



HELPERS Highlights

Volume 8, Issue 3

March 1, 2010

Church Staff

Tim Barker– Lead Pastor
tim@katyfellowship.com

Marcus Evans– Student Pastor
marcus@katyfellowship.com

Chris Jones- Worship Pastor
chris@katyfellowship.com

Priscilla Scharnberg
Administrative Assistant
pris@katyfellowship.com

Marla Thomas
Financial Manager
mthomas@katyfellowship.com

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2

III Timothy A Message from the Pastor

March Gladness

If you're a sports fan, you know about March Madness. If you're a Katy Fellow-shipper, I want you to know about March Gladness. Some great things will be happening this month. A new opportunity for prayer will begin on Saturday, March 6th. From 9 a.m. until noon the Katy Prayer Room will be open to pray for the Katy/West Houston area. The focus in March will be praying for unsaved people to experience Jesus Christ in a real and powerful way in every life-giving church in Katy on Easter Sunday (April 4th).

March 8-9 the pastors of Katy will meet for 24 hours of prayer, seeking God for our city. Eighty pastors and ministry leaders are expected. This year members from several churches have asked for the chance to come take a one, two, or three hour time slot to pray over this event. If you would like to be part of this prayer opportunity contact the church office.

Sunday, March 7th I will introduce a series called *The Easter Experience*. City On A Hill Productions (*H₂O* series) produced this study of the Easter story from the perspective of those who were closely related to Christ in the last hours before his crucifixion. The following two Sundays, March 14th & 21st, we will watch and experience the pain and suffering that Jesus endured and rejoice in the victory and hope that came with his glorious resurrection.

Palm Sunday will be a very special service as the director and lead actor will be at Katy Fellowship to share his experience of portraying Jesus Christ in the series. Shane Sooter (see bio on page 3) is also the founder of City On A Hill and will be sharing his testimony of how he met Christ. A great opportunity to invite someone to church that day is to tell them that Jesus will be there in person!! 😊

Best of all, we have the opportunity to experience each day in March the love God has for His children and then express that love to each other and to those who have not yet accepted God's free gift. Should make for a great reason to be glad!

Praying for You,

LOVE

Making a difference by being God's

HELPERS

- H** **HEAR** from God and listen to the needs of those around us.
- E** **ENCOURAGE** everyone endlessly.
- L** **LOVE** God and others as we love ourselves.
- P** **PRAY** passionately, purposefully, and powerfully.
- E** **EQUIP** members to grow spiritually and develop their life ministry.
- R** **REACH** the unsaved for Jesus Christ.
- S** **SERVE** unselfishly.

HELPERS Highlights

Dave Krueger, Editor

Send input to

news@katyfellowship.com

Fellowship Highlights

Upcoming Events in March/April

March 6th 9:00 a.m.-noon	Personal Prayer Time – Come in for some personal prayer time at the Katy Prayer Room.
March 7th 3:00-4:30 p.m.	HELPERS 201 Adult and Student Membership Classes – Covers Maturity. Insights on developing sound, spiritual habits that enable a Christian to grow are taught and discussed.
March 14th-19th	Spring Break- No Remixed or Children’s Ministry Wednesday night
March 19th 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Battlefield Houston Student Event - Student Ministry Xtreme Laser Tag. See page 3 for details.
March 28th 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service – Shane Sooter will be our guest speaker.
April 4th 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Noon-2:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday Services! KCF Family Easter Celebration Luncheon & Children’s Egg Hunt - see page 3 for details.

REFUGE...HIDDEN IN HIM

by Jamie Burrow

I look forward to the women’s retreat each year. Where else can you go to be with your sisters-in-Christ and share stories, laugh and act silly, pray with each other, and learn God’s word all at the same time? Our annual Women’s retreat was held on Feb. 5-7 at Crier Creek in Columbus, TX. Our theme this year was

Refuge...Hidden in Him. It was so much fun to see everyone in their favorite camo outfits throughout the weekend.

Our speaker this year was **Amy McGown**. She shared with us throughout the weekend how God is our refuge and fortress during any trial in our lives and how we can always count on Him to be there for us.

Friday evening began with an ice breaker that helped everyone get to know each other better and really started off our retreat in a positive, fun way. We had so many new faces this year and it was a huge blessing to get to know each one.

Saturday was a beautiful day. After a wonderful breakfast, cabin pictures, and our first session of the day was done, Amy suggested we take some time to be with God and reflect on how He is our refuge. What a blessing to see so many ladies, whether sitting by the lake reading God’s word or on a porch swing, just taking the time to spend time with our Father. Free time on Saturday is a wonderful time to rest, visit with

each other, shop and, of course one of our favorite things, do Zip Line. It was so much fun to watch the ladies facing their fears, encouraging each other and, of course, screaming and smiling all the way down. Saturday evening after another wonderful meal, **Tara Barker** and her girls led us in worship. Amy dove a little deeper into God’s word that evening and began to really teach us ways to put God first and to know He is our true shelter in all kinds of storms. The evening ended with more worship and prayer. It is rare that women have the time to be quiet and really listen for God to speak, but I know He spoke that evening to all of us and it was a blessing.

