

To our Guests:

We are glad you've chosen to worship today at Friendswood. We invite you to make worship with us a weekly event.

Please complete a green Welcome Card located on the chair back in front of you. When our offering plates are passed the only thing we ask you to put in is the card.

If you would like to learn more about our church, please call and speak with one of our ministers at 281.482.7966.

We hope you feel welcomed and at home today!

Please accept this invitation to come to one of our House Groups for an evening of fellowship and Bible study.

House Group Listing

Ed & Vernelle Hoskins, Bob & Connie Young, 808 Stephen Ct., Fwd.,
281-482-7239, Sunday at 5 PM

Charles & Dian Kirklin, 607 Linkwood, Fwd.,
281-482-3427, Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Charles Kirklin & Esther Speck, 400 E. Parkwood #178, Fwd.,
281-482-7453, Sundays from 6:30-7:30 PM at Village on the Park.

Danny & Heidi Mercer, Bryan & Melissa Watson, 4014 Cartagena, Pearland
281-993-8341, Sunday at 5:30 PM

Jeff Kirklin, 6404 Hillock Ln., Pearland,
281-795-1260 or 832-439-0726, Sunday at 6 PM

Mike & Celeste Ross, Ron & Susan Cox, 16439 Hibiscus, Fwd.,
281-482-8753, Sunday at 6PM

Scott & Amy Mitchell, Adrian & Anna Duron,
832-569-4134, Sunday at 5:30PM

Jim & Nancy Smothermon, Carl & Betty Dillon, 1206 Thomas, Fwd.,
281-482-1702, Sunday at 6PM

Upcoming Events

Today, July 20th — Training for Children's Church helpers after church in Room 2

— Terry Fowler will be taking the remaining photos of elders deacons, and wives

Wednesday, July 23rd — Missions Ministry team will serve chicken salad sandwiches and brownies at 6:00 PM with proceeds going toward a new freezer for Impact Church

—Peak of the Week at 7:00 PM, family game night coordinated by Leigh Ann Adair

Sunday, July 27th — VBS workday after service

Wednesday, July 30th — Brown bag dinner at 6:00 PM

—Peak of the Week at 7:00, VBS service night

Saturday, Aug 2nd — VBS workday starting at 10:00 AM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 225 Offering: \$9,661.40 Budget: \$9,819.00

Prayer Needs

To have a prayer request listed, fill out a Prayer Request card from the chair back. Please continue to update your request by emailing office@fwdcofc.org

Friendswood Members:

Bill Shropshire, who is in Clear Lake Rehab Hospital

Lucy & Patrick Grenier, expecting and due September 11th.

Lindsay & Jeff Kirklin, expecting and due in February.

Wendie & Michael Lawley, expecting a BOY and due in late July.

Courtney & Kyle McGinn, expecting and due in February.

Renewed Health:

Charlene Fulgham, Stephen Fulgham, Doris Griffin, Elsie Hendrickson, Terri Hollingsworth, Evelyn Jackson, David McGinn, Eleanor Nunnally, Andrew Rutledge, Bill Shropshire, Esther Speck, Bette Thompson, Buna Vowell, Carmen Walters, Linda Williams.

Family/Friends:

Carol Adair, (Chad Adair's mother) diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

Betty Bazy, (Lisa Zeringue's mother) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Roger Cumba, (Janet Kirklin's cousin) diagnosed with cancer.

C J Dupre, (Jean Dupree's ex-husband) who is experiencing severe side effects from chemo and radiation therapy.

Robby & Kami (Hughes) Day, expecting a GIRL in October.

Carroll Kelly, (Steve Kelly's father) experiencing heart complications while undergoing treatment for cancer.

Debbie Lounsberry, (friend & coworker of Leanne Howell) diagnosed with cancer in several organs and has begun aggressive chemo.

Greg & Brittany (Hughes) Schroeder, expecting a GIRL in October.

Marty Shumaker, (Coach at Bay Area Christian) you can stay updated on his progress at <http://www.bacschool.org/schu/schu.htm>.

