

# the Lamp



..as a light shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 1:19

## In This Issue



### Website of the Month

A recommended website that will enrich your Christian walk.



### Ministry Focus

Need some summertime activities? Be sure to read Mickey's article on page 2.



### Calendar of Events

A calendar highlights special dates along with listings of special events and birthdays for the month of May.

### Ministers

Mike McAlister, Pulpit  
Mike Ross, Pastoral Care  
Justin Bruner, Youth & Family

### Assembly Schedule

#### Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.  
Worship 10:15 A.M.  
Care Groups 6:00 P.M.

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

#### Thursday

Ladies Class 10:00 A.M.

## "I want to know Christ...."



MIKE MCALISTER

What powerful words! What an inspiring declaration! What a wonderful and stirring song we sing from time to time! To know Jesus, the Christ – Him Who is perfect love.

But do we have any idea what such knowledge would mean for us? . . . or what sort of journey such knowledge would take us on? . . . or what kind of transformation it would require of us?

Paul made this great declaration in his letter to the church at Philippi. And already he was coming to know the implications of such knowledge. Confronted (and temporarily blinded) by Jesus on his journey to Damascus some twenty years before, Paul's life was anything but what he had imagined it to be. Once a militant enemy of anyone pledging allegiance to Jesus, Paul now sits in a Roman dungeon because he has publicly declared his faith in Jesus before the very people he had formally served. He has been stoned, beaten, and accused of teaching heresy – all because He has met and now serves the person he once thought a fraud.

But having met Jesus, none of this now matters to Paul. All he yearns for is to know more of this Son of GOD. *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."* (3:10 – 11)

Somewhere deep inside, something within our hearts yearns for such a faith as this . . . for such a passion as this . . . for such a purpose and focus as this. Somehow we know that we are made to know this One Who fought His way to the cross on our behalf and Who died to enable us to dwell in the presence of a holy GOD. Somehow we know that we are designed to live with such freedom and with such service for His great Kingdom.

The journey to know this Christ always leads through a cross – through the death of our own self-obsession – and into the resurrection of life on a higher plane. And looking back, there is nothing to cause us to want anything less. *"I want to know Christ."*

mike mcalister

# Summertime Plans?

We've Got Them!

## Elementary Camp

(finished 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**June 5 – 8**

*“Discovering God's Treasures”*

at the **new...**

### **Camp Mohawk!**

(Alvin, Texas)

This is a wonderful chance for kids to learn about God and develop friendships. This year's theme finds God's treasures...

Located about 25 minutes from our Church building, Camp Mohawk has had an extreme makeover! There are new roads, 9 miles of walking trails, and new (air conditioned) dorms with eating facilities (the old buildings have been bulldozed!).

Your kids will enjoy the Bible study, Games, Crafts, Swimming, Scavenger Hunts, and lots more! And you'll come home with a commemorative camp shirt!

The cost is \$85.00 for campers (\$80 if paid before May 15<sup>th</sup>), \$50.00 if you are a counselor (Jr. High & Sr. High).

See Debbie Kovitz (1-281/581-2658) or Carol McDaniel (281/489-1905) for more details.



MICKEY MCDANIEL

**Camp Help:** We still need some volunteer cooks, crafty people, and Bible teachers. And, if you can help sponsor a camper, there is a need! Please see Leigh Ann Adair about donations for campers. We don't want to turn anyone away due to \$\$.

## *SonTreasure Island VBS*

**July 16 – 19**

(3yr. olds – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

VBS takes on a rich Sonlover's theme this year as we transform our Church into a beautiful Caribbean Island with turquoise water, warm white sand, and cool breezes at Son Treasure Island VBS! More precious than gold, and more lasting than diamonds, it's the Greatest treasure of all—God's Love!

VBS is every night Sunday – Wednesday. Bring a friend! Come have some fun!

### **Reach Out Reach UP!**

**July 16 – 19**

**To know Christ** and to share Him with friends & neighbors sometimes isn't easy! Sometimes action speaks louder than words.

Here's a new chance to make a difference, include others, and to share JESUS with others.

**Reach Out/Reach UP** is a series of planned church-wide activities for all ages.

**By Day:** Working with Habitat for Humanity, we will work each day on building a new residence for a qualified Alvin resident. This is a good chance to use your building skills (and a little elbow grease) to make a difference in someone's life. (See Justin Bruner or Jeff Kovitz for more details.)

**By Night:** We have an exciting lineup of speakers and activities.

Kids – Age 3 thru finished 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will enjoy the activities.

Jr. Hi – Adults: Bring family & Friends to enjoy this lineup of activities...

