

the Lamp



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

2 Peter 1:19

In This Issue



Website of the Month

A new website selected for your browsing pleasure.



Ministry Focus

Jerry Scott gives us some insights on how finances impact us individually and corporately.



Calendar of Events

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

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.

A Journey Worth Taking!



MIKE MCALISTER

KNOWING JESUS IS A JOURNEY – a journey that GOD invites us to take in order that we might know Him, for Jesus has revealed the Father. The journey begins wherever you are today. Then it winds its way through the circumstances and events of your everyday life, teaching you things about GOD, about people, about life, and about yourself that you cannot know any other way.

Understandably, many people choose not to take the journey because it is easier – and less confronting – to relegate a holy GOD to “just so much information in a book” instead of undergoing the transformation of living in His presence.

However, for those who choose to commit to the journey, the joy they experience from knowing Jesus far outweighs any discomfort they experience along the way.

And what an ending! It culminates in a relationship where you are united in desire, in thought, in motive, and in action with Jesus Christ – where your life brings pleasure to GOD and it brings purpose for you every day.

Our elders want you to take this journey with them. They are preparing a special study of John’s gospel for all adults which will begin on Sunday, September 10. The road map is ancient. The experience is awesome. The results can satisfy your deepest thirst and give you life like you never imagined it.

Let’s take a trip!

mike mcalister

John 1 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. . .

¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. . .

¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known. NIV

Shaping Our Hearts



JERRY SCOTT

Recently David Veatch shared some wonderful thoughts with us during our communion time. One thought that he put forth was not necessarily a new one for me, but it really resonated with me as he presented it. He reminded us that God created the heavens and the earth, including all of the blessings we enjoy. God doesn't need our money or contributions. What He does desire is our hearts. By returning a portion of what He has blessed us with we are being obedient and through that obedience He shapes our hearts. When we give without a selfish motive, He blesses us. Our contributions are to God, not to an organization in Friendswood. God has entrusted us with the stewardship and responsibility for these blessings. I encourage you to be in prayer as to your family's commitment to your response to Him.

If you haven't already, you will be soon receiving a quarterly statement for the first two quarters of this year listing your contributions. Please be assured that your personal contribution information is held in the strictest of confidence. This statement is intended to be used as a planning tool and we hope it is useful to you.

As of July 9, 2006, we are \$ 4,814.71 behind our spending plan for the year. This represents approximately 1.7% of the total amount. Thank you for your support of the works here at Friendswood.

Please pray for the Elders of this congregation that they may lead in a spiritual manner that honors God. Please pray for the Ministry staff and office staff that their efforts may be effective in the lives they touch daily. Also please pray that the Deacons will serve and manage funds in a manner pleasing to God and a manner that brings glory to Him.

May everything we do as individual servants of God, and collectively as His people bring glory to His name.

Jerry

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Recent Address Changes / Additions

Bill & Robin Keenan
1068 Heathrow Dr.
Frisco, TX 75034

Carol Jones
902 Haney St.
El Dorado, AR 71730

Joe & Dawn Uceda
3424 Walden Creek Ln.
Pearland, TX 77581

Chad & Leigh Ann Adair
304 Falcon Lake Dr.
Friendswood, TX 77546

Shaun & Becky Feezel
3026 Ripple Bend Ct.
Pearland, TX 77581
281.485.5339

Will & Heidi Meurer
3212 Dunlavy #5
Houston, TX 77006
713.942.7112

Bob & Connie Young
1710 Garden Ivy Ln.
Pearland, TX 77581
281.816.4095

Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, August 27th
@ 6 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

What to Bring: Your favorite ice cream.

August 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00P.M. FW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION	9	10 FW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT	11	12
13 2 - 4 P.M. BABY SHOWER HONORING AMANDA GONZALES & BABY BOY	14	15	16	17	18	19 7:10 - 8:40 A.M. COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST @ FRIENDS CHURCH
20	21	22	23	24 7 P.M. QUILTING NIGHT	25	26 NEW MOMS SPA DAY
27	28	29	30	31		

← *Meals on Wheels* →

2 - Cathy Price, Bill Shropshire
3 - David Smith
4 - Tom Kirklin
5 - Floyd Linn
8 - Christopher Hoskins, Gary Taliaferro
9 - Cindy Romero, Seth Davis
13 - Andrew Thomas

14 - Carl Dillon, Joshua McAlister, Anthony Duron
15 - Brandon Hanson, Jamie Reeder
16 - Betty Watson
17 - Ed Hoskins, Stephen Fulgham
18 - Eric Sacramento, Luke Wooley
19 - Melissa Watson
21 - Avery Hanson

23 - Kyle McGinn
25 - Albert McCullum, Lori Jackson
27 - Steven Taliaferro, Christopher Berger
28 - Terry Fowler, Tyler Mitchell, Lorena Main
30 - Shirle Smith
31 - Kelly Ann Walker



📢 *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.

Ladies, please join us for a *baby shower* on Sunday, August 13th, from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Amanda Gonzales & baby boy. Amanda is registered at Babies-r-Us and Target. Contact Betty Dillon, Lindsay Harrell, Chris Kirklin, Courtney McGinn or Linda O'Brien for more info.

Thank You! It was such a blessing to receive the cards, phone calls, and meals during my recovery. Having surgery is never easy, but through your prayers and encouragement I am feeling better each and every day! *God Bless, Mendy Davis & Family*

To My Church Family, Thank you so much for the wonderful birthday party on Sunday, July 23rd. I was very surprised, shocked and elated by the outpouring of love from everyone. May all of you receive immense blessings from heaven. Again, thank you. Your sister in Christ, *Terri Hollingsworth*

Dearest Church Family, Thank you so much for the kind words and many promises of prayer as we begin our new adventures in Salado. Your encouragement and support is very important to us. The music box is lovely and will always be a reminder that we have a home with you. Thank you for such a thoughtful reminder of the time we have spent with you. We want to encourage the community of believers at this church to press each other to become known as a fellowship of encouragers. If everyone wrote just 1 or 2 cards each week, the ministry to those in need would grow by leaps and bounds! It only takes a moment to jot a quick note on a card. Again, we thank you for the gift, the blessings, and the prayers. Know we will continue to pray for you. Love in Christ, *David & Leah Blackburn*

Communion Preparers
Shaun & Becky Feezel

Contribution Counters
Esther Scott & Jerry Scott

The Vision Statement set out by the elders for our congregation about two years ago in part encourages us to "...know Christ." Your elders have prayed about this Vision Statement, and have been led to the Gospel of John.

The Apostle John wrote a great gospel that very specifically teaches us about Jesus the Christ. What better way to begin to "know Christ" than to study this powerful book?

For the quarter beginning September 10 all adult Sunday morning Bible classes will join in the study of the Gospel of John. The same lesson each week will be led by Ron Cox, Charles Kirklin, Tom Kirklin, and Forest Norman. Scott Jackson will also teach if he is back from his work in Venezuela.

Please join one of these classes to experience "knowing Christ."

Tom Kirklin, Scott Jackson and Ron Cox



www.rbc.com is the web address for RBC Ministries, and it looks like a great site. They have a number of resources, with an emphasis on daily Bible and devotional time. The website also has links to their ministry entitled "Our Daily Bread" where one can read a daily devotional or download an audio file to listen to later. Fans of Oswald Chambers' "My Utmost for His Highest" will be happy to find it featured as well. Give it a look, I think you'll find it worthwhile.



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