Kay Taliaferro, (former member) continues treatment for cancer. You can stay updated by visiting their blog, www.gary-kay.blogspot.com.

Janice Tenbush (daughter of Vernelle & Ed Hoskins), underwent emergency surgery to remove her appendix and gall bladder.

Bill Westmoreland, (former member) undergoing cancer treatment.

Service Men and Women:

Seth Creswell, (Amy Mitchell's brother) serving in Iraq.

Michael Eyman, (Pam Smithgall's cousin) serving in Afghanistan, near Kandahar.

Wes Kuenstler, (Kyle McGinn's cousin) serves in Special Forces in Afghanistan.

Our sermons are podcast on the church website. Go to www.fwdcofc.org and click on the "Church of Christ in Friendswood Sermons" link in the middle of the page.

The Lamp



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Worship Service

God Calls Us Together Into His Holy Presence

Call to Worship	Danny Mercer	
	<i>Mighty is Our God</i>	#41
	<i>Highest Place</i>	#155
Affirmation		
	<i>As We Gather</i>	#Screen
	<i>How Beautiful</i>	#365

God Speaks To Us Through His Word

From the Altar to the Table

How Beautiful #365

God Shares With Us At His Table

Communion		
	<i>Come to the Table</i>	Screen
	<i>Come Share the Lord</i>	#364
	<i>A Common Love</i>	#Screen

Shepherd's Prayer Forrest Norman

God Sends Us Out Into His Mission

Offering
Our Common Life
Benediction

We exist to share in God's life through Jesus Christ. We connect people to God through Scripture, Community, Serving, and Inner Life.

July Greeters:
David Howell and Chad Adair

Nursery Helpers:
Today: Alice Turpin & Lindsay Kirklin

Next Week: Chris Kirklin and Lindsay Kirklin

July Communion Preparers:
The McCullums

Elder of the Month:
Forrest Norman

Service Times:
Sundays; 9 AM Bible Class; 10:15 AM Worship
Wednesdays; 6 PM Eats, 7 PM Peak of the Week and Team Kids

Please make sure your cell phones are turned off.

Family News...

Vacation Bible School "Go Hog Wild"

- Mark your calendar to join us for VBS "Son Harvest: County Fair" on August 3rd - 6th, 2008 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for ages 2 years through 3rd grade. Registration is available online. Volunteers are still needed, especially for the festival activities for the last night. Also, we ask that everyone start saving two liter soda bottles to be used for games and crafts.
- VBS is in need of several donations for our skits and games that you may have in your closet or garage. The clothing can be old, torn, or large. We will be using it on the scarecrow and in a relay type race. Please write your name in the clothing so we can return it to you. A box has been placed in the work room to deposit the items. Thank you.
- 4 plastic berry baskets, 1 bushel basket, 3 funny hats, 3 flannel shirts, 3 old belts, 1 wooden crate or small table, 1 chicken puppet, 1 yellow rain slicker, 1 rain hat, 1 rubber chicken, 1 hand bell, and 1 tiara
- Also, the VBS committee is needing help with several work dates planned to set up. Sunday, July 27th after service, Wednesday, July 30th for Peak of the Week, and Saturday, Aug 2nd starting at 10:00 AM. They could use all the help they can get. See you there.

Volunteers Needed!

The facilities team has scheduled the week of July 21st-26th to repaint the FCS classrooms, hall, and possibly our fellowship area. If you are able to paint sometime during this week please check with Weldon Womack (home #: 281-482-3550 or cell#: 713-430-6950) to schedule a time to work. If you have paint brushes, rollers, paint trays, drop cloths, etc. please bring them. Weldon plans on being at the building on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday of that week should that fit anyone's schedule. Thank you.

Family Game Night

Wednesday, July 23rd we will be having a family game night after our meal. So, everyone bring your favorite card, dominoes, and board games. Also, Danny Mercer and Garrett Hollingsworth will lead an ultimate kickball game. So, come one and come all!

Attention Elders, Deacons, and Staff

Terry Fowler will be taking any remaining photos of elders, deacons, and wives after church on the stage Today July 20th.

Attention Parents

Currently, there is an incomplete fence around the playground. We ask that for the safety of your children they do not use the equipment unsupervised.

Peak of the Week

This coming Wednesday night the Missions Ministry will be serving scrumptious chicken salad sandwiches and delectable brownies. Proceeds will go toward a freezer for Impact Church.

At 7:00 PM Leigh Ann Adair is hosting a fun and exciting family game night. Woo Hoo!

The prayer group will also meet in the library.

FUSION Student Ministries

July 21st, SYS at West Houston, 4:30 PM to 10:15 PM. We'll meet at the church at 4:30 PM, have dinner on the way out of town, then have some great worship at West Houston Church of Christ. Bring canned goods to donate and money for dinner.

July 23rd, Family Game Night

July 24th, TNT We'll have lunch together then visit some of our house bound members.

July 26th, Family Devo, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the McDaniel home, boys bring 2 liter sodas and girls bring desserts. We'll have a great time of fellowship, worship, and spiritual discussion.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Beginning August 10th, Children's Church will be for children ages 2-5 yrs. We are focusing our efforts on the youngest among us, who may find it difficult to "sit" through the entire service.



Today, July 20th immediately following services, there will be a training session in Rm 2. This meeting is for everyone (10 yrs+) and up who are interested in serving as a helper, even if you are already helping. Parents please allow 15 minutes for your child to attend this session. Many thanks for your support of this ministry.



Coffee House Corner

As we dive deeper into our series on communion, we realize there are numerous topics that we don't have time to address in the sermon. A couple of these issues I would like to address here in the Coffee House Corner over the next few weeks. First, should the bread be unleavened or is leavened bread acceptable? The church, up to the 10th century, would have found this question strange. Leavened bread was used in communion up to this time. In the Great Schism, The Western Catholic Church (Latin) decreed that only unleavened bread was to be used. The Eastern Orthodox Church (Greek) held that leavened bread is to be used and is still used to this day in that tradition. The New Testament is not precise on this matter. When it speaks of bread it uses the general word for bread, *artos*, and does not specify "unleavened." The Passover, or, the Feast of Unleavened Bread as it is often referred to, used unleavened bread to remember the Exodus. They had to eat unleavened bread because God was going to deliver them the next morning and there wouldn't be time to allow the bread to rise. This is a profound symbol for Passover as God's people anticipate God's immanent coming redemption as they partake of unleavened bread. Of course, the Passover is not the only model of meal that reflects communion. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 10:18, references other sacrificial meals that did not use unleavened bread. Perhaps the greatest example is the examples of the practice of communion in the New Testament. Passover was the only time unleavened bread was required. Communion, as a daily meal in the Jerusalem church (see Acts), would have used common bread, especially coming off the heels of the harvest festival, Pentecost. As Christianity moved to the Gentiles, New Testament theology is pretty clear that they weren't required to follow Jewish practices. There is no indication that unleavened bread was required. It would have been the common bread used in their daily meals. There is theological significance to common bread. By using the bread that we eat, we are proclaiming that God shares in our common lives. The incarnation of Christ, his coming in the flesh, means that our lives matter. He came and ate and drank and breathed and lived, just like we do. He shared in all things human, though without sin. He doesn't require us to come to some special temple and partake of some consecrated bread, but meets us where we are in our common lives at table as we eat and drink and tell his story. We can certainly use unleavened bread. We can eat it in anticipation of God's immanent deliverance. Moreover, we can use leavened bread and eat it with joy knowing that God has come and shares with us at our tables, eating and drinking until that day we all sit around the Messianic Banquet table and feast on God's hospitality. What a meal that will be! For now, we have freedom in Christ to choose leavened or unleavened. As a side note, the drink would have also been the common fermented drink of the day, but we'll save that discussion for another day ☺.

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Next week—*Who may serve the Lord's Supper?*

Grace and Peace, Danny