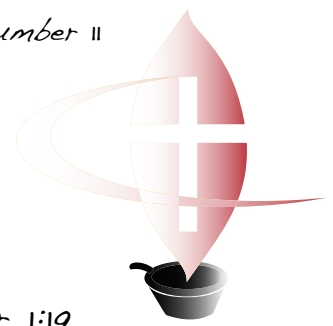


# the Lamp

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



## Exciting Times



### Book of the Month

The Lamp makes some humble reading suggestions ...



### Ministry Highlights

Mickey McDaniel shares how we can make an Impact for Christ.



### Calendar of Events

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



Forrest Norman

These are exciting times to be members of Friendswood Church of Christ. God has blessed us with Danny Mercer our new pulpit minister and his family. A new youth minister will be hired soon, "Lord willing". The elders are pointing the congregation to Jesus Christ, to know Him, to hear Him, and to follow Him. As we spend our energy at the core of our belief, Jesus Christ, we can't help but become enthusiastic. Others will want to find out what we are up to. And as we invite our friends and neighbors to attend worship with us, our excitement will be contagious.

The early Church experienced great excitement. Why? Because they knew Jesus Christ; the good news of Jesus Christ. Not a bunch of rules and regulations, which hadn't been invented yet, but the plain truth about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wow!

For the past year, we have been going through some tough times. Change is hard. During these tough times all of you have been working hard in several areas, a concentrated study in John looking at Jesus Christ, learning about prayer, and beginning to pray more as a church. We started concentrating on prayer on Wednesday evenings. Much has been asked of our members and much was delivered. The Transition Team directed us through the process of self-examination to learn who we were and who we are. This was all done with caring sensitivity for all members. The Minister Search Team guided the search for our pulpit minister, and they prayerfully did a superb job. I can't remember any time in my church history where so much prayer was offered up by so many souls than for the selection of God's choice for our new minister. Praise God! Now the Youth Minister Search Team is going about their work with prayer.

I personally want to commend those who not only stayed with us this past year, but you became more dedicated, more praying, and a more caring flock. Each one of you showed the world what you are made of, and it is pure gold. I am honored to serve as one of your elders, I am proud to be a part of this church. I am excited about our future. God has a plan for this church, lets prayerfully seek His will and move forward in Jesus Christ.

Forrest Norman

### Ministers

Danny Mercer - Pulpit Minister  
Mike Ross, Pastoral CARE

### Assembly Schedule

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

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



*Mickey McDaniel*

# *Impact for God's Glory*

SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO QUANTIFY THE WORK THAT MANY OF US DO AT IMPACT CHURCH. Is it really helpful, or are we just giving stuff away? Are we touching lives here, or are we feeding a never-ending dependence on handouts? Isn't there a better way to evangelize, with better hours? Then, I'm stopped in my tracks by a story like *Barbara Garcia*. Believe it or not, *many of you have made a difference in this one life—and many others.*

In 2001 tropical storm Allison flooded many homes around the Houston area including Barbara Garcia's. Barbara, who was already struggling financially, lost everything. FEMA put her and her son in a local hotel for temporary relief. In the hotel room next to Barbara's was another storm victim who had visited the Impact Distribution Center for supplies. Barbara was hesitant to get help from a church but she had no other choice so she finally went to the distribution center and got some supplies and met two Impact ministers.

They invited her to a Bible study but she resisted; she was busy trying to get back on her feet with her job and her life. With much persistence the two Impact ministers were able to get her to agree to let them come to her house and study the bible. God began working on her and she was baptized in 2003. She dedicated herself to helping others through the Impact church, driving vans full of kids to VBS, working in the distribution center and helping in many other areas.

In 2005 Barbara was diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer. After a long, hard, valiant struggle and many days and nights at MD Anderson, Barbara died in August 2007.

In September 2007 Barbara's mother and sister gave their life to the Lord and were baptized on a Wednesday night at Impact.

Thank God for the distribution center. Thank God for people like you who contribute food, clothes, and supplies, to help Impact exist. Thank God for a church that sees the need to help support Impact ministry efforts. Thank God for persistent ministers. Thank God for special people like Barbara who teach all of us so much.

