

the Lamp

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..as a light

shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 1:19



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MINISTERS

MIKE MCALISTER, PULPIT
MIKE ROSS, OUTREACH
JUSTIN BRUNER, YOUTH AND FAMILY

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.
CARE GROUPS 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

LADIES BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

LADIES CLASS 10:00 A.M.

The Church Life



Tom Kirclin

“I need to get back to church,” a lament heard when life’s frustrations build or said when lifestyles and strategies fizzle. The statement is spoken because there is a faint memory that living the “church life” has meaning and merit and that worldly pursuits have proven to be a huge distraction. King Solomon labeled these distractions in Ecclesiastes 2:26, “a chasing after the wind.”

That faint memory brings to mind the many Christians at church who find comfort and direction from God’s word. They value God’s word and express it in worship and relationships. Christians have felt the accountability that comes with living in a world that

monitors their speech and actions. Christians have experienced God’s love and want to share that love with others.

Worldly pursuits are centered on finding fulfillment by accomplishing great athletic feats, becoming great entrepreneurs, learning great amounts of knowledge, seeking great fame and other great endeavors. Striving for and obtaining these goals will provide short term satisfaction, but fail to provide answers to the eternal questions. The church pursues finding answers for eternal questions from God.

To guard against worldly distractions the apostle Paul recommended that the Philippians focus on whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable or anything that is excellent or praiseworthy. Paul encouraged Timothy, who was gifted as an evangelist, to “devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching... Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1Timothy 4:13-16

When the distractions become a road block, follow the urge to “get back to the church,” no matter what mistaken paths have been taken. Join arm in arm with Christians singing that old chorus: “Oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promise land.” Look to the church because the church is looking to the God of all creation for hope and salvation.

Ministry Spotlight

Children's Ministries

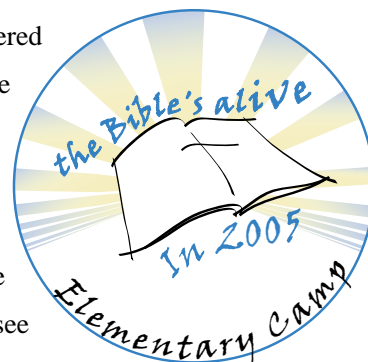


Mickey McDaniel

We invite kids who have finished 2nd grade – 6th grade to join us for a fun week of Church Camp, June 6 – 9! This 4-day/3-nite camp experience will include bible lessons, singing, crafts, games, swimming, and a campfire devotional. One emphasis during their time at camp will be 'Bible Times', where attention will be given to biblical customs and traditions. This is designed to make the Bible more real and memorable for all. *It will be a fun learning experience!*

Summer camp is a "growing" experience: a great opportunity to make new friends, learn new songs & games, enjoy interacting with our teen group, and to reach out to others. Currently, there is room if you want to invite others to join us. This is a terrific chance to build a positive lifetime memory for your kids.

This year's cost for a Camper is: \$85 (\$75 if pre-registered by May 15). This includes three nights in one of three air-conditioned cabins (bring your own bedroll), all meals, crafts, midday snacks, and supervised games. If you would like to help with Camp but your schedule doesn't allow it, donations to provide a partial or whole scholarship for a camper will be very helpful. (Please see Leigh Ann Adair for your private contribution.)



Messiah's Ranch, located in Bryan, Texas, is about 2 hours from Friendswood. We will depart the Church on Monday, June 6 at 8:00 a.m., caravan style. If you can be a driver, please make that known to Camp Directors Debbie Kovitz or Carol McDaniel. There is always room for more adult supervision. If you'd like to help with cooking, crafts, games, bible studies, or campfire devotionals, please see Debbie or Carol.

June 6 – 9, Elementary Ages, @ Messiah's Ranch, \$85

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MAY DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

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| 1 1 Kings 1,2 Lk. 22:54-71 | 17 2 Kings 18,19 John 6:22-44 |
| 2 1 Kings 3-5 Lk. 23:1-26 | 18 2 Kings 20-22 John 6:45-71 |
| 3 1 Kings 6,7 Lk. 23:27-38 123 | 19 2 Kings 23-25 John 7:1-31 |
| 4 1 Kings 8,9 Lk. 23:39-56 | 20 I Chronicles 1,2 John 7:32-53 |
| 5 1 Kings 10,11 Lk. 24:1-35 | 21 I Chron. 3-5 John 8:1-20 |
| 6 1 Kings 12,13 Lk. 24:36-53 | 22 I Chron. 6,7 John 8:21-36 |
| 7 1 Kings 14,15 John 1:1-28 127 | 23 I Chron. 8-10 John 8:37-59 |
| 8 1 Kings 16-18 John 1:29-51 | 24 I Chron. 11-13 John 9:1-23 |
| 9 1 Kings 19,20 John 2 | 25 I Chron. 14-16 John 9:24-41 |
| 10 1 Kings 21,22 John 3:1-21 | 26 I Chron. 17-19 John 10:1-21 |
| 11 2 Kings 1-3 John 3:22-36 | 27 I Chron. 20-22 John 10:22-42 |
| 12 2 Kings 4,5 John 4:1-30 | 28 I Chron. 23-25 John 11:1-17 |
| 13 2 Kings 6-8 John 4:31-54 | 29 I Chron. 26,27 John 11:18-46 |
| 14 2 Kings 9-11 John 5:1-24 | 30 I Chron. 28,29 John 11:47-57 |
| 15 2 Kings 12-14 John 5:25-47 | 31 2 Chron. 1-3 John 12:1-19 |
| 16 2 Kings 15-17 John 6:1-21 | |

Knowing Christ
Growing in Christ



Kids will go WILD for 'Kingdom of the Son', our new VBS theme, to be held at our Church July 10 – 13 (Sun – Wed. nites) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Each night we will focus on communicating with God through prayer, teach a Bible Story and memory verse, and have a cool craft, snacks, and a short skit.

