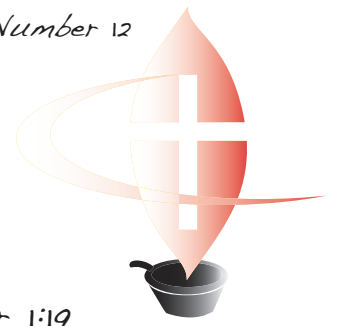


the Lamp

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



“....that all of them may be one....”



Book of the Month

The Lamp makes some humble reading suggestions ...



Ministry Highlights

Weldon Womack encourages us to be mindful of others.



Calendar of Events

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



Jim Smotherman

John 17:20-23 “MY PRAYER IS NOT FOR THEM ALONE. I PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE, THAT ALL OF THEM MAY BE ONE, FATHER, JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU. MAY THEY ALSO BE IN US SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME. I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY THAT YOU GAVE ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE: I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME. MAY THEY BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETE UNITY TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND HAVE LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME.”

Soon we will start a study on the “unity of believers.” What does it mean to be “one”? Does it mean that we must agree on all of the “rules,” or, does it mean we should be united in our love for each other and the Lord Jesus Christ? Come and participate with us – it will be time well spent.

We were recently blessed with this sense of unity during the Minister Ordination Service for Danny Mercer and his family. During this service we all affirmed that we would support each other, with God’s help, in our ministry of service to this body and community. It was a new beginning for all of us as we rededicated ourselves to being one in Christ. If you missed the service you would be blessed by listening to the recording. You can access it through the church’s web site. The following paragraph is a portion of the affirmation we all read together.

“We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim Him Lord and Savior of the world. In Christ’s name and by His grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people. We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another..... In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God, that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end. Blessings, glory and honor be to God forever, Amen.”

May God bless us with His presence, that we will be enabled to see as Christ sees and to respond as Christ would have responded as we go about living our lives.

Ministers

Danny Mercer - Preaching 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.



Weldon Womack

Impact for God's Glory

GREETINGS TO YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

It's that time of the year again when we start thinking about all the festivities of the holidays. We've probably already had turkey, dressing, potatoes, cranberries – all of the fixings. We have probably had several different kinds of desserts, and, oh, they were all so good! Now it is time to start thinking of all the shopping we will do before Christmas. But wait! Isn't there more to this holiday? This is the perfect time to slow down and think about what is really important in your life.

I would recommend that you try to remember the "Three A's"

ACCEPT • ACKNOWLEDGE • APPRECIATE

They should take the place of the "Three C's"

COMPLAINING • CONDEMNING • CRITICIZING

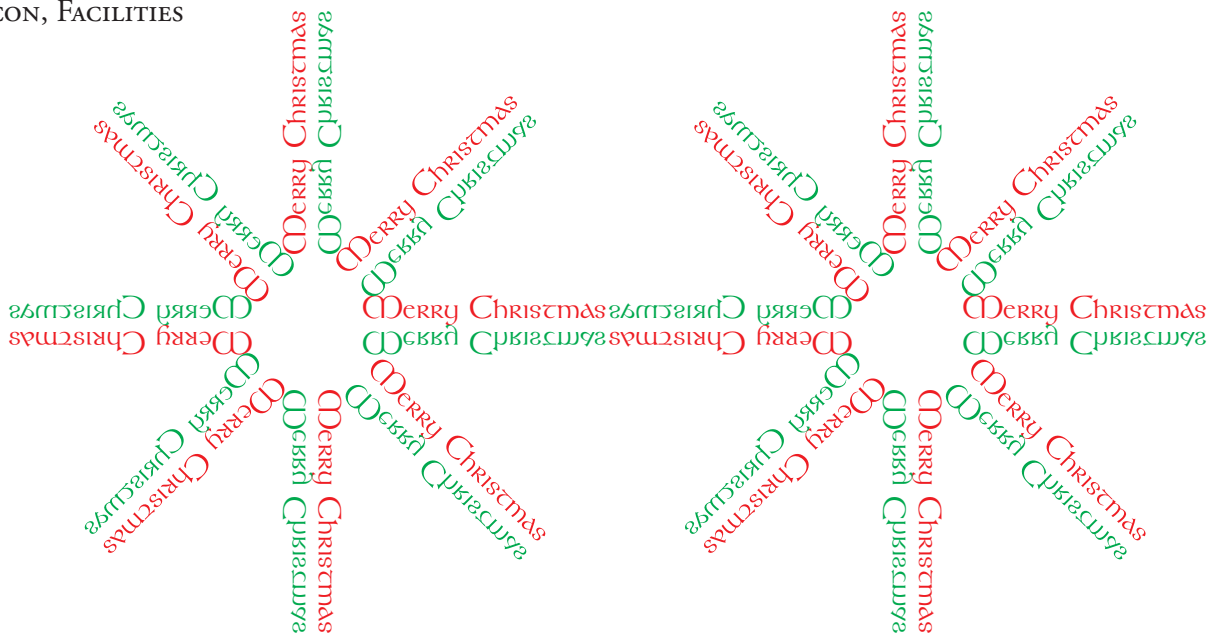
The Three A's will get you much farther in developing positive relationships with co-workers, friends and family members. Keeping a positive outlook on life will change your entire perspective, as people have a tendency to remember the bad things as vividly as the good. One way to solve this problem is to acknowledge what we are grateful for. If we concentrate on these things enough, the seemingly bad events of our lives can be discounted because the difficult experience may have brought us closer to a friend or family member.