*Let's all keep working together for the glory of God.*

For those who are willing, there are many opportunities for Volunteers at Impact—for one day, or on a regular basis. There is an ongoing need for help with bagging groceries and/or sorting donated clothes (Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesday). See me if you are interested in:

- “Adopting” a family for back-to-school clothes/supplies or Christmas Gifts
- Helping with the annual Garage Sale
- Collecting coats/blankets for kids, parents, and homeless
- Assisting with teaching VBS in the summer and/or leading a Field Trip
- Teaching in the Literacy program, for kids and Adults (summer)

*The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of  
Erika Lynn Lewis and Spencer Bradley Vorwell*

*on Saturday the tenth of November at six o'clock in the evening at Friendswood Church of Christ.  
Dinner reception immediately following at Trinity Fellowship • 301 Leisure Lane.*

# November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>FUSION Beach Retreat 2nd - 4th</i>	3
Daylight Saving Time Ends 2 A.M. <i>FUSION Beach Retreat</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Meals • on • Wheels</i>						10 <i>Erika Lewis &amp; Spencer Vowell Wedding 6:00 Pm in the church sanctuary</i>
6:00 PM <i>AOM Fund Raising Dinner</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
						17 <i>7:10 am Community Prayer Breakfast @ FW C of C</i>
Deadline for Mathis Thanksgiving Food Donations	18	19	20	21	22	23
						24
Blood Drive 9 am - 12:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30



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|---|----------------------------|--|
| 1 - Dave McGinn   | 16 - Sophie Kovitz         | 26 - Forrest Norman                                  |
| 7 - Pat Sullivan  | 20 - Chloe Kovitz          | 27 - Debbie Kovitz                                   |
| 8 - Hazel Jagen   | 21 - Shirley Bockart       | 29 - Nicholas Feezel,<br>David Scanlan               |
| 10 - Adam Reeder, Paul Cravens,<br>Clint Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan | 22 - Juanita Thomas        | 30 - Justin Bruner, Doris Griffin,<br>Carmen Walters |
| 12 - Adam Fowler  | 23 - Delisha Hollingsworth |  |
| 15 - Rick Bradshaw  | 24 - Jeff Kovitz           |  |
|   | 25 - Steve Counterman      |  |

## \* Announcements \*

*FUSION Beach Retreat* - November 2 - 4 in Galveston. Weekend theme: "Who do you say I Am?" Registration forms are available at the greeters booth or contact Nancy Thomas for more information.

*Let's Pound the Mercers* - Please help us welcome the Mercer family to Friendswood with a good old-fashioned pounding! We will collect items in the foyer through Sunday Nov 11th. Bring non-perishable pantry items, cleaning products, paper goods, toiletries or gift cards to HEB, Wal Mart, or Target.

*AOM Fund Raising Dinner* - Sunday, November 11, 2007, at 6:00 PM. Ed & Vernelle Hoskins will host 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.

*Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast* - Saturday, November 17th at 7:10 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Friendswood Church of Christ. The speaker will be Jeff Bell and his topic will be *Giving Thanks*. The cost is \$5, and you can reserve your breakfast by contacting Ed Hoskins.

*TEAM KIDS* - Brrrr! It can be cold outside! TeamKids are collecting coats & blankets for kids and adults at Impact Church of Christ. Please bring your used (or new) warm gear to the Church donation box. We plan to deliver the donated items in early December.

*Thanksgiving Turkeys for the Mathis Family* - It's time to start collecting the frozen turkeys &/or hams for the Mathis family's Thanksgiving. We hope to collect at least 15 in order to provide them with extended food for the children they care for. The collection deadline is Sunday, November 18th. For further information contact Hazel Jagen. (Cash donations are also accepted.)

*Blood Drive* - Sunday, November 25th 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM • St. Lukes Blood Donation will be on site.



*Contribution Counters*  
Debbie Brown & Mickey McDaniel

*Communion Preparers*  
The Steve Kirklin Family

Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything by prayer and supplication,  
with thanksgiving,

let your requests be known to God: and the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and mind through Jesus Christ

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

Fifty years ago, five young men dared to make contact with a stone-age tribe deep in Equador. Their goal: to bring the Word of God to a people whose previous responses to the outside world were legendary: raids meant to attack, torture – and kill – all strangers. Elizabeth Elliot gives her moving and timeless account of how these brave young missionaries (one of which was her husband Jim) gave their lives for the Word of God in her book [Through the Gates of Splendor](#). This is a story that is worth knowing about, and would be excellent reading for young and old alike in a world that is searching for good role models.

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