Sunday morning brought another great meal and best of all scones. Ask anyone. The worship was beautiful Sunday morning, and Amy concluded our time just reminding us that He really is all we need. The time I get to spend with my sisters-in-Christ, whether it is during our teaching time or laying in our beds talking like we did when we were little girls, is priceless, and I pray each one of you were blessed the way I am every single year.

If you could not make it this year, I pray you will put it on your things to do list for next year, and ladies, please always remember, **“He is your Refuge, always stay hidden in Him.” Psalm 91.**

KCF Weekly Schedule

<p>Sunday: MVP Prayer- 8:30 a.m. in the children's corridor of the AMC Theaters Complex Worship Services- 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Children & Student Services- 10:30 a.m. LIFE Groups- 5:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday: Ladies Prayer- 10:00 a.m. at the Katy Prayer Room Ladies Bible Study- 7:00 p.m. at the Crossing</p> <p>Tuesday: Special Forces Prayer- 6:00 a.m. at the Katy Prayer Room</p>	<p>Wednesday: Ladies Bible Study- 9:30 a.m. at the Crossing Remixed- 6:45 p.m. at the Crossing Incense- 7:00 p.m. at the Katy Prayer Room</p> <p>Saturday: Men's Bible Study- 7:00 a.m. at Texas Traditions</p> <p>Monthly: Personal Prayer Time- 9:00 a.m. till noon. First Saturdays at the Katy Prayer Room</p>
---	--

MVP- Many Valuable Pray-ers- Our Pastor, along with ministry volunteers and others in our church gather to lift up all elements and aspects of our morning worship in prayer
LIFE Groups- Small groups gathering in homes for Bible study and fellowship
Special Forces Prayer- Men's Ministry prayer meeting
Remixed- Jr. and Sr. high age Student Ministry and fellowship
Incense- Intercessory prayer service held at the Katy Prayer Room



Palm Sunday Guest Speaker Shane Sooter



The President and Artistic Director of City On A Hill Productions **Shane Sooter** is going to be our guest speaker at our **Palm Sunday** services on **March 28th**. Since 2003, City on a Hill has produced a variety of short dramatic films and multi-episode DVD series that put faith in a thoroughly modern context including the **H₂O** series we experienced at KCF last year.



On Friday, March 19th, Battlefield Houston Xtreme Laser Tag's mobile unit will be at Rick and Ginger O'Leary's house for a KCF Student Ministry event from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The laser tag games are team based and require students to work together on strategy. This greatly improves communication and brings out everyone's personality. All Jr. High and High School students are invited to participate in the fun and fellowship.



KCF Family Easter Celebration

April 4th noon-2 p.m. VFW Hall
6292 6th St. Katy 77493

Lunch will be served followed by the annual

'He is Risen' Easter Egg Hunt!

Egg donations are greatly appreciated! Please deposit new-condition, **regular size**, plastic eggs, in the collection tub provided at the "Plugged-In" table each Sunday between March 7th and 28th or drop them off at the church office at the Crossing. Thanks!

New!!! Monthly Personal Prayer Time

1st Saturday of the month
starting March 6th
at the Katy Prayer Room
9:00 a.m. - noon

*"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;
give ear to me and hear my prayer."*
Psalms 17:6

Ministry Spotlight

Prayer was the most integral work performed by founding members when Katy Community Fellowship was being formed. In one of their homes, they met weekly to pray and study the Bible and share what God was speaking to them, and through their committed prayers, God made His will known to them concerning establishing a new church in Katy. Those meetings evolved into Sunday services and three weekly prayer meetings when KCF opened its doors in 2000. We have been blessed to this day with these prayer times.

First, **Incense** on Wednesday evenings is the foundation of KCF in that prayers are lifted up to God about our members, God's church including KCF, the city of Katy, the world, and the unsaved. Led by **Pastor Tim** and assisted by **Bess Schroeder**, sometimes we sing praises; sometimes we are blessed with personal testimonies from missionaries; sometimes we have a field trip or ice cream. But, we always pray for our members' prayer requests. Next, **LaRhonda Johnson** facilitates **Many Valuable Prayers (MVP)** on Sunday mornings, a 10-minute prayer to welcome and glorify God with all aspects of our worship. The third is on Tuesday mornings when KCF's men pray for the needs of our church and its members and exalt



our Father during **Special Forces**.

