

# the Lamp



..as a light shining in a dark place. 2 Peter 1:19

## In This Issue



### Book of the Month

We all need some good reading that will enhance our walk, right?



### Ministry Highlights

Ministries to the Body are the focus of this month.



### Calendar of Events

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

## MINISTERS

MIKE ROSS, PASTORAL CARE  
JUSTIN BRUNER, YOUTH & FAMILY

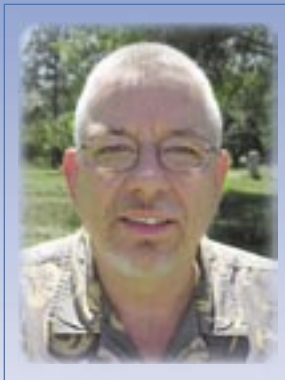
## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY  
BIBLE CLASSES 9:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.  
CARE GROUPS 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY  
BIBLE CLASSES 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY  
LADIES CLASS 10:00 A.M.

## We Have Just What We Need



Tom Kirklin

In John 8: 10, Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”<sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

For the woman caught “in the very act,” Jesus’ “verdict” must have brought relief and joy but His “sentence” must have been daunting. She must have wondered how she could ever leave her “life of sin.” We, as Christians, are called to peace. We are called to be free. We are called to be holy. We are called to be saints. We are called to live a life worthy of the calling.

For us, these directives can also be joyous and daunting. Like the Israelites heading into the Promise Land, we may balk, thinking we don’t have what we need to accomplish God’s will for us. But, we do have what we need to accomplish God’s will in our lives. The Creation speaks to the power and majesty of a God that can provide the wisdom to make all that we can see, feel and touch come into existence. Most importantly, God created us in His image and He loves us so much that He provides us with a path to a relationship with Him, through His son Jesus Christ. We have what we need to take the next step that God sets before us.

The apostle Paul encourages us with these words: Eph 4:3-8 *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.”*

### God makes provisions so that:

**We have what we need to encourage each other to love and good works in this church body.**

**We have what we need to build up our spouses, to strengthen our marriages.**

**We have what we need to parent our children. We can protect them, discipline them, give them values, educate them, be an example for them.**

Spend time every day thanking God for providing us with the grace and the gifts we need to serve and worship Him.

# Ministry Spotlight



Chad Adair

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

I'm sure that everyone has been thinking and praying about the current transition that our Church body is experiencing. By now, everyone should have been a part of one of the Next Chapter meetings chaired by a member of the Transition Team. The meeting that we attended was excellent, lots of feedback and many ideas were expressed. I want to thank everyone who is part of the Transition team for their hard work and thoughtful preparation.

Reflecting on change and transition brings to mind the situation that the early Church faced around the years when our Lord Jesus walked the earth and the years shortly thereafter. The Jews had a long history of forming traditions and an intricate hierarchy of power and laws. It was extremely difficult for many Jews to acknowledge or even recognize God's plan as it was manifesting before their very eyes. A more modern phrase depicting the events of their day might be "They couldn't see the forest for the trees". God's perfect plan remains and allows us the freedom to think for ourselves, to form our own opinions, beliefs, relationships and priorities. At times, it is easy to lose focus of our foundation, of what's most important.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul wrote: "7: *Don't waste time arguing over foolish ideas and silly myths and legends. Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit. Bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important and is a tonic for all you do....* 14: *Be sure to use the abilities God has given you through his prophets when the elders of the church laid their hands upon your head. Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone may notice your improvement and progress. Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others.*"

All of us as Christians are called to seek God's will and direction, not only for ourselves, but for our families and the church body that we support. We all have different gifts and talents; God calls us to put these abilities to work, for his Glory. We are now already one month into 2007, with the beginning of each new year comes a time of reflection and setting goals and resolutions for the new year. In this year of transition, let us all be mindful of what Paul wrote to Timothy, I'll take the liberty to break it down like this:

1. Don't waste time with unimportant things
2. Pray for wisdom and discernment to know the difference
3. Balance those things that are good and worthy, with those that are building spiritual maturity.
4. Seek to better use the talents and gifts God has given us for His purpose and Glory
5. Stay true to God with what you do and think, He will open doors and use you to help others.