**July 16:** Special Evening Worship service (Charlie Middlebrook, Impact Church of Christ)

**July 17:** Jared Hall (Christian illusionist)

**July 18:** Cleto Rodriguez (Christian Stand-up Comedian)

**July 19:** AD Players (Christian Drama Group) "The Elevator"

[Trapped in an elevator for the weekend and wondering what to do? This hilarious comedy examines four people, their relationships, life choices, and need for rescue in a comic romp that is also a gentle allegory for Christ's sacrificial rescue of humanity.]

Please be prayerful about who you can invite for this week, and how you can contribute to make this a success!

# MAY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT	5	6 10:00 A.M. GRADUATING SENIORS BRUNCH @ DUDA FULGHAM'S HOME 2 - 4 P.M. KAREN (SMITH) FLETCHER BABY SHOWER
BLOOD DRIVE 7 FUSION TEEN AUCTION (AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE) 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. FUSION MOSAIC COFFEE HOUSE	8	9	10	11	12	13
5:30 - 7:30 P.M. FUSION MOSAIC COFFEE HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY	15	16	17	18 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT 7 - 8 P.M. FCS KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION	19	20 7:30 - 9:00 A.M. FW COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST @ FW COMMUNITY CHURCH
12 P.M. 21 FUSION FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON SERVE IMPACT MEAL	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

“THANKS for the WONDERFUL Birthday Party! The fellowship and food were great. Your cards, prayers and love are what make all of you so special! I want to say a special thanks to all of those who had a hand in arranging, preparing all the food, cake, etc., and setting it all up.  
In Christian Love,  
Ted Debner



- 3 - Bob Young
- 4 - Saba Khonsari
- 5 - Omavi Bailey
- 8 - Lindsay Watson, Shawn Konvicka
- 14 - Buna Vowell
- 20 - Dick Scott
- 21 - Huberta Mora
- 22 - Shelby Watson
- 23 - Ann Cravens
- 24 - Elsie Hendrickson
- 26 - Tara Romero
- 29 - Rick Foulk, Sutton Gonzalez
- 31 - Cindy Walker, Jordan Fowler

## Announcements

**National Day of Prayer** — Theme: “America, Honor God” • Date: Thursday, May 4th, 2006 • Place: Stevenson Park Pavilion (Behind FWD City Hall) • Time: Noon to 1 p.m. • Local Pastors, Lay People, and Youth will lead us in Prayer and Music. • Come and join us in Prayer and Song for our City and for America.

**Duda Fulgham** will be hosting a SENIOR BRUNCH at her home, Saturday, May 6th at 10 a.m. for the graduating High school Seniors.

**Blood Drive** – May 7th at 9 a.m. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the workroom. Don't forget your picture I.D. when you donate blood. See Jim Smotherman for more details.

**Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast** – Saturday, May 20th at 7:10 a.m. Location: Friendswood Community Church. Program: Honoring Academic Excellence. Speaker: Young Life. Cost: \$5 - Reserve your spot by contacting Ed Hoskins.

**FUSION Student Ministries and Community Focus Week need your help... Teen Auction**, Sunday, May 7th, 2006. Come immediately following worship and bid on 4 hours of service from our teens. All proceeds benefit Community Focus Week in July.

**Elementary Camp** – It's time to mark your calendars again for Summer Elementary Camp. Camp will be held June 5th-8th at Camp Mohawk (yeah!) in Alvin. Informational flyers are at the greeters booth.

**There will be a baby shower** on Saturday, May 6th from 2-4 p.m. for former member, Karen (Fletcher) Smith & her baby girl (due in June). Place: home of Katie (Smith) Little (3903 Spring Meadow, Pearland). For more info contact Donna Simpson or Melissa Vowell.

**Volunteers are needed** to help care for the children of parents participating in the Financial Peace University series. Please contact Anna or Adrian Duron at 281-996-0223 if you are able to assist on any of the following days and times: May 7th, 21st, 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. • June 4th, 11th, 25th from 5 to 7 p.m. • June 14th, 21st from 6 to 7 p.m. (Wednesday night)

Communion Preparers

Linda Harris and Betty Dillon

Greeters

Bruce and Carol Berger

Contribution Counters

Berger Family

*The Church of Christ in Friendswood*

*Our life is to Know Christ and Him crucified  
and the power of His resurrection*

*We fulfill God's purposes through the joy of...*

- Reaching spiritual maturity in Christ*
- Keeping the unity of Christ*
- Serving others for Christ and*
- Discipling to Christ*



[www.str.org](http://www.str.org) is the homepage for *Stand to Reason Ministries*. Their stated mission is threefold – Stand to Reason equips Christian ambassadors with knowledge, wisdom, and character. An effective ambassador has three essential skills: **Knowledge** - an accurate grasp of the foundational precepts of the Kingdom • **Wisdom** - skillful, tactical, fair, and diplomatic use of knowledge • **Character** - a mature expression of virtue, warmth, and personal depth. Lots of articles and resources on a variety of topics that impact the Christian today. Highly recommended!



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