The blessings continue. In 2008 the all-volunteer **Prayer Ministry** was organized, headed by **Liz Dollins**. She invited a few women to meet and pray Monday mornings to raise needed prayers for others in their difficulties, and the first **Prayer Square** was established. Prayer Squares are comprised of 4-8 people committed to praying for each other and for others. Liz's ambition is for new ones to be formed for adults and for youth, too. A new monthly **Personal Prayer Time** is starting Saturday, March 6th. It's designed to usher us into God's presence where we can talk with Him personally, comfortably, and authentically with no distractions. For those who want somebody to pray with them, a private room is available.

There's a lot of people praying at KCF for all its members. And that's a good thing...no, it's a God thing...**"My house will be called a house of prayer..." (Isaiah 56:7)**. For prayer requests, log on to www.katyfellowship.com and click on "Requests" under **Prayer Ministry**. For more information about established prayer meetings or future Prayer Squares, contact Liz at prayer@katyfellowship.com.



KCF Men's Bible Study Group by Pete Makris

"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing." 1 Timothy 2:8

Greetings! The **Men's Bible Study** group meets at 7:30 Saturday mornings at the **Texas Traditions** restaurant on Highway 90 (just west of Katyland Drive). Consider this an open invitation for any guy to hook up with us, whether you go to KCF or not. Breakfast is ordered upon arrival, if desired, and we eat and visit for a little bit and then get into the study. We try to wrap things up by 9:00, though one is free to leave early if needed.

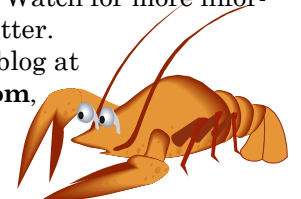
This past autumn, we got into a study with **Charles Colson** on his book, **The Faith**, which explains to Christians how to have a Christian world-view. If you're old enough, you might remember that Colson was one of the late President Richard Nixon's right-hand men who went to prison for his involvement in the Watergate scandal. Colson came to Christ and heads up Prison Fellowship.

We've just finished up a DVD/Book study with **Jim Cymbala** titled, **When God's People Pray**. You may have read one of Cymbala's outstanding books, *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire; Fresh Faith; or Fresh Power*. *When God's People Pray* has six ses-

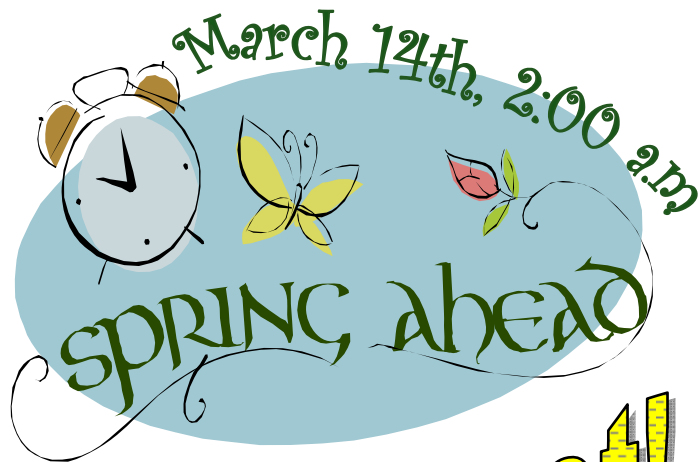
sions on DVD, along with a participant's guide which I cannot recommend enough for any study or life group. Please feel free to contact me at pmakris@consolidated.net if you would like to preview the DVD sessions.

Just a reminder that the men's **2010 Crawfish Boil and Skeet Shoot** will take place at the **Dollins' Farm** on April 24th. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

You can also check out our blog at katymensgroup.blogspot.com, as we update it frequently. Have a great month of March in Christ.



Giving Corner			
2010	Budget	Received	Difference
January	\$30,940	\$35,057	\$4,117
Y.T.D.	\$30,940	\$35,057	\$4,117



Don't Forget!

See our website for all the KCF events and a new, easier to read format for the online newsletter.

www.katyfellowship.com

Katy Community Fellowship

1812 Avenue D
Suite 205
Katy, Texas 77493
Phone: 281-391-0099
Fax: 281-391-8349
Hours M-F 9 am-5 pm



ADDRESSES FOR KCF EVENTS

Katy Mills Mall AMC 20 Theaters
KCF Worship Services, Youth Service,
and Promiseland
5000 Katy Mills Cir., Katy 77494

the Crossing
Church office and meeting place for Remixed,
Ladies Bible Study, Baptisms and Classes for
new members
1812 Avenue D, Suite 205, Katy 77493

Katy Prayer Room
Meeting place for Incense, Special Forces and
Ladies Prayer
5807 Highway Blvd., Katy 77494

Texas Traditions
Meeting place for Men's Bible Study
5321 Highway Blvd., Katy 77494