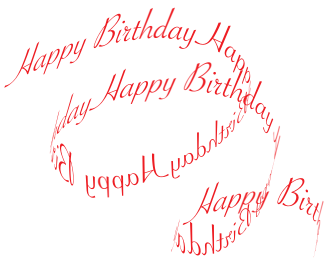
DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

You have heard it before – it is better to give than to receive. One of the greatest rewards in helping others is the uplifted feeling you get while doing something for others. That may include delivering meals to shut-ins, volunteering at Impact, or any of the other ministries that our congregation is involved in. Try it – God will bless you beyond measure.

BLESSINGS, PEACE AND JOY TO YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

WELDON WOMACK
DEACON, FACILITIES





1 - Ashley Adair,
Shawn Feezel
Rachel Smith
2 - Hiram Duncan,
Janelle Avery
4 - Wendy Lawley
5 - Michael Konvicka

6 - Alice Turpin
8 - Jim Smotherman
9 - Melissa Vowell
10 - Karen Williams
11 - Steven Counterman
16 - Alex Duron
20 - Steve Kelly

21 - Joseph Kirklin
22 - Jack Harrell
23 - Patti Scott
24 - John Hoskins
28 - Luis Lopez
29 - Allyson Bruner
31 - John Simpson

Announcements

Adult Progressive Dinner ~ Saturday, December 1st, beginning at 6:00 P.M. • Contact Anna Duron or Kristin Foulk for more information

Homes of St. Mark invites you to Home for the Holidays ~ Fundraising Breakfast, Saturday, December 1, 10 - 11AM at the Westin Galleria • 5060 W. Alabama • RSVP to Adrienne at 713-522-2800. - *Open House* • Sunday, December 2, 2 - 4 PM • Santa will arrive at 2:30 PM • 3000 Richmond Ste. 570. Bring a snack to share.

Opportunities to Gift Homes of St. Mark ~ Saturday, Dec. 1st • *Toy Drive* held at Sno Beach on Friendswood Drive - Sunday, Dec. 2nd begins our *Annual Wish List* for clothing. Contact the Smothermons for more information.

Christmas Cookie Exchange Party ~ Saturday, December 8th, 10 - 11:30 AM at the Gambles home, 1007 Coward's Creek Court.

Fusion ~ Youth Progressive Dinner on December 8th, from 4:30 - 9:30.

Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast ~ Date & Time: Saturday, November 15th at 7:10 A.M. Location: Good Shepherd • Speaker: Evelyn Newman • Topic: Traditions of Christmas Cost: \$5 Reserve your breakfast by contacting Ed Hoskins

Meals on Wheels ~ December 31 – January 4, 2008

Congratulations to

Katie & Shawn Little
proud grandparents Donna & John Simpson &
great-grandparents David & Shirle Smith

On the birth of

Lorelai Kate Smith

Born November 13th at 6:15 P.M.

9 lbs 5 oz & 20 inches long



Contribution Counters
Betty Dillon & Weldon Womack

Communion Preparers
Charles & Dian Kirklin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						Adult Progressive 1 Dinner 6:00 PM <i>Homes of St. Mark events see announcements page 3</i>	
2 <i>Homes of St. Mark events see announcements page 3</i>	3	4	5	6	7	Youth Progressive 8 Dinner 4:30 - 9:30 XMas Cookie Exchange @ the Gambles 10 - 11:30	
9	10	11	12	13	14	7:10 am 15 Community Prayer Breakfast @ Good Shepherd	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31	<i>Meals • on • Wheels</i>					



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Book of the Month

In the first issue of the Lamp this year, our first book recommendation was the Bible itself. In between, we recommended books that would supplement regular Bible reading and help us in our Christian walk. For the last issue of the year, it seems fitting to recommend the Scriptures again. What better way could we conclude our year than by renewing our commitment to spend time reading God's Word and meditating on it. As we finish up this year and look forward to the next, let's again immerse ourselves in the wisdom of God that can only be found in His Word.