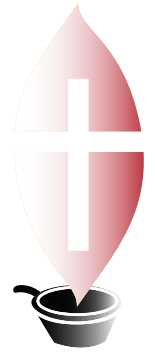


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... as a light shining in a dark place. 2 Peter 1:19



Knowing Christ and Him Crucified



Book of the Month

The Lamp makes some humble reading suggestions ...



Ministry Highlights

Benevolence and Outreach is 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 June.



Ron Cox

Many of you will recognize the title to this article as the basis for the Vision Statement developed by the elders of our church family. Many have wondered why we would dare have a vision statement, and others wanted more specificity – more of a directive for our work in the church.

To me, this is the directive. These words are taken from the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Philippians. In Philippians 3:10-11 Paul says, “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.”

Then what does it take to “know Christ.” Paul spent a lifetime trying to gain a better understanding and knowledge of Christ so that he could truly know him. He recognized that he could know Christ as his redeemer and the basis for his salvation. This came to him immediately on the road to Damascus. He accepted Christ and knew him to be his savior. He also recognized that the more he studied, prayed and listened the more he came to know the deeper relationship he could have with the Son of God.

I marvel at the enthusiasm of the person who has just accepted Christ. The glow about them is testimony of their new found faith in Him and their commitment to a life for Him. I also marvel at the wisdom of the person who has lived a lifetime in Christ.

The assurance they have is a testimony to their well-established faith in Him and their having lived a lifetime for Him. We are all one of these and we are all in between these two examples.

Having this assurance, our challenge is not to just sit back and declare our own salvation, but to reach out to others to help them find their’s. Knowing Christ carries a responsibility to spread the message, the Good News, of our salvation to others. This makes our relationship with Him personal, and takes our relationship with others to a more personal level.

As we go about our lives, at work, at home, at school, look around you. What you may see is a great opportunity to share your knowledge of Christ with someone else. When you see that opportunity – take it.

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.



As the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12) we represent our Lord to the world each day. We should ensure that the world knows to whom we belong. Our example, our focus, our time and energy, or the ways we allocate the funds our Lord has blessed us with are sometimes the only testimony that a person we meet will witness. When we give our time and resources to nurturing others inside and outside our church body, the example provided is a powerful tool in showing the Lord to a sin-sick world.

Adam Reeder

I am blessed to be a part of our Benevolence Ministry. This church ministry is where some of your hard earned dollars go each week. These funds aid in financial matters, bills, grocery expenses, even gasoline to people who have need. Recently, you have helped with a family who lost everything when their house burned. Your funds have aided a family whose income had been cut in half by loss of employment. You have also made sure that medical needs for a few individuals have been met. These are only a few examples of how you have shown the world that Christ lives today. I do not say this so we can all walk around patting ourselves on the back (that can hurt your arm after a while), but to let you know a little bit about one of the ministries in which you are involved. In this ministry, we can meet a person's immediate financial need, while also endeavoring to fill any spiritual need they may have by offering counseling, inviting them to worship with us, and inviting them to other activities we sponsor. The Benevolence Ministry has been a great tool for our church to reach out and help others in need. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have about Benevolence and keep up the good work.

In Him,

Adam Reeder

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We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love shown for the well being of Anna's parents after the catastrophe of having their home burn. The generous donations given by you, our church family, will be an asset in helping restore their lives after this difficult situation. They have asked us to share their gratitude and heartfelt thanks for helping them.

Many blessings to all,
Duron family

Dear church family,
Thank you so much for the constant love, prayers and support you always give me as I deal with this chronic illness. I am truly blessed to have you all.
Love,
Teri Hollingsworth

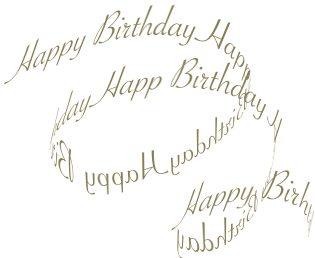
Dear Church Family ...
We are overwhelmed by the love and caring you have showered on us at the death of our precious grandson, Graham, in Afghanistan. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, e-mails, food, plants and offers of help have deeply touched and lifted us. We are so blessed.
We love you ... *Gary and Lynda Harris*



JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <small>TEEN AUCTION RIGHT AFTER CHURCH 2:00 PM KRISTI JOHNSON BABY SHOWER</small>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <small>PRAYER BKFAST @ 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH 7:10 AM</small>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	← ELEMENTARY CAMP →					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <small>TEEN CAR WASH FUNDAISER</small>

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|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Jerry Scott | 14 - Mickey McDaniel | 24 - Linda Harris |
| 2 - Sondra Jackson | 15 - Alexis Feezel | 30 - Jillian Hughes |
| 3 - Janet Kirklin, Jackson Mitchell | 16 - Wayne Vowell | |
| 4 - James Thomas | 17 - Carol Berger | |
| 7 - Carol McDaniel, Eddie Turpin,
Lon Van Pelt | 20 - Eleanor Nunnally | |
| | 21 - Bryan Watson | |



* Announcements *

June 10th / immediately after worship services we will have our annual teen auction. Proceeds will go toward funding our mission trip, Operation Nehemiah in New Orleans.

June 10th / Ladies, please plan to attend a baby shower honoring Kristi Johnson and baby boy Sunday, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kristi is registered at Baby's R Us. Contact Amy Mitchell for more details.

June 8th - 10th / Impact Houston Church of Christ invites you to a special reunion the weekend of as part of their ongoing 20th year celebration. The weekend will be informal and a great opportunity to fellowship, get reacquainted with those who have gone onto other cities and states, and to see what God is continuing to do at Impact. Highlights will include a cookout on Friday night, a morning at the park on Saturday morning, and a special Sunday worship service. For more information contact the Impact office at 713-864-5667.

June 16th / 7:10 A.M. / Friendswood Prayer Breakfast will be @ First Baptist Church / Speaker: Lynn Mitchell will be speaking on Conversion to Christianity. Cost is \$5. Call Ed Hoskins to reserve your spot.

June 18-21 at Camp Mohawk in Alvin / Elementary Camp 2007 You are invited to participate in the nightly devotionals at Camp which begin about 7:00 pm.

June 30th / Teen's will host a car wash at the building.

July 7th - 13th / Everyone is invited to join the youth group as we travel to New Orleans and work with Operation Nehemiah.

Thanks to everyone who donated items to sell and who donated their time to help this be a great success. Because of your kindness and generosity we were able to raise \$6,360. Thank you for a job well done. God bless you all. Susan Khonsari and Peggy McCullum



Contribution Counters
Mickey McDaniel & Weldon Womack

Communion Preparers
Weldon & Jeannie Womack

Congratulations
Elizabeth & Zach Vowell &
Proud grandparents Melissa and Wayne Vowell
on the birth of
Ella Rose
May 9th, 8 lbs, 4 oz, 21 1/4 inches

Congratulations
Amy & Justin Bruner
and big sister, Allyson
on the birth of
Lauren Brooke
May 13th, 6 lbs, 5 oz, 19 3/4 inches

Wednesday Prayer Services

Beginning the first week in June, in lieu of adult classes we will meet as a body in the fellowship hall for a time of prayer. Our mid-week prayer service will be from 7 – 8 PM. The emphasis will be on prayer, but there will be some singing and sharing in the mix. Please plan to pray with the church family, this will be a great way to follow up our quarter long study of prayer. TEAMKid will continue for the children, and the Fusion teens will join the adults once or twice a month and meet as a teen group on the other weeks.

Book of the Month • Book of the Month • Book of the Month

This month's recommendation from the Lamp is actually a trio of companion books from Christian author and apologist Norman Geisler (each with a different co-author). [When Critics Ask](#), A Popular Handbook of Bible Difficulties, [When Sceptics Ask](#), A Handbook of Christian Evidences, and [When Cultists Ask](#), A Popular Handbook on Cultic Misinterpretations are presented in a clear, user friendly format that answer difficulties and questions from different arenas of life. Bolster your faith and boost your confidence in defending the truths of Scripture against its critics and detractors. [When Critics Ask](#), [When Sceptics Ask](#), and [When Cultists Ask](#) would be a useful addition to the library of any believer.



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