God Bless you All

Chad Adair

Deacon – Ministries to the Body

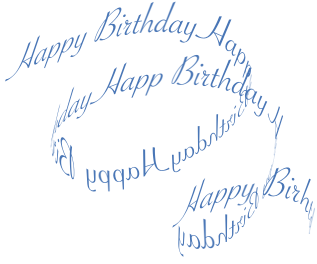
Ministries to the Body

Start making it part of your routine to check the new church website for upcoming events and up to date church announcements. Check it now at [www.fwdcofc.org](http://www.fwdcofc.org).



# FEBRUARY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>MEALS · ON · WHEELS</b>	2	3 SENIOR VALENTINE LUNCHEON
4 12:00 PM SERVE IMPACT MEAL	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 11:45 AM 3RD ANNUAL BAKE SALE 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fusions 316 @ WS 7:30 PM HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17 7:10 AM FWD COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST @ CALVARY CHAPEL
18 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Fusions 316 @ FWD C OF C 7:30 PM HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY	19 OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY	20 6:00 PM LADIES MINISTRY FAIR & SALAD SUPPER	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



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| 5 - Chuck Smith                                 | 14 - Jane Gamble   |
| 7 - Sandy Jackson                               | 15 - Kim Clifton, Scott Jackson                              |
| 8 - Nancy Thomas, Terry Price,<br>Delores Smith | 16 - Kelly Debner  |
| 9 - Griselda Sacramento                         | 22 - Betty Dillon, Jeannie Womack                            |
| 13 - Duda Fulgham                               | 28 - Claire Hollenbeck, Raquel Uceda,<br>John Kirklin (2/29) |

## \* Announcements \*

*Dear Church Family ...* Thank you for all the wonderful prayers that were offered up for me. God had mercy on me. Thank you for your concern for me and hospital visits, emails, phone calls, cards and delicious meals. I am so thankful for my church family.

Love in Christ, *Charlene Fulgham*

*To my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ ...* Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards and calls during my recent hospital stay.

*Terri Hollingsworth*

*3rd Annual Bake Sale* on February 11th to benefit *Supplied to Survive*. AA Battery Drive now through March 31st. STS will ship batteries to our troupes in Iraq to use in night vision goggles, communication equipment and personal devices. Donation box is located in the church foyer.

*FWD Community Prayer Breakfast ...* February 17th @ Calvary Chapel at 7:10 am. Reserve your breakfast by contacting Ed Hoskins.

*Ladies Salad Supper/Ministry Fair ...* February 20th @ 6:30 pm

*Please welcome back returning members* Bob & Laura Baulch – 15902 Highway 3, #1614 – Webster, TX 77598 – 832-474-6574



*Communion Preparers*  
The Gambles

*Contribution Counters*  
Jerry Scott & Weldon Womack

## Congratulations

TO

**Megan & James McCullum**

on the birth of their daughter

**MARGARET ELIZABETH**

January 25th, 6 lbs. 9 oz., 21 inches

OR

**Juanita & Andrew Thomas**

on the birth of their son

**John Bernard**

January 29th, 8 lbs. 10 oz., 20 1/2 inches

Dear Church Family,

Paul and I now consider ourselves Country Folk. We have completed the move to our new home and enjoy everything about the area. We purchased the land and home from Randal and Beth Townsend (two awesome people who worshipped in Friendswood many years ago). Our relationship has grown into one of extended family. Our move in and their move out was a smooth transition. There are a lot of adjustments to make living in the country, but they will all be worth it. Thank you so much for all the cards and phone calls. It will be difficult to find a church home like the one we had in Friendswood, but that's not a problem for the Lord. He knows where we will worship. We will always treasure our time in Friendswood and the gift of the beautiful unique music box that plays "How Great Thou Art." That's one of our favorite songs. Please stop in if you are making a trip to San Antonio or Austin. We are just ten miles off I-10.

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God Bless You

Paul and Sandy Wells

### *Book of the Month • Book of the Month • Book of the Month*

“What if you could sit down with twenty-two of today’s most influential Christian leaders and ask them what books, other than the Bible, most shaped their faith? What if you could hear them talk about the wisdom that continues to form their thinking and stirs their passion for God?” This is the opening question on the inner book jacket of Indelible Ink, a unique collection of essays from twenty-two church leaders that will help you gain a greater appreciation for the spiritual riches available to you from the writings of Christian thinkers from the past. Edited by Scott Larsen and published by Waterbrook Press, this is an excellent resource for creating a “must-read” list of the best Christian classics for your own devotional life.



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