VBS traditionally involves members of all ages. Kids are divided by age groups or grade levels. Elementary age kids and teens are active helpers, care groups participate by hosting each VBS group, decorating, or making/distributing snacks.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors (and grandkids!) to learn about God, and how He listens, provides, forgives & protects. Please begin now to make plans to be involved in the 'Kingdom of the Son'. (Contact Lori Veatch) All ages are welcome! More news on this will be out soon.

July 10-13, ages 3 – finished 4th grade, @ the Church of Christ in Friendswood

Announcements

Love and Respect Marriage Conference – Cracking the Communication Code in your Marriage • Treating Him and Her the Way God designed your marriage to work • @ Friendswood Church of Christ • Friday – Saturday, May 13-14 • Register today!

FCS wants to thank the congregation for all the support at our best ever auction. We were able to raise \$15,000 !! We had many who had donated items, baked desserts, helped with the setup and breakdown, and participated in our dinner and auction. A big thank you to the youth group in helping us with the dinner. God continues to bless us with success.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and plants during our time of loss. Sally was a great Christian lady, mom, grandmother and friend. We appreciate all of you. – *the McGinn family.*

Thanks for all the beautiful cards and words of encouragement. May God bless you! – *Bette Thompson*

Kudos to former member Shaylan Pamplin who is graduating from Lubbock Christian with a degree in Accounting and Finance.

Daughters of the Father – The ladies of Pearland Church of Christ cordially invite you to join them in their 3rd Annual Ladies Day "Daughters of the Father" with guest speaker Barbara Warner on Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 A.M. Call 281.485.2436 to register.

MS 150 Bike Ride – Brian Main is participating in the 186 mile bike ride from Houston to Austin to help raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to find a cure for MS. Brian's father has had MS for 20 years. If you are interested in sponsoring Brian, please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the workroom. Please be sure to give Brian or Lorena the money by May 16th. Thanks for your support!

Reminder! A Youth/Church vehicle has been purchased! – On April 17th & 24th, special collections were made, but funding is still needed. The Elders, the Finance and Youth Committees ask that you pray about your contribution towards this vehicle. We also ask that any contributions be made separate and above your pledge amount so as not to affect our current budget. Thank you for your time and prayers. Feel free to contact Jeff Kovitz with any questions.

Pictorial Directory – Our photography session is scheduled for May 2nd, May 3rd and May 10th. The sign-up sheet for photographing is on the greeter's booth. If you have a family of 3 or more, please sign-up on a white slot. If you have 1 or 2, please sign-up on a shaded slot. Please contact Keesha in the church office (281.482.7966) if your family will not be available.

• *Also, please sign-up at the greeter's booth for a 2 to 2.5 hour shift on one of these days* •

Communion Preparers

Bruce & Carol Berger

Greeters

Carl & Betty Dillon
Bruce & Carol Berger

Contribution Counters

Betty Dillon & Lynda Harris

Also, start making it part of your routine to check the new church website for upcoming events and up to date church announcements. Check it now at www.fwdcofc.org.



May 2005

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 DEACON'S MEETING 2-4 <i>Fusion 316</i> | 2 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS | 3 | 4 | 5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER @ STEVENSON PARK | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <i>Fusion 316</i> | 9 | 10 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS | 11 | 12 | 13 LOVE & RESPECT MARRIAGE SEMINAR | 14 |
| 15 SERVE IMPACT MEAL <i>Fusion 316</i> | 16 | 17 FRIENDSWOOD CHRISTIAN SHOOOL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 FWD COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST <i>FUSION FAMILY BBQ</i> |
| 22 BLOOD DRIVE TODAY <i>Fusion 316</i> | 23 M E A L S | 24 | 25 O N | 26 NON-MEMBER WEDDING REHEARSAL W H E E L S | 27 | 28 NON-MEMBER WEDDING |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Happy Birthday!

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| 2 - Ryan Williams | 8 - Shane Spence, Lindsay Watson, Shawn Konvicka | 24 - Elsie Hendrickson |
| 3 - Bob Young | 14 - Buna Vowell | 26 - Tara Romero |
| 4 - Saba Khonsari | 20 - Dick Scott, Campbell Jackson | 28 - Meredith Savage |
| 5 - Melissa Spence, Omavi Bailey | 21 - Huberta Mora | 29 - Rick Foulk, Sutton Gonzalez |
| 6 - Jack Harrell | 22 - Shelby Watson | 31 - Cindy Walker, Jordan Fowler |
| 7 - Bill Westmoreland, Tom Taft, Mauricio Marin | 23 - Ann Cravens | |



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