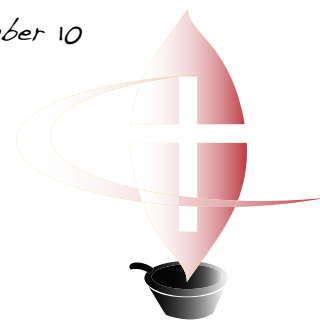
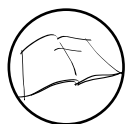


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... as a light shining in a dark place. 2 Peter 1:19



## What I've learned



### Book of the Month

The Lamp makes some humble reading suggestions ...



### Ministry Highlights

David Veatch highlights some of our various fellowship ministries.



### Calendar of Events

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



Danny Mercer

As my family and I prepare for our ministry with you, I thought I would share four things I've learned about ministry since entering full-time ministry a decade ago.

1) I have learned that the loftiest goal of a church should not be about its own success, but about the spiritual formation of individuals and families into the image of Christ. We can grow bigger and stronger and have fancier buildings and have energetic high tech worship services and offer programs for everything under the sun and still not form people into the image of Christ.

(2) I have learned that God doesn't merely want my efforts and my works and my commitments to do better, rather, God wants me, the person. He wants me to bring myself in all its brokenness, woundedness and sinfulness and surrender my life to his grace and his transforming power. I've focused more on trying to will my way toward God through my actions, when God wants me to release my will and allow him to create in me a new creation.

(3) I have learned that a healthy Christian and a healthy minister are marked more by vulnerability and humility than by talents, skills, and control. I've assumed that a good minister is someone who can be everything and do everything while showing little weakness. The example of Christ is that though he was in very nature God took the risk and emptied himself and made himself vulnerable to creation. The greatest among you will be the least among you.

(4) I've learned that the church is human. I don't believe there is this perfect invisible church somewhere that we are trying to live up to. The beauty of our relationship with God is that he knew that in participating with us it would often get messy. The church is what it is, that is the community of fragile, often broken earthen vessels. Yet, God remains faithful to us. He continues with us so that it will be made known that the power is not our own, rather it is the power of God.

Grace and Peace,

Danny

### Ministers

Danny Mercer - Pulpit Minister  
Mike Ross, Pastoral CARE

### Sunday

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

### Assembly Schedule

#### Wednesday

Prayer service &  
Youth Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.



*David Veatch*

# Ministry Highlights

## *Library ministry – Jamie Reeder*

The Library ministry is lead by Jamie Reeder and she has had many people help her automate our library. A database that is nearing completion will be able to track all of our books. Our Family is tremendously blessed by the writings of Max Lucado, Chuck Swindoll, Beth Moore, Kay Arthur, Francine Rivers, Teri Blackstock and many others. We deny ourselves much if we do not take advantage of the wisdom, knowledge, and experiences shared by these fellow believers. The vision for our library is to give the believers in this place access to books that will strengthen, deepen and enrich their walk with the Lord. (Look for more information soon)

## *Fellowship ministry – Betty Dillon*

The fellowship ministry is lead by Betty Dillon and she can mobilize the ladies in this family and get a meal together in seconds. We seek to devise activities that will encourage and facilitate fellowship and mutual encouragement in the congregation. Betty further states “To promote closer relationships and enjoyment of spending time with brothers and sisters in Christ.”

## *Food ministry – Nancy Thomas*

The Food ministry provides meals for families during times of celebration, illness or mourning. Our Church family loves to reach out with a meal when a new baby is born. We bring food when it is the only thing to do, when words are clumsy and our hearts are full. Food may seem like a small offering but the caring behind it means so much. Grieving families are so appreciative of the meals we provide. There are always willing hands and hearts available to take meals to people, but there is a need for a new coordinator.

## *Wedding liaison – Lindsay Harrell*

Lindsay recently accepted the position of wedding liaison. You will be glad to know that we have guidelines in place that reflect our values in marriage. These guidelines will help Lindsay in her new role as Wedding liaison. Thank you Lindsay!

## *Homes of St. Mark – Celeste Ross*

Recently, I attended a morning presentation called Family Matters at Homes of St. Mark and what I learned was amazing. This organization helps create families and never quits. I was under the impression that when the adoption papers are signed, well good luck and take it easy. Not here! These people are angels and they are doing the Lord’s Work. Please take note all you Golfers: the 20th annual Homes of St. Mark Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 15th. For more information on this ministry please visit: [www.homesofstmark.org](http://www.homesofstmark.org).

Helping one another in the name of the Lord is one of our highest callings. Every one of these ladies and all who help them are doing just that.

*Coming soon: Trunk or Treat (Look for more details)*



### YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Please support with encouragement and prayer the process of selecting a Youth & Family Minister. The YMST are considering three strong candidates. The next step will be face to face visits and interviews in Friendswood in October. Tentatively the schedule is as follows:

*10/14* Charles, Alex & baby Hunter Jones • *10/21* Clint & Stephanie Rhodes • *10/28* Steve & Holly Holladay

We are excited about the opportunities in front of us as God leads us.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Mexican Fiesta Fellowship Luncheon after services</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>7:10 am Community Prayer Breakfast @ Trinity Fellowship</i>	21 <i>Wedding Shower for Erika Lewis @ 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>
29	30	31				

4 - Harley Kelly

8 - Bruce Berger

9 - Brian Main, Jr.

13 - Braydon Lawley

16 - Kaleb Fulgham, Jeff Kirklin

17 - Esther Scott

19 - Courtney McGinn

26 - Courtney Cox, Mike Ross

30 - Ryan Feezel

31 - Will Meurer, Caleb Van Pelt

## Announcements

*Ladies Bible Class* - Our study focus for the fall will be "Acts —More than History". Nancy Thomas will teach/facilitate this examination of the early days of our Lord's church. Class is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00-11:30am, with nursery provided.

*Mexican Fiesta Fellowship Lunch October 7th* - Join us after services on Sunday for a potluck Mexican food luncheon. The Mercer's will be here with us, so make plans to stay and welcome them to Friendswood!

*Lifeline Chaplaincy Galaxy Gala 22nd Annual benefit Dinner* October 8, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Westin Galleria Houston (5060 West Alabama, Houston) Individual Tickets \$75, please call Lifeline Chaplaincy @713.524.1055

*Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, October 20th* at 7:10 a.m. at Trinity Fellowship. The speaker will be George Boyd and his topic will be "pastor appreciation." The cost is \$5. Reserve your breakfast by contacting Ed Hoskins.

*Wedding Shower honoring Erika Lewis on Sunday, October 21st* at 2:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall. Erika is registered at Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond and Target. See Donna Simpson for more information.

*Congratulations to Melanie & David Gamble* and proud grandparents Jane & Joe Don Gamble on the birth of Holly Lyn, born Sunday, September 16th at 10:15 p.m., weighing 8 lbs 7oz, 21 1/2 inches.

*AOM Fund Raising Dinner* November 11, 2007, at 6:00 PM. Save the date! Ed & Vernelle Hoskins will be hosting a dinner for African Outreach Ministries in the church Fellowship Hall. Allen & Janelle Avery will be here to bring the latest news of their work in Africa. Everyone is invited.



*Contribution Counters*

*Betty Dillon & Esther Scott*

*Communion Preparers*

*The Adair Family*

*Our life  
is to*

*Know Christ and Him crucified and the power  
of His resurrection*



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

F.F. Bruce was a distinguished New Testament scholar noted for his insight, clarity and ability to simplify complex subjects, and he was considered an expert on the life of the apostle Paul. One of his most popular works was Paul, Apostle of the Heart Set Free (I love that title) which was a culmination of a lifetime of study of the New Testament and the great Apostle. The main focus of the book is to portray the life of Paul and to recount the events of his life in chronological order, but his life can't be separated from his theology and attention is given to all the main themes of Pauline thought. The Lamp would recommend any book by F.F. Bruce but Paul, Apostle of the Heart Set Free is a great introduction to an insightful author.

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