

the Lamp



...as a light shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 1:19

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Website of the Month

Let's do a recap of the websites we have highlighted so far.



Ministry Focus

Be sure to read David's article on page 2 about some of our ongoing ministries.



Calendar of Events

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

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.

Friday

Ladies Bible Study
Contact Charmayne

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

It's All In the Name



TOM KIRKLIN

God bless April Bouley, Amanda Gonzales, Lindsay Kirklin, Maria Lopez, Courtney McGinn, Juanita Thomas and Kim VanPelt with safe deliveries of healthy babies. In addition to the wonder of having a baby, one of the happy responsibilities these ladies will enjoy will be choosing a name for their baby. Of course, because names can have an impact on a person's life, it has to be just the right name for that new member of the family. When choosing a name, some consider the meaning of that name, and some consider how it rolls off the tongue, and some want a unique name. There was a young man at a high school in west Houston, who, because he was named Moses, wore a small Bible around his neck. It was not clear that his parents envisioned this kind of response to their son's name, but that name did have an impact on him.

God changed Abram's name to Abraham which means "Father of Many." Abraham was old and had no children at the time, and it was not clear how this would be possible. In Judges 6, Gideon described himself to God as being the least in his family, and his tribe the least of Israel. God called Gideon "Mighty Warrior." It was not clear to Gideon how the enemy would be vanquished. In both cases God's pronouncement of the name was the beginning of the transition process that elevated them to a life of service to God. It was not because these men were able, but because God is able.

All these young women will be called "mother," and will rise to the great responsibility they have to their children because of their trust in the power of God who called them. The people of Friendswood Church of Christ will rise to the great potential of service in the Kingdom because of the power of God who calls them. God writes our names in the Book of Life, not because we are special, but because Jesus died for our sins. As we realize the great price that was paid, we write God's word in our heart which gives the confidence needed to follow His will.

“And Who is my Neighbor?”

In Luke 10, Jesus spoke with a young lawyer who wanted to know what he should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus had him answer his own question by stating what was in the law, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” But the man persisted by asking Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, ³⁴ and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”

³⁷ He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Who are our neighbors today? For many years our Church has been supporting and working with the Impact Houston Church of Christ, Houston’s inner city ministry that is committed to loving our neighbors by helping hungry, homeless, hurting people every day.

The man in Jesus’ story needed help in many ways. First, he was hurt, injured by the robbers who had assaulted him. He needed physical care for his injuries and the Samaritan personally treated his wounds. At Impact, not all of the wounds they treat are physical. Some are spiritual, some emotional, and some educational. Starting in July Impact is having a 4 week VBS. Many of the children attending VBS at Impact are below grade level in reading – once they fall behind, catching up can be insurmountable. As an extension of VBS, Impact has added a “Reading & Literacy” component on Mondays thru Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. They need teachers for the “Reading & Literacy” Program and will provide the curriculum and materials needed. You can sign up for a 2 weeks session or for the full 4 weeks.

In Jesus’ story, the Samaritan also tended to the man’s needs for shelter and food by taking him to the inn. Impact has developed a distribution center to use donations of money, food, and clothing from area churches of Christ as well as from various supermarkets to fill around 10,000 requests for food, and distribute nearly a quarter of a million dollars worth of food, and nearly the same amount in clothing to our needy neighbors. In addition, each Sunday churches in the area sponsor fellowship meals for several hundred neighbors at Impact. The Church of Christ at Friendswood sponsors these meals several times each year. You can help by donating clothes and food at our church or at Impact, by donating money to help with this ministry, and by volunteering to help at Impact and on the Sunday’s when we serve the fellowship meal.

Finally, the Samaritan left money with the innkeeper to insure that the injured man continued to receive care. At Impact’s VBS summer program, the children are picked up Monday through Thursdays and brought to the church where they sing songs, learn bible lessons, practice reading, go on field trips and experience God’s love through interaction with Christian college interns and visiting high school youth groups. The



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT	14	15 7:30 - 9:00 A.M. COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST @ HERITAGE PARK BAPTIST
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Vacation Bible School</i> ← → <i>Reach Up Reach Out</i> ← →						
23	24	25	26	27 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT	28	29
30	31					



- 2 - Janna Romero
- 3 - Justin Warren, Peggy McCullum
- 5 - Kay Belk
- 8 - Linda O'Brien
- 9 - Jeff Thomas
- 15 - Connor Thomas
- 16 - Dick Bockart, Kirk McDaniel, Ken Koester
- 17 - Lindsay Harrell
- 18 - Diana Bradshaw
- 20 - Beverly Thomas
- 21 - Janet McGinn, John Thomas, Margie Burns, Alex Van Pelt
- 22 - Donna Simpson
- 23 - Terri Hollingsworth
- 26 - Jodi Byerly, Natalie Hoskins
- 27 - Bruce Williams, Vernelle Hoskins, Drue Talley
- 28 - Dian Kirklin
- 29 - Gayle Norman
- 30 - Ron Cox, Cara Hoskins
- 31 - Jordan Moffitt, Leah Blackburn

📢 Announcements 📢

A full time Nursery attendant is needed now. Please contact Dian Kirklin if you are interested in the position. We express our heartfelt *thanks* to Lori Jackson for the great job she did in our nursery. We also extend our encouragement to her on her new journey.

New Sunday Morning Class for Adults in the book of Galatians – Paul's declaration of and defense of the one true gospel. This class is being taught by Rick Foulk and Bill Keenen in the conference room.



Vacation Bible School

Theme: Son Treasure Island

Discovering God's Love

Date: July 16th – 19th

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Ages: 3 yrs. – 3rd grade

Sign up at the table in the foyer.



Reach Up, Reach Out: July 16-21, 2006

Reach Up, Reach Out will be a week filled with opportunities to reach out to our local community through: acts of service (building with Habitat for Humanity), times of fellowship (evening Family Entertainment with a Christian Speaker, Illusionist, Comedian and Drama) and Vacation Bible School. Reach Up, Reach Out needs the whole Church's support and participation to happen. Sign up in the lobby.

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children are blessed with a summer of both spiritual and intellectual growth.

As God continues to bring more and more children to Impact, they continually need more loving supporters to sponsor a child for the summer. In addition, the Impact middle school group is making a mission trip of their own to New Orleans to work with the Carrolton Avenue Church of Christ and the Impact high school group is headed to Tulsa to put on a VBS for an inner city church there. You can sponsor a child for the summer for \$150. Be sure to mark "Impact summer funds" on your check.

How will we prove neighbors to those in our community who need our help? To volunteer and to learn more about the ministry at Impact, call Patrick Lemmons at 713-864-5667 (work) or 281-221-7082 (cell), or send him an email at plemmons@impacthouston.org.



Let's do a recap of the websites that have been highlighted in the Lamp so far this year. I've tried to mix in some variety of topics and approaches, but I will admit to a bias towards apologetics and Bible study overall. However, all of these websites have an abundance of materials available that can aid you in your Christian walk. So without any further adieu, here's the list ... check them out if you missed them the first go around.

daveramsey.com – *Dave Ramsey's* excellent financial ministry to help you get out of debt

rzim.org – *Ravi Zacharias* ministries. Excellent, inspiring, challenging.

ligonier.org – the home of *Renewing Your Mind* with R.C. Sproul

ccel.org – the *Christian Classics Ethereal Library*. Classic Christian books in electronic format, selected for your edification.

str.org – *Stand to Reason* equips Christian ambassadors with knowledge, wisdom, and character

bible.org – an excellent website with online or home study programs.



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