 1 bushel basket, 3 funny hats, 3 flannel shirts, 3 old belts, 1 wooden crate or small table, 1 chicken puppet, 1 yellow rain slicker, 1 rain hat, 1 rubber chicken, 1 hand bell, and 1 tiara
- Also, the VBS committee is needing help for several work dates planned to set up. Today, July 27th after service, Wednesday, July 30th for Peak of the Week, and Saturday, Aug 2nd starting at 10:00 AM. They could use all the help they can get. See you there.

### Help Move

Moving Help Needed - The Hollingsworths are moving into their new house on Saturday, August 9th, starting at 9:00 AM. If you are available please mark your calendar to help. Trucks are also a big help!

### Prayer Breakfast

Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, August 16th at Calvary Chapel starting at 7:10 AM. Guest speaker Hermann Munster and Kim Constantine will speak on "Community Bible Studies." Contact Ed Hoskins to reserve your ticket.

### Pictorial Directories are Here!

Pictorial directories are available to be picked up on the table in the foyer. One per family please.

### Recliner

The Mathis family is in need of a used (vinyl) recliner for Jason Mathis. This is where he spends most of his days and nights. Please see Hazel Jagen to make arrangements to have it picked up.

### 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.



## Coffee House Corner

Throughout the years of church history communion has become a central place of church authority. As a means of God's favor, communion quickly became a possession of the church doled out by ordained church leaders. This kind of hierachicalism is evidenced in our oft-used language of "administering" the Lord's Supper or "officiating over" the Lord's Table. In January of 1830, just two weeks after the two groups of Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell united to form what we now call our own tradition, The Restoration Movement, or, the Stone/Campbell Movement, the group split over whether or not the church could have the Lord's Supper without an ordained elder present. Stone said, "no," as was custom in the Presbyterian Church he came out of, and Campbell said, "yes." Thankfully, the two groups eventually worked it out and came back together. Eventually, one thing our tradition was able to bring Christianity was the idea of the priesthood of all believers, meaning, all Christians are called to serve God in ways they are personally gifted. This opened up the idea that Jesus is the host of the table and we are servant-guests. When we re-conceive communion as table rather than altar, the need for ordained clerics and priests dissipates as we all humbly come to the Lord's table as guests. An altar, by necessity, needs a priest, but a table only needs a host. Jesus is our host as we come to the table as servants not clerics. Who passes the food is of little importance.

Unfortunately, we have not completely restored the idea of serving at the table. Though we don't demand ordained ministers, we do require them to be male. Irrespective of where we fall on the issue of male oversight of the church, the table is not a place of authority. When we exclude women from serving at the table, we are not excluding them from authority, but service. At any other table, women are not only found serving, but, also, often expected to serve. Why would the very table where Jesus served his disciples and taught them that they would be blessed if they followed his example have gender exclusions? Church history has turned the most humble act of serving bread and drink to another into a hierarchical, authoritative leadership role. This is a stark contrast to Jesus' model of service in the upper room when he took off his outer garment and wrapped a towel around his waist and washed his disciples feet—all the while, the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest (John 13, Luke 22:24).



In January 2004, the elders presented a document titled, *Biblical Principles of Leadership and Ministry at the Church of Christ in Friendswood*. One of the conclusions to that study was the affirmation that the role of a Deacon was open to spiritual men and women. Women have, for many years, served in ministry leadership roles in this church. The opportunity for women to serve communion is a natural outgrowth of the value of men's and women's service this church has held for years. When we serve each other at the table of the Lord, we are following our Lord's example and claiming the blessing of service he promised to those who "do these things (John 13:17)." Grace and Peace, Danny

## August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Cathy Price B/D Bill Shropshire B/D
3 Maria Lopez B/D David Smith B/D	4 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>		6	7 <b>Youth TNT</b>	8 Christopher Hoskins B/D	9
10	11 <b>Meals on Wheels</b> <b>Youth @ SYS</b> Mike Lawley B/D	12 <b>Meals on Wheels</b>	13 <b>Meals on Wheels</b> Andrew Thomas B/D	14 <b>Meals on Wheels</b> <b>Youth TNT</b> Carl Dillon B/D Anthony Duron B/D	15 <b>Meals on Wheels</b> Jamie Reeder B/D	16 <b>Prayer Breakfast @ Calvary Chapel</b> Betty Watson B/D
17 Ed Hoskins B/D Stephen Fulgham B/D	18 <b>Youth @ SYS</b> Eric Sacramento B/D	19 Melissa Watson B/D Grant Gonzales B/D	20	21	22 <b>Youth Back to School Party</b>	23 <b>New Comers Dinner</b> Kyle McGinn B/D
24	25 Albert McCullum B/D	26 Debbie Brown B/D	27 Christopher Berger B/D	28 Terry Fowler B/D Meghan Hollingsworth B/D Tyler Mitchell B/D Lorena Main B/D	29	30 <b>Youth Family Devo</b> Shirle Smith B/D
31 <b>Ice Cream